

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 29th & will end on Friday September 9th. 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 Allocations, 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 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/

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 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
	Support	Oppose	Part Support	
RN282 - 3.3 hectares (c8.2 acres), for housing - no info as to how much of the site the proposer thought would be used.	X			
RN291 - 3.23 hectares (c8 acres) inc R682LVM, for housing (c70 dwellings) prop.		X		TO DWELLING WOULD BE EXCESSIVE.
R142 - 6.22 hectares (c15.4 acres), for housing - no info as to how much of the site the proposer thought would be used.		X		TOTALY UNJUSTIFIED LARGE INTRUSIVE TAKING AWAY A VISUAL LANDSCAPE.
R105 - 2.04 hectares (c5 acres), for housing - no info as to how much of the site the proposer thought would be used.		X		ACCESS ONTO A QUIET ESTATE NUDGE RESIDENTS HAVE DELIBERATELY SOUGHT A PEACEFUL LOCATION.
EN45 - 1.35 hectares (c3.3 acres), for employment. Prop P.V.Dobson & Sons.			X	DEPENDING ON PROSAL

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The Second & Third issues are more complex and we probably need to be familiar with the legislation & alternatives (the gov'ts. “Draft National Planning Policy Framework” mentioned in SLDCs' website is 65 pages long & was only published on 25th 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... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DON'T KNOW.....
Should small villages & hamlets be in the Land Allocation plan or be covered by another process? TICK ONE ANS.	YES... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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... M J BERGFORD [redacted]
 email address..... Signature. [redacted]

PLEASE PUT THE COMPLETED FORM IN THE BOX IN THE CENTRAL STORES BY FRIDAY 26th AUGUST
ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN EMAIL IT TO [redacted]
IF YOU WANT ANY HELP IN COMPLETING THIS FORM PLEASE PHONE HELEN BURROW on [redacted]

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