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**Re: SLDC Core Strategy Development Plan Document  
 Inspector's Possible Changes Consultation**

Dear Miss Rayner,

In answer to your letter of the 12 May 2010, Kentrigg West Action Group (KWAG) would like to make the following comments.

1. ED50 page 1, in the table under Possible Change Ref No IPC3 it states:

*"Reduce the numbers of houses proposed for Ulverston in 2003-2025 and redistribute 'lost' homes to Kendal &/or other Key and Local Service Centres."*

In our opinion this should read:

*"Reduce the numbers of houses proposed for Ulverston in 2003-2025 and redistribute 'lost' homes to other Key and Local Service Centres other than Kendal."*

The reason for this is that traffic congestion / air pollution is already outside the prescribed limits for Kendal. See also 2 below.

2. ED50.2 Annex B, item 3.43a:

In this proposed paragraph a number of the bullet points use words like *"further development needs to be assessed to determine if traffic can be accommodated"*.

The words *"assessed"* and *"accommodated"* are not good enough, they have not worked over previous years. The length of the proposed sections 3.43, 3.43a & 3.43b are too long, the words do not set any limits and they dilute the Transport Report's conclusions. What is needed is a statement that the prescribed limits stated in the SLDC Transport Report (June 2009) will be **proven** [important word] to have been met before any more significant development is allowed. Also air quality, which is linked to traffic congestion, must be **proven** to meet the prescribed limits.

**Any deviation from this will show that SLDC do not consider that the health & well being of the local people has top priority over everything else in the Core Strategy [Matter 19].**

The health and well being of people is the reason why we have standards for traffic congestion & air quality. This needs to be stated in section 3.53 of the Core Strategy. It also should state that **top priority** will be given to meeting (and then keeping within) the set standards, including moving development to other areas.

Future development must plan to evenly distribute traffic congestion / air pollution throughout all the entire SLDC district. Houses need to be built in close proximity to employment sites with good access and employees given incentives to live close to their place of work in order to reduce overall traffic/pollution.

3. ED50.3 Annex C, item 8.2, 8.3 & 8.4:

For the reasons above (and all the other reasons we have stated previously) Kendal is unsuitable for significant expansion. In our view, after people's health, the next most important item when planning future developments is access. Therefore in *"meeting the need for Strategic Employment Sites"* the area at the top of hierarchy must be that around J36 of the M6 and then the A590/A591.

Yours faithfully,

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