



Landscape Character Supplementary Planning Document

Statement of Representations

Regulation 18 (4) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004

October 2011

We received nine responses to the consultation:

Cumbria County Council
Environment Agency
English Heritage
United Utilities
Friends of the Lake District
Colton Parish Council
Above Derwent Parish Council
Underskiddaw Parish Council

Eight of the nine respondents agreed that the Landscape Character Assessment and Guidelines 2008 should form the basis of the SPD. One respondent made no comment.

There was a suggestion, from Friends of the Lake District, that we produce practical 'how to use' guidance including examples of good practice.

Our response: We are currently exploring ways to make the document more user-friendly on our web site. The intention is that users will be able to locate, more easily, the relevant Area of Distinctive Character and area-specific sensitivities and guidelines.

All three Parish Councils suggested that the SPD could be updated to reflect current pressures and the guidelines for managing change amended accordingly.

Colton Parish Council suggested that local communities – in the spirit of Localism - should have the opportunity to add local detail that may not currently be included.

Our response: We will encourage communities, through Parish Plans and Neighbourhood Plans, to consider locally-important landscape issues. This will complement national, regional and sub-regional landscape character assessment.