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Subject: FW: 'Housing Strategy' query via SLDC contact form

Mr Hoyle

Thank you for your comments, which will be recorded, placed on the website and considered shortly as part of the overall response to the current public consultation.

Regards

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The comments below were received via the website. The reference number for this comment is: 2763

Query/comment about	Housing Strategy
Name	Graham Hoyle
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Query/comment	Having met with some members of SLDC Development Strategy team at the Victoria Hall in Grange. I should wish to express my deepest concerns that far from this being a consultation forum it appeared that the proposed housing development plans are being rail-road through the local town councils. During a conversation with one of the presentation team I pointed out that two of the proposed

development sites in the Grange area which were scheduled in the same phase (2) would individually cause a significant impact on the Alerthwaite Road traffic. If however, the two projects were schedule for the same time the affect on the traffic through the only link through the town would be catastroffic, the individual shrugged their shoulders and said that the matter had not been considred. (A fairly damming admision).

The town is one of great significance to the tourisum industry of South lakeland and yet some of the proposed planned developement areas cut swaithes into this unique and very attractive magnet for holiday makers.

I was also lead to belive that at this stage SLDC are unable to say what types of housing is to be built on each site, since this is dependant upon the developers own commercial decisions. This then must mean that the towns future is to be shaped by commercial enterprise and not through responsible loacl government and sympathetic planning.

Is it not the case that Mr Dan Hudson and his team should spend a little more time trying to understand what commercial enterprise is likely to be attracted into the area (if any) before attempting to facilitate a housing for an unknown work-force? Finally, I should wish to point-out that Grange-over-Sands has a very finely balanced infrastructure, which is barely able to sustain its current housing stock let alone such a massive increase of some 25%.

Might I also suggest that the SLDC housing dep't investigate the vast number of empty dwellings in the area with a view to purchasing them for housing stock?