



7<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Land Allocations Document- Further Consultation, Summer 2011.  
Alternative Sites Put Forward by Respondents to Consultation.

Dear Sir,

Settlement -  
Site reference number –  
Support or oppose inclusion-

Kents Bank (Grange-over-Sands)  
RN260#  
Oppose

Reasons:-

1.

Site RN260# is I understand within the Kents Bank/Grange-over-Sands Conservation area. It is a small area of woodland (0.83 hectares) with a number of mature trees – being within the Conservation area I believe they will be protected by Tree Preservation Orders. It is used by many woodland birds including Greater Spotted Woodpeckers, Green Woodpeckers, Nuthatches and Tawny Owls; Tits including Marsh Tits, Finches, Tree Sparrows whose distribution is very limited; and is a hunting ground for Peregrine Falcons, Sparrow Hawks and Buzzards. I imagine it is also used by Badgers and Bats which are protected species. It must contribute significantly to the biodiversity of the area, which would need to be assessed.

2.

This woodland is an important part of the wildlife corridor between the Protected Limestone Pavement areas of Kirkhead, Greaves Wood and Wart Barrow.

3.

Drainage for Kirkhead Road is already inadequate, particularly during periods of heavy rain when this part of Kirkhead becomes a stream.

4. Local roads and Parking throughout the Cartmet Peninsular and Grange-over-Sands are already inadequate for the present population of residents, and tourists, particularly on Risedale Hill which is narrow with sharp bends, and it is often difficult to access Allithwaite Road from Kents Bank when there is a continuous stream of tourist traffic on their way to events.

5.

Kents Bank is a village in its own right, with a history, and this woodland is within the old part of the village – SLDC should be protecting its village status – with the amount of building which has already taken place it feels as though Kents Bank is being subsumed by Grange-over-Sands – if all the developments proposed here and in the South Lakeland Development Plan Kents Bank will be doubled in size which is unacceptable. There will be no 'green space' left within the built up area.

6.

Being a tourist area many houses are bought as second homes which does not benefit the local community.

7.

In 2001 SLDC turned down an application for a new dwelling across the road from this woodland site, subsequently supported by an Inspector. I haven't got a copy of his submission but I hope it included the view that a new property would not be in keeping with the character of this part of Kents Bank, neighbouring listed buildings.

Yours sincerely,

  
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