

I have lived in Silverdale for over 20 years.

With regard to commenting on the proposed plans, I have spent some time physically looking at the sites suggested and offer my view regarding their suitability.

I think I am united with most residents in the village saying that we do not want any more estates or large scale developments. Perhaps small clusters of homes on discreet well-hidden sites would be the way forward?

My main criterion has been the preservation of the special nature of the village of Silverdale within the AONB. Also to minimise disruption to the people who already live there. I realise that there are sites being considered in other villages but I do not feel qualified to comment on those.

Whilst some housing at a lower than market cost may be needed I would make 2 observations.

- People who need lower cost housing may be at work and there is very little of that in Silverdale. They would therefore probably have to travel to Carnforth, Lancaster or Kendal so there are concerns there around the delivery of public transport services in this area/expansion of car usage on our already overburdened country roads.
- With the latest 2 batches of low cost homes in the village, the addition to Lindeth Close and the Whinney Fold development, there was a lot of time spent just getting people to sign up. If my memory serves me correctly I believe that these homes had to be advertised regionally if not nationally to get them occupied. So where is the strong local demand there?

These are only my thoughts/feedback which I offer as I care very much about future development in Silverdale. For my assessment of the suggested sites I have physically walked and driven around them all to get a sense of the following.

- The visual effect of extending the actual outer perimeter of the village as it currently stands. Will development of new homes increase this?
- The effect on the view of the village for people entering it from the main routes in and travelling around within it.
- The effect on public footpaths where the land in question has amenity value, be it National Trust land or farmland.
- The effect on nearby established homes.
- Is the site one where the homes can effectively be hidden but with good access and near to the village centre?

I have created a table for expedience which I hope will be helpful.

Sites To Be Considered	Extension of Visible Outer Perimeter	Effect on General Views	Public Footpaths/Amenity Value?	Is Site Hidden from View?	Near to Village Centre?	Approx. Number of Established Homes Effected?
S41 36 Lindeth Road Silverdale	No	None	None	Yes	Yes	15
S42 Blue Hills Cottage, Spring Bank Silverdale	No	None	None	Yes	Yes	15
S43 Elmslack Field, Cove Road Silverdale	No	Yes	None	No	Yes	15
S44 Hawes Villa, Moss Lane Silverdale	Yes	None	Nearby path	Yes	No	10
S45 Hawthorn Bank, Cove Road Silverdale	No	None	None	No	Yes	4
S46 Kayes Garden Centre, Lindeth Road Silverdale	No	None	None	No	Yes	8
S47 Land Between 10B And 12 Lindeth Road Silverdale	No	Yes	None	No	Yes	5
S48 Land East of Lindeth Close Silverdale	No	None	Path passes through this land	Yes	Yes	18
S49 Land East Of 12 Emesgate Lane Silverdale	No	None	None	Yes	Yes	12
S50 Land East Of St Johns Avenue Silverdale	Yes	Yes	Path passes through this land	No	Yes	30
S51 Land North Of Woodlands Cottage, Woodlands Drive Silverdale	No	Yes	Nearby path	No	Yes	12
S52 Land East of Hawes Villa, Moss Lane Silverdale	Yes	None	None	Yes	No	5
S53 Land South East Of Woodlands Hotel Silverdale	No	Yes	Nearby path	No	Yes	14

S54 Land South Of Cove Drive Silverdale	No	None	None	Yes	Yes	4
S55 Land South of Park Road and East of the Row Silverdale	Yes	Yes	None	No	No	8
S56 Land South Of Whinney Fold Silverdale	No	None	None	Yes	Yes	10
S57 Land South of Windyridge, Walling's Lane Silverdale	No	Yes	None	Yes	Yes	4
S58 Land West of Lindeth Road Silverdale	No	None	None	Yes	Yes	20
S70 Land at Railway Goods Yard Silverdale	Yes	None	None	No	No	0

It seems to me that there are some obvious sites for development of a small number of homes. The extension of Whinney Fold into site 56 would allow for a site with established access, well hidden, minimum disruption to other properties and the fact that there has always been an expectation by the villagers that this would be the site of any further development. S54 would also be a discreet small site. S70 would be a great site too but is too far from the village centre.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my thoughts!

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