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Issues and Options Consultation

Consultation Response Form

Please use this form to comment on the AONB DPD Issues and Options Discussion Paper, draft SA Scoping Report and the sites put forward for consideration. **Please complete a separate sheet for each section or site you wish to comment on** and, if appropriate, give the question number you are commenting on.

Please indicate which section of the Issues and Options Discussion Paper your response relates to:

Section	Tick (✓) as appropriate
1. Introduction	✓
2. Background	✓
3. Evidence base	✓
4. Vision and objectives	✓
5. Policy Issues	✓
6. Options for meeting the objectives and delivering the vision	✓
7. Delivery of development	✓

Please make your comments below on the section you have selected.

As relevant, please make reference to:

- the **paragraph number** you are referring to;
- your preferred **option**
- the **question number** asked in the Discussion Paper that you are responding to
- the **reference number** of the site you are commenting on

Paragraph Number:	<i>Development of land in Silverdale.</i>
Preferred Option:	
Question Number referred to:	
Site reference Number:	<i>598.</i>

Your comments

Sixteen Buzs Field has been suggested as a development site. This site is recognised as a local wildlife site. It is an important 'Lancashire Biological Heritage Site'. It supports very old ant hills, flora of importance & is a feeding site for Green Woodpeckers. Geographically, it is situated between other important sites for the AONB namely, Gait Barrows National Nature Reserve, Eames Wood - A National Trust Broad leaved woodland & Silverdale Moss - an extension to Leighton Moss RSPB reserve, where Bitterns are specifically being encouraged. It seems inappropriate to develop this site, thereby increasing the chance of multiple types of pollution & degradation to all these important sites. Additionally, for the AONB it is a site visible from many surrounding points & would be a significant eyesore within the AONB. I understand the site has been the subject of planning applications in the past, refused on a number of grounds that remain relevant.

(Continue on a separate sheet if required)

Are there any topics or issues that you think we have missed or that you wish to raise?

This site has no public transport links - The road access is limited. Mobile phone reception is very poor.

As a general point, when considering any site in Silverdale, the impact on infrastructure needs to be taken into account. As examples, public transport services are under threat at present - Silverdale Shuttle. Demand for this service would be increased if the population increased as a result of development. Some coordination between planners & those responsible for supplying public transport would seem appropriate. Additionally, health services locally are already under strain with a recent net reduction in home doctor served Silverdale with the rationalising of the 2 local surgeries. Expansion of the population will increase demand further. Again coordination would be of benefit so increases in medical, nursing & care staff can be planned. Similarly, the demands on the local school should be considered.

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The potential unwanted outcome of increasing the number of second homes rather than improving & enlarging the resident population needs to be actively managed when considering new house building. I am no expert in this field & will leave this simply as a point to be considered.

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Do you have any comments to make on the Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (Nov 2015) associated with the Issues and Options Discussion Paper?

I consider that Silverdale requires some new housing, aimed particularly at people who will add vibrancy & vitality to the village. This would mainly be for working people. The various village groups would benefit from more contributions to help to sustain them e.g. the local fire service is dependant on retained staff. However, I think the building of new houses needs to occur primarily on any brown field sites first, then on sites which will not have the potential to directly harm the AONB wildlife flora or fauna.

I would suggest any development that might jeopardise the maintenance of the AONB should not occur.

See Over -
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Thank you for your views and suggestions.

We would be grateful if you could complete and return the Equalities Monitoring Form below.