

13th April, 2011

Dear Sirs,

We are writing in support of the Assessment of the Scroggs Wood site in the SLDC Local Development Framework Site Allocation Development Plan.

We agree that the site is not viable because:

- “there would be high Visual Impact on a landscape of gently rolling pasture, and views which are generally long and widespread”
- “the site is immediately adjacent to Scroggs Wood, managed by the Woodland Trust, which forms a very strong boundary to the town of Kendal”
- “Scroggs Wood, gifted to the Woodland Trust in 1981, is clearly visible in the surrounding landscape. ..it is believed to be of ancient origin. The woodland is heavily used by the public and provides an attractive buffer between the semi-urban area of Kendal and the surrounding countryside. Within the wood there is 850m of permissive and public footpaths and, with links to adjacent public rights of way, a number of extended walks can be enjoyed.”
- Kendal is known as the ‘Gateway to the Lakes’ and “any development would form the first impression most visitors would have both from the A6 and the A591”.
- The proposals include landscaping, but this would not screen the development from the traffic arriving to visit the Lake District and looking down on the site from the A591, “by some considerable margin, the busiest access route” to the National Park. It would also remain visible from the hills for miles around.
- “Any development would be contrary to adopted policies for protecting the ecological value of the River Kent and the adjacent tributary – both are European SAC; SSSI and part of the North West River Basin Management plan.”
- “The topography of the site does not appear to lend itself well to effective flood attenuation measures.”
- “The land is subject to a covenant providing rights of way.”

Our views are supported by our neighbours.

Yours faithfully,

Ann & David Heap