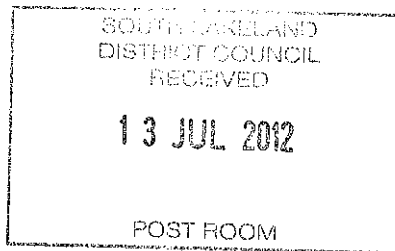


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SLDC FINAL LAND ALLOCATIONS DPD-R121M-MOD
RELATING TO NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

I will try to make my comments to the specific paragraphs from the NPPF:-

Para 17:-Empowering local people to shape their surroundings – Take full account of flood risk.

Despite repeated requests this has not been done.

Para 69:-Local planning authorities should

- a) Create a shared vision with communities and
- b) Aim to involve all sections of the community in development of Local Plans and planning decisions.

This has not happened!

From the very beginning the local community have been presented with a plan to which we were allowed to object but not discuss.

SLDC refused to accept the Town Council's independent Landscape Character Assessment in their evidence base.

I understand SLDC have received over 400 objections to their scheme, from the local community, with only 2 in favour. (the landowner and developer would obviously be in favour but neither live locally and there is an obvious financial interest).

There was an obvious lack of site preparation with important issues to be looked at in detail later. This included highways, flooding, landscape and biodiversity.

Para 76:-Local communities through local and neighbourhood plans should be able to identify, for special protection, green areas of particular importance to them:-

The proposed area is special to us for its beauty, tranquillity and richness of wildlife.

BUT SLDC never asked us.

Para 100 :-Inappropriate development in areas of risk of flooding should be avoided:-

This area already has flooding problems which SLDC did not ask about and seem not to want to know. The recently constructed "Stockbeck Flood Alleviation Scheme", to cope with nearby flooding, we understand, is close to maximum usage. SLDC have refused to conduct a full assessment of the risks.

Para 155:-Early and meaningful engagement and collaboration with neighbourhoods:-

This has not been done. We have been presented with a fait accompli unless WE can Prove it is wrong.

In conclusion: SLDC have produced a plan for which there had been no consultations with local residents and no site visit prior to the plans announcement.

Please reject DPD – R121M and then put it where it will never be seen again.

Yours sincerely

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