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Local Development Framework

Land Allocations ~ Further Consultation.

Dear Mr Hudson.

In response to your request for comments regarding alternative sites, I do in general feel I can only comment on the area in which I live.

During the last twenty years the "village" of Holme has been reduced to a residential commuter belt, due to the extensive town house developments which include blocks of flats. Proposals for additional building sites, will not, I feel, make a great deal of difference, other than to desecrate more green belt agricultural land.

The lack of infra-structure and amenities ~ education, medical provision, policing and shops do not appear to have been considered. With the rising cost of transport, increases in fuel charges, I wonder? Will people, regardless of the provision of low cost housing, be able to afford to travel to employment elsewhere? i.e. Carlisle, Preston and Manchester.

The reduction of employment at Barrow-in-Furness

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and the lack of local employment in the area, where are all these people who require low cost housing coming? Population migration to my knowledge and understanding is usually governed by employment prospects, although the building trade will obviously experience a bonanza for a couple of decades.

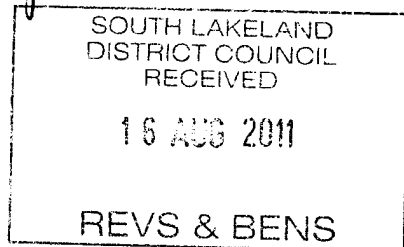
Whether the Land allocations document should cover a shorter period to an earlier end date.

Time factors i.e. 2020 instead of 2025 is arbitrary. The situation will be governed by the national economic climate.

Whether sites for development should be allocated in small villages and hamlets.

Providing houses in hamlets and small villages might be acceptable if very small sites are developed in order to maintain the character and community ambience of the locality. However, rising transport and fuel costs would perhaps prohibit low cost housing.

I hope my comments will assist South Lakeland District Council's publication of preferred sites and final draft to be published later in the year. I need to remind you however, that the small tracts of land, which I and my neighbours own are not for sale.



Yours Sincerely,



P.S. May I acknowledge and thank you for your letter dated 08.08.11 Ref:~ AMcN/60.12.43 (Land allocation development.)



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