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*South Lakeland Local Development Framework

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Dear Sirs

Following the recent display of proposals for developments in Grange-over-Sands we should like to make the following comments:-

Comments on housing proposals for Grange-over-Sands

1) We see that the proposals note the importance of maintaining gaps between communities so we are surprised to see the proposal to build on the field next to the recreation ground on Kents Bank Road (R110). This is an important gap between the built-up area of Grange and the housing near the nursing home that was formerly the Miners' Welfare Home. Building on this site would not only dangerously narrow that gap but would also severely limit the stretch of Kents Bank Road that provides a view of Morecambe Bay across undeveloped land. Such views are an important feature of Grange that attracts visitors

2) Within the town of Grange there are currently a number of open spaces, some of which provide the occasional views of the bay just described and some which act as 'green lungs' that are important in any built-up area but are particularly so for visitors for whom the bay and the spaciousness of the housing are some of the attractions of Grange. It is therefore wrong to deprive Grange of any such 'green lung' as is proposed in the development MN21 on Kents Bank Road. (We made a similar comment in objecting to the development of the car park at Berners Close but such objections were over-ruled. All the more need to retain what open spaces remain.)

3) We should like to know whether cognisance of buildings that are empty has been taken into account. At this moment we are aware that Underwood on Fernhill Road, which could be converted into several flats, is empty, as are many of the rooms above shops in the town. Between them these could provide a significant number of dwellings, and necessary conversion of them would surely be less costly than the building of new ones.

We should be glad if these comments could be brought to the attention of the Council.

Yours faithfully
Marion and Stephen Wallwork.

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