



Consultation Response Form

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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 examination and when it is adopted by the Council.

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
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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
Birkrigg Park			
Do you support, oppose or support in part the suggested allocation or designation? (delete as appropriate)			
I do not support the suggested site allocation/designation for the following use(s) Housing other (specify).....			
Please explain your reasons (continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary)			
<p>We would like to comment on the proposal to extend the Birkrigg Park housing development. As adjacent residents, in Carley Close, High Carley, we watched, with dismay, as a potentially excellent housing development was wasted by packing too many houses into too little land. No facilities were provided for the new residents. As an example, there is no play area for children, despite the fact that the houses are obviously aimed at young families. As a result, parents have had to erect play facilities in their gardens, rather than share a valuable community resource. This may meet an immediate need but does nothing to show that South Lakeland is contributing to the national effort to support our native wildlife. Bees get no benefit from trampolines or child swings. Very importantly, the developers and, unfortunately, some of the subsequent residents, paid absolutely no regard to the tree preservation order and a number of listed trees were felled, without any follow-up action by the council. As an example, two were felled last summer while birds were clearly nesting in the upper branches. If tree preservation orders are to be of any value, the council must be seen to be taking its legal responsibilities seriously by prosecuting offenders. To the best of our knowledge, this has never been done. Again, how does this make South Lakeland look in comparison to other parts of Britain? The general standard of work by the developers was poor and did not appear to be sufficiently monitored by council officials. As an example, the gardens, adjacent to our property, suffered from severe water-logging because the developers simply covered the old hospital car park with minimal top soil, and rubble, without thought to drainage. I cannot comment on the standard of building in other developments in South Lakeland but, if Birkrigg Park is a representative sample, I would suggest that the council must greatly increase its inspection and monitoring professionals to ensure that acceptable standards are met.</p> <p>Finally, no thought appears to have been given to the impact on the local roads, given that a high proportion of the residents have two cars and the surrounding roads are now very busy and very dangerous for pedestrians. We are relieved that there have been no serious accidents involving children on these roads but, given the speed of the traffic, it is only a matter of time. I would emphasise that, as residents of Carley Close, we are very grateful that a 30 mph restriction was</p>			

imposed on Carley Lane but, again, we question its value since it is consistently ignored by most motorists, because they know that there is no enforcement.

Adding additional housing to this area can only exacerbate the problems, unless the council insists on better local facilities, especially a children's play area and safer pedestrian access to Ulverston through either the provision of secure footpaths or appropriate and enforced speed control on the surrounding lanes. We believe that the council's responsibility is to provide long-term benefits through high quality housing, with all of the required facilities, even if this increases the cost to the developers, who are focused only on short-term profit. Birkrigg Park is a village, in its own right, but without any of the facilities in our more established villages.

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.

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?

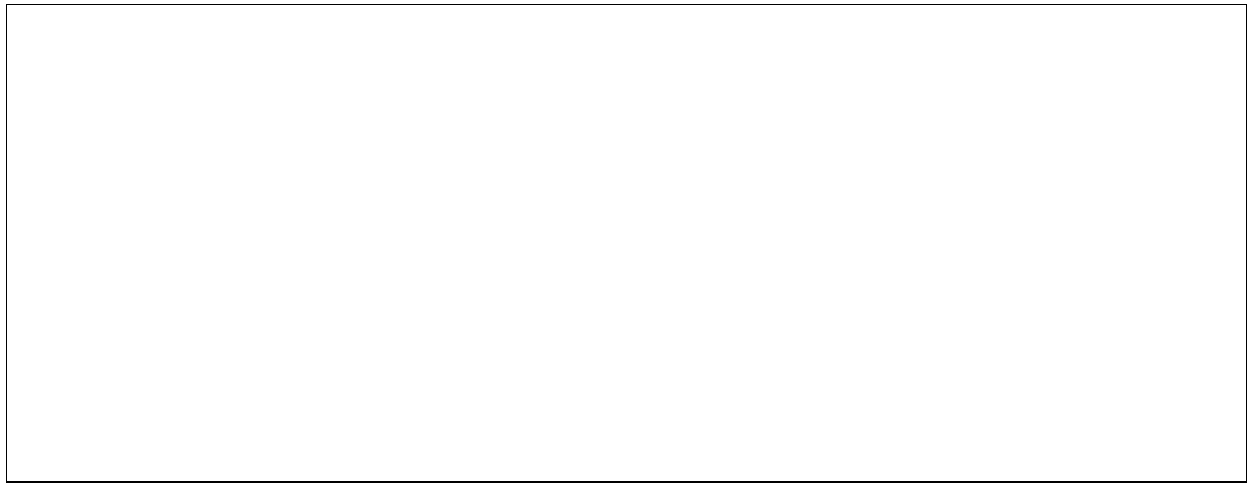
Please explain the types of improved and/or new community facilities you feel your community may need in the next 15 years (continue on a separate sheet/expand box if necessary).

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)					



* 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