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Community  
engagement  
feedback - notes  
of the issues  
raised at  
Distinctive Area  
meetings

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Local Plan Review

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May 2016

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Facilitated engagement sessions were held with representatives of several Parish Councils to help the Authority understand local issues and opportunities to be used to inform the Local Plan Review.

Four questions were posed to Parish Councils in advance of the meeting and these were discussed at the session. The questions were:

- Is there pressure for a particular type of development in your Parish that isn't being addressed through current policies?
- Are there any specific issues that need addressing within your Parish, such as environmental protection, renewable energy, community facilities?
- Are there any sites for development in your Parish which you consider acceptable, such as for housing and employment land?
- Do any of the issues you have identified at Parish scale apply to the wider landscape such as National Park / Cumbria scale?

Events were held in each Distinctive Area at:

- Bootle – West Distinctive Area, 19 April 2016
- Greenodd – South Distinctive Area, 20 April 2016
- Askham – East Distinctive Area, 21 April 2016
- Crook – Central and South East Distinctive Area, 26 April 2016
- Keswick – North Distinctive Area, 28 April 2016
- Pooley Bridge – East Distinctive Area, 10 May 2016

Theme	Issue	Where were issues raised
Housing		
	Lack of affordable housing	East Distinctive Area event, Questionnaire return - East Distinctive Area, North Distinctive Area event
	High / increasing levels of second home ownership	West Distinctive Area event, Central and South East Distinctive Area event, East Distinctive Area event, South Distinctive Area event
	Need for extra care housing (suggestion this should be located in key transport and service centres)	West Distinctive Area event
	Restrictions on returning 'residents'/local people	West Distinctive Area event, North Distinctive Area event
	Local occupancy criteria preventing 'local' people being eligible	West Distinctive Area event, Central and South East Distinctive Area event, North Distinctive Area event
	Occupancy criteria for places on the periphery of the Lake District and between distinctive areas (also including affordable housing)	West Distinctive Area event
	Suggestion West Distinctive Area has enough housing - just need to make it more locally available	West Distinctive Area event
	Silecroft and Bootle need housing especially near train stations (support Moorside) for growth/to retain community facilities	West Distinctive Area event
	The proportion of second home ownership in the north and west of the West Distinctive Area is increasing	West Distinctive Area event, North Distinctive Area event
	Mortgage availability is hugely prohibitive	West Distinctive Area event
	Need to resolve Live/Work units issues - work needs to be separate for mortgage purposes	West Distinctive Area event
	Need flexibility to enable new modern iconic housing (£1m plus) to encourage investment by wealthy people	Central and South East Distinctive Area event
	What is the impact of local occupancy (positive/negative)	Central and South East Distinctive Area event

	Sheltered accommodation needed	Central and South East Distinctive Area event, North Distinctive Area event
	Housing for local people needed in settlements not currently supported (e.g. open countryside)	Central and South East Distinctive Area event
	Safeguards of occupancy conditions - SLDC's appear more robust than LDNPA's	South Distinctive Area event
	How to survey housing needs - they need to look to future	South Distinctive Area event
	How many people are needed to be classed as sustainable (and having right mix of housing)	South Distinctive Area event, West Distinctive Area event
	Opportunity to convert more barns to residential rather than just commercial (for Local Occupancy)	East Distinctive Area event
	In areas like the East Distinctive Area where opportunities may be limited in RSC, opportunities should be considered in nearby settlements and hamlets. Should move away from Service Centre mentality	East Distinctive Area event
	Residents not always supportive of more affordable housing even though its is recognised that it is needed	North Distinctive Area event
	Second home ownership is still an issue	North Distinctive Area event
	Bed and Breakfast premises remaining on market for a number of years preventing owners retiring (potentially resulting in poor quality and lack of investment.) Suggesting that they should be sub-divided to provide local occupancy and open market dwellings.	North Distinctive Area event
Community facilities and services		
	Loss of services, and need to retain services	Questionnaire return - West Distinctive Area
	Threats to viability of local communities through land use changes (Ennerdale area)	West Distinctive Area event
	Potential for geothermal community energy scheme in Bootle	West Distinctive Area event
	Community facilities really important for older and younger groups who are strongly affected by isolation	Questionnaire return - East Distinctive Area

	Public transport needed - improved public transport will create new tourism opportunities	Questionnaire return - East Distinctive Area
Tourism		
	Copeland's need to diversify from nuclear reliance and encourage more tourism	West Distinctive Area event
	Need to develop coastal tourism offer	West Distinctive Area event
	Supporting farm diversification - what connections can be made to pursuits like farming , drawing people away from honeypots.	West Distinctive Area event
	No further increases of camp sites or change from holiday to residential occupancy	Questionnaire return - Central and South East Distinctive Area, Central and South East Distinctive Area event
	Change of use of farm buildings to holiday lets - need sympathetic view	Central and South East Distinctive Area event
	Parking policy - not many places to park in discreet places E.g. up to 20 spaces. Many people want to come by car and residents need to travel by car	Central and South East Distinctive Area event, North Distinctive Area event
	Many viewpoints obscured by trees	Central and South East Distinctive Area event
	Need some strategic sites for campervans	Central and South East Distinctive Area event
	Boathouses - strengthen policy against abuse and them becoming holiday homes or residential properties.	South Distinctive Area event
	Need to encourage tourist into areas like the Lowther Valley to relieve pressure on other areas, and spread the economic benefit	East Distinctive Area event
	Leisure accommodation needed	West Distinctive Area event
	28 day permitted development parking rights is not enough in summer (e.g. catbells)	North Distinctive Area event
	B&B market has changed - lack of demand. Need to consider alternative uses like apartment styles. Need to be high quality.	North Distinctive Area event
Infrastructure		
	A595 and A590 not fit for purpose	West Distinctive Area event

	Poor superfast broadband coverage	West Distinctive Area event, Central and South East Distinctive Area event, North Distinctive Area event
	Poor/non-existent mobile phone coverage in areas	West Distinctive Area event, Central and South East Distinctive Area event
	Improvements needed to A592 between Newby Bridge and Bowness to improve safety for motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, horses	Questionnaire return - Central and South East Distinctive Area
	Need to be more relaxed about parking - e.g. car parking in Satterthwaite as they have identified some land	South Distinctive Area event
	High car parking charges forcing parking on highway in inappropriate locations causing obstructions	South Distinctive Area event
	Lack of car parking spaces, sympathetic view needed regarding parking.	North Distinctive Area event
	Car parks required to support sustainable tourism	North Distinctive Area event
	Toilets required at tourism hotspots (e.g. catbells) - potentially composting toilets	North Distinctive Area event
	By 2025 voice lines will disappear therefore need broadband/mobile coverage	Central and South East Distinctive Area event, North Distinctive Area event
Extreme weather events		
	As a result of flooding events the repairs need to look at bigger picture, long term plans for settlements	East Distinctive Area event
	Some settlements are at high risk of flooding so alternative styles of housing will be needed or building on the fringe of settlements outside the flood risk areas.	East Distinctive Area event
	Need to ensure flood resilience for settlements, houses and people	East Distinctive Area event
	Want freedom to get on with works, fast tracking local solutions	North Distinctive Area event
Nuclear		
	Geological Disposal Facility (including related roads, services etc.)	West Distinctive Area event

	Impact of new nuclear development on National Park / Distinctive Areas	North Distinctive Area event
Historic Environment and Heritage		
	Encourage more barn conversions to residential or commercial as many are falling into a state of disrepair	Central and South East Distinctive Area event
	Character of settlement changing resulting from inappropriate lighting (urbanising appearance)	Central and South East Distinctive Area event
	Squares development/ public space improvement in Hawkshead	Questionnaire return - South Distinctive Area
Environment		
	Landscape impact of vertical structures on Park (e.g. wind turbines, pylons)	Questionnaire return - Central and South East Distinctive Area, Central and South East Distinctive Area event, South Distinctive Area event
	Impact of pylons on the landscape, potentially harming tourism too	West Distinctive Area event, North Distinctive Area event
	Lake District is a limited resource which is being progressively eroded	Questionnaire return - Central and South East Distinctive Area
	Preservation of wildlife habitats, eradication of invasive species	West Distinctive Area event, Questionnaire return - Central and South East Distinctive Area
	Harm from increasing light pollution on the night sky	Questionnaire return - Central and South East Distinctive Area, Central and South East Distinctive Area event, South Distinctive Area event
	Wildlife protection vs ability to work in watercourses is an issue	Central and South East Distinctive Area event
	Can 'quiet areas' be brought back in the new local plan	South Distinctive Area event
Health and Wellbeing		
	More flatter cycle routes	Central and South East Distinctive Area event
Education		

	What is the number of viable children in a primary school? Does it vary? To attain the number of children what does the population of the parish/settlement need to be?	West Distinctive Area event
Employment		
	Need to support employment land - what type of businesses should be in the Lake district	Central and South East Distinctive Area event
	Want to see more business opportunities in Askham utilising the good broadband and barns suitable for conversion	Questionnaire return - East Distinctive Area
	Need to be more flexible to allow businesses to move location	Central and South East Distinctive Area event
	Need more local businesses to deliver higher salaries	Questionnaire return - East Distinctive Area
	Diversification of economy required	North Distinctive Area event
	Concerns about loss of employment land to housing	North Distinctive Area event
Renewable Energy		
	Anaerobic digestion system on farms in the Bootle Area to generate energy	West Distinctive Area event
	Hydro power opportunity at sawmill by River Lowther (nr Askham)	Questionnaire return - East Distinctive Area
Distinctive Area		
	Within Distinctive Areas there are vast differences between rural and town areas - is there scope for different policies for different small areas	Central and South East Distinctive Area event
	CS09 - Torver should not be seen as surplus for Coniston's housing	South Distinctive Area event
	Permanent parking solution needed at foot of catbells	North Distinctive Area event
	Cost of parking is an issue for residents not tourists (potentially affecting local services/ facilities/ retail)	North Distinctive Area event
	Pencil Factory site should be employment land	North Distinctive Area event
	Opportunity for more employment land at ambulance/ fire station in Keswick when the two merge	North Distinctive Area event



	More parking need in Hawkshead	Questionnaire return - South Distinctive Area
	More coach parking needed in Pooley Bridge	East Distinctive Area event
	Pumping station and holding reservoir needed to protect Penrith Rd, Keswick	North Distinctive Area event
Other		
	Need to take account of local knowledge	Questionnaire return - West Distinctive Area
	How to balance needs of village against needs of people	South Distinctive Area event
	Some parishes are under populated - causes issues such as enough parish councillors	South Distinctive Area event
	Submit small applications by phone	North Distinctive Area event
	Compliance of local occupancy clauses	North Distinctive Area event