



Consultation Response Form

Your contact details

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Your details		Your Agent's details (if you have one)	
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*We aim to minimise the amount of paper printed and sent out. Therefore, where an email address is supplied, future contact will be made electronically.

This response contains pages including this one.

Please tick the box if you would like us to notify you when the Land Allocations Development Plan Document is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent

If you have any questions, or no longer wish to be consulted on the South Lakeland Local Development Framework, please call the Development Plans Team on tel: 01539 717490.

Completed forms can be sent to:

**Development Strategy Manager
South Lakeland District Council
South Lakeland House
Lowther Street
Kendal
LA9 4DL**

Comments about suggested site allocations (and other map designations)

Please use this form to comment on emerging options and other sites as they appear on the settlement maps. **Please complete one of these sheets for every response you make.**

Which site or allocation do you wish to comment on?			
Settlement (e.g. Natland)	Map Number (e.g. 11)	Site reference number (e.g. R62)	Other designation – If you want to comment on something that doesn't have a site reference (e.g. development boundary, town centre boundary, green gap) please describe it here
Mealbank	28	RN7	
Do you support, oppose or support in part the suggested allocation or designation? (delete as appropriate)			
I support /do not support / support in part the suggested site allocation/designation for the following use(s) Housing/employment/retail/community uses/open space/ other (specify).....			
Please explain your reasons (continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Greenfield development – should be avoided wherever possible and particularly where Brownfield sites might be more suitably situated nearby. There would be considerable threat to the biodiversity of this small hamlet bordered by open country and woodland and supporting a range of wildlife including bats, owls and other uncommonly seen birdlife. Proximity to the local river system is of particular concern. Environmental issues are also of concern in relation to additional car use which would result from an increased population – realistically car use would be essential due to the distance from services, dangerous road network and inaccessibility of public transport. Additional congestion and risk of RTAs is another factor in the small hamlet itself and on the already busy and dangerous local lanes which are relied upon to access all services. Development of the proposed site would substantially compromise the historic and rural character of the hamlet of Mealbank – such would be the visual impact of new buildings combined with the changes in infrastructure required eg alteration to the current bridleway. The need for affordable housing on this site has not been robustly demonstrated despite a very general question asked of residents in a survey by the Parish Council. Furthermore affordable housing has to be more appropriately situated where there is better access to services. Uneconomic site for development of affordable housing – the cost of additional infrastructure required to sustain development on such a steep, inaccessible and poorly serviced location must be prohibitive. 			

By signing a comprehensive letter addressed to the Council and submitted by a combined group of residents I have supported a much more detailed rebuttal of the proposal to develop this site. I also support the collective submission of additional papers commenting on the Sustainability Appraisal and the Parish Plan.

In the process of joining with others in this way I have been reassured that this is a reasonable community, one which values the unique identity of the hamlet and one which is inclusive of 'all comers' but which finds the current proposal entirely inappropriate and the reasoning behind it progressing thus far based largely on cursory assessment.

Moreover, I would like to acknowledge the supportive comments made by Mr Peter Thornton in addressing residents at a Parish Council meeting on 7th February when he made a number of statements indicating that the views of the residents would be paramount in a decision on this site.

However, I am increasingly disappointed in how the democratic process is stalling in relation to the Parish Council and may well be making further representation in this context. The issue of particular concern relates to the fact that three of the councillors from the Scalthwaiterigg (Mealbank) part of the parish are unable to vote on this issue – who then is representing 'us' the local residents???

How to suggest sites which do not appear on the maps

If you want to suggest a site that does not appear on the maps **please provide a map** with the site outlined in red. Please state the uses which you propose allocating the site for and explain your reasoning. Also, please include the name of the landowner if known.

NO COMMENT

Comments about community facilities in your area

New development can provide benefits to communities through enabling the delivery of improved or new community facilities (for example, play areas, allotments, green space, car parks, traffic management, pedestrian and cycle links, health and education facilities and community centres etc).

Do you think that your area needs new or improved community facilities?

If so, what sort of facilities and where?

Please explain the types of improved and/or new community facilities you feel your community may need in the next 15 years (continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary).

The availability of allotments in the area would be a great asset for a number of residents living in terraced housing with no or limited gardens.

Comments about the documents and approach

Please respond here if you have any comments to make about the documents and approach. Please indicate the name of the document, page number, paragraph number or policy reference (where applicable) by ticking the appropriate box.

Please complete one of these sheets for each specific comment you want to make on each document.

Which document do you wish to comment on? (tick one)					
Land Allocations Document* <input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainability Appraisal <input type="checkbox"/>	Scoping Report <input type="checkbox"/>	Retail Topic Paper <input type="checkbox"/>	Settlement Fact File (which?) <input type="text"/>	Other (please specify)** <input type="text"/>
What part of this document do you wish to comment on?					
Page:	<input type="text"/>	Paragraph no:	<input type="text"/>	Policy: (where applicable)	<input type="text"/>
Do you support or oppose this part of the document?					
I support /do not support/support in part this part of the document.					
Please explain your reasons (continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)					

As stated above 'By signing a comprehensive letter addressed to the Council and submitted by a combined group of residents I have supported a much more detailed rebuttal of the proposal to develop this site. I also support the collective submission of additional papers commenting on the Sustainability Appraisal and the Parish Plan.'

I would like to point out that without pooling resources in this way it would be very difficult for some individuals to respond effectively to such a formal and potentially exclusive process.

* Note the Land Allocations Document is the main document that includes the emerging site options and maps. It also includes proposals for open space and employment land designation, town centre and retail boundaries, green gaps and development boundaries.

** Other documents include the Interim Consultation Statement, Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and the South Lakeland Gypsies, Travellers and Show People Accommodation Study (Final Draft).

Thank you for your views and suggestions. Electronic copies of the form can be downloaded from www.southlakeland.gov.uk/landallocations