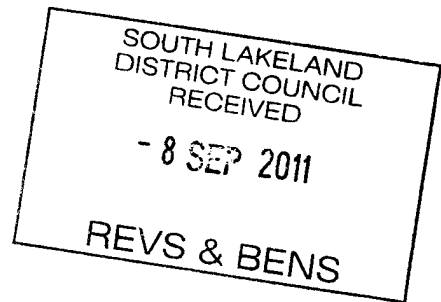


8th September 2011

Development Plans Manager  
SLDC  
South Lakeland House  
Lowther Street  
KENDAL LA9 4DL



Dear Sir,

Re: Levens Land Allocation Plan

I am writing to advise you of my opposition to the scale of development implied by the amount of land proposed in your second set of proposals.

I have no objection to a LIMITED amount of development especially to satisfy local needs but do not wish to see Levens swamped or overrun by excessive growth of speculative development just because someone, somewhere, is attempting to justify the attainment of a goal which is not at all clear or defined.

Since the first consultation the village has lost its Post Office and the bus "service" has been decimated. This is not conducive to being a 'Local Service Centre' is it?

My specific comments on your latest 'plan' are attached.

Yours faithfully,

(R. J. ATFIELD)

**DEAR FELLOW RESIDENT OF LEVENS** – You might not know that SLDC has started another public consultation about development land allocation. This consultation started on Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> & will end on Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>. The Levens Residents Group (LRG) need to know what you think so please complete and return this survey & the LRG will pass your views on to SLDC & to your Parish Council.

SLDC is consulting about 3 issues:

First - Additional sites which have been proposed during or since the March/April consultation over "Land Allocation, Emerging Options". These are highlighted in orange on the map overleaf.

Second - Should SLDC change their Land Allocation plan from one which provides for 6000+ houses by 2025 to one which meets pressing needs in a shorter term e.g. c3900 by 2020? We think SLDC believe that 2025 is too far to look ahead due to uncertainties about the impact of Government policies on "Localism".

Third - Should hamlets & smaller villages than Levens, e.g. Heversham & Brigsteer, be outside the Land Allocation plan & have some other process meet their development needs (e.g. "Neighbourhood Plans" brought forward by local communities)?


SLDC have their own response process & we urge as many people as possible to use it even though it is more effort for you. Their form & explanatory notes "Further Consultation Document" are at [www.southlakeland.gov.uk/dirlist.asp](http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/dirlist.asp) or you can go through the "SLDC Planning Strategy for Levens" page in the "Have Your Say" section of the Levens.org.uk website. You can also fill in the form online at [www.southlakeland.gov.uk/ldf/consultation/](http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/ldf/consultation/)

**LRG Survey** - On the map overleaf the sites highlighted in green (RN123, RN295, R680LV & RN127) were covered by the survey of Levens households done by the the LRG at the time, & we can re-present SLDC with those results, but the others (EN45, RN282, RN291, R105 & R142) are new entrants. According to the SLDC website, RN282 was proposed by a relative of the owner, R105 & R142 were cited by a member of the public as more suitable for development than one of the "emerging options" sites, EN45 is proposed by the owner who has used it for commercial purposes for many years. RN291 is part of a proposal for c70 homes (@ c22 per hectare) by Story Homes of Carlisle, which includes "emerging option" R682LVM, which 73% of us rejected in the last survey (see pink highlighted area). What are your opinions? *Each individual is entitled to complete their own form: There are spare copies at the Central Stores, or you can download one from the "Have Your Say" section of the Levens.org.uk website.*

Proposed site for development	Do you?			Comments
	Sup port	Opp ose	Part Supp ort	
RN282 - 3.3 hectares (c8.2 acres), for housing – no info as to how much of the site the proposer thought would be used.			✓	How many units? All traffic to go through Village with its poor access roads?
RN291 – 3.23 hectares (c8 acres) inc " R682LVM, for housing (c70 dwellings) prop.		✓		Absolutely NOT. Ruin views up/across Valley. Real blot on landscape
R142 – 6.22 hectares (c15.4 acres), for housing – no info as to how much of the site the proposer thought would be used.			✓	Reduces traffic access to village centre but clearly visible from A590 + its noise
R105 – 2.04 hectares (c5 acres), for housing – no info as to how much of the site the proposer thought would be used.			✓	Possibility but extra traffic through Creengate a severe problem
EN45 – 1.35 hectares (c3.3 acres), for employment. Prop P.V.Dobson & Sons.				Don't know what proposals are but availability of jobs a plus

The Second & Third issues are more complex and we probably need to be familiar with the legislation & alternatives (the govt's. "Draft National Planning Policy Framework" mentioned in SLDCs' website is 65 pages long & was only published on 25<sup>th</sup> July) - so we have put "don't know" as a possible answer.

Should the Land Allocations plan cover a shorter period than 2003 to 2025? TICK ONE ANS.	YES ..... NO...✓... DON'T KNOW.....
Should small villages & hamlets be in the Land Allocation plan or be covered by another process? TICK ONE ANS.	YES ..... NO..... DON'T KNOW...✓...
If you have an opinion as to which "other process" should be used, please state which one.	

Please give your name & address..... R. T. ATFIELD, Central Stores, Levens Kendal LA89ND  
 email address..... Signature..... 

**PLEASE PUT THE COMPLETED FORM IN THE BOX IN THE CENTRAL STORES BY FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN EMAIL IT TO [levensresi@gmail.com](mailto:levensresi@gmail.com)**

**IF YOU WANT ANY HELP IN COMPLETING THIS FORM PLEASE PHONE HELEN BURROW on (015395) 61082**

Thanks very much for your help, Allan Steward – Chairman, Levens Residents' Group