

12 July 2012

Dear Sir

I write in relation to the Land Allocations DPD.

Having studied the documents placed on the SLDC website I have concluded that the Land Allocations DPD does not comply with the National Planning Policy Framework. Though there are many individual issues I could raise, I will highlight just one: the presence of R121M in the SLDC DPD submission.

A number of serious and respected institutions have been ignored in their objection to development of R121M. These include Kendal Town Council (in their independent Landscape Character Assessment known as the Galpin Report); the Friends of the Lake District (in their landscape character assessment work); and the Taylor Review (also conducted on behalf of the Town Council).

As recently as 28 June 2012, persistent heavy rain once again resulted in flooding of R56, adjacent gardens, and Castle Green Road. Scant, if any, regard has been paid to the huge number of objections to this development, and the massive concern amongst local people that further development of this area will add to the regular flooding problems.

Section 17 of the NPPF relates to the empowerment of local people to shape their surroundings and states that planning should always take full account of flood risk and prefer the development of land of lesser environmental value. Since neither of these prerequisites have been properly addressed, I can only conclude that the DPD is not in compliance with the NPPF.

Yours faithfully

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