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23rd November, 2015

Dear Mr Dobson,

People, Homes and Jobs – How should we plan for the district's future – The 2015 Housing report

Thank you for asking the Town Council to consider the important consultation regarding the how the District plans for the future housing requirement.

At the meeting of the Town Council held on 19th November, it was agreed to forward the following comments to the City Council as this Council's considered response:.

- (1) Morecambe Town Council does not support the proposal set out at GB2 within the Consultation document which proposed the use of an area of land adjacent to Torrisholme within current green belt land to be used for 750 houses on the grounds that:
 - This was inappropriate area for housing as the land was poor quality being enclosed down its eastern and southern sides by the elevated West Coast Main Railway Line and the New Link Road respectively;
 - The land is inappropriate environmentally as it is prone to flooding and would isolate Torrisholme Barrow which would be harmful to wildlife; and
 - The road access to the GB2 is inadequate given the enclosed boundaries down the eastern and southern sides and would only allow estate type roads to be constructed which would not be sufficient for the servicing of the proposed 750 houses.

- (2) The Town Council believes that the basis of the Consultation's methodology is fundamentally flawed as not all statistics within the Turley report suggest that the amount of houses suggested within the Consultation are required or that jobs would increase in the numbers as suggested i.e. the number of jobs which it proposed would be created could mostly be taken by the existing population given other statistics which suggest a lower population increase.

- (3) The Town Council believes sufficient brownfield sites have been allocated within the Consultation proposals to minimise the need for Green Belt land being allocated as possible sites for Housing Developments and that if Green Belt land had to be allocated for future housing development, then such development should be prioritised so as to use the largest identified sites first.
- (4) Request the City Council that in future it should make available at least two hard copies of all Consultation Documents to the Town Council, on the basis that it was difficult to absorb reports online which include detailed and lengthy statistical data e.g. the Turley report.

I trust you will feed these comments into this important process and with regard to resolution (4) above, please could you indicate if this would be possible?

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Croxall'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

David Croxall
Town Clerk