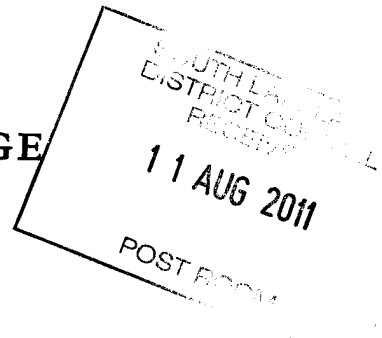


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Dear Mr Hudson

Land allocations DPD: further consultation

Thank you for your letter dated 28th July 2011 consulting English Heritage on the above matters.

Issue 1

I note that around 300 alternative sites have been put forward of which about 90 are new sites that have not been previously considered. English Heritage is not in a position to audit these sites in terms of potential impact upon the historic environment, heritage assets or their settings. We would expect that the local planning authority would undertake such a site assessment and we would be pleased if you would draw to our attention any sites where any impact is anticipated and we would be pleased to provide further comments. The advice of your conservation officer and the county archaeologist should be sought as necessary. Should any of these sites be carried forward into the publication document in the autumn we would expect the SA/SEA to address impact upon the historic environment.

Issue 2

The land allocations document is aimed at delivering the Core Strategy's development strategy and strategic objectives which includes protecting the historic environment from harmful change. It is not clear what the impact of reducing the time span of the document might be for the historic environment. However increasing uncertainty about the future of particular sites and places in South Lakeland could be harmful to the historic environment through deferring investment in the care, maintenance and enhancement of the historic environment. The allocations document could be reviewed as and when the implications of the Localism Bill and the NPPF are more certain. Does the Council have any information on which communities are proposing neighbourhood plans and the level of development they might suggest?



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Issue 3

It is suggested that this question is a false dichotomy and that a combination of the two approaches, of both allocating sites and enabling the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans, is more likely. The consultation does not suggest how many communities may wish to prepare Neighbourhood Plans. English Heritage is keen to ensure that when local communities are planning the future of their areas they consider its past. To help local communities with this task we have recently published *Knowing Your Place – Heritage and Community-Led Planning in the Countryside* which is downloadable from www.helm.org.uk. It would be very helpful if you could bring this publication to the attention of any communities proposing Neighbourhood Plans and I should be pleased to provide further advice if this is requested.

Yours sincerely



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