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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Carlisle's Future: Carlisle District Local Plan 2015-2030: Proposed Submission Draft

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in relation to the above consultation.

The MOD is satisfied our interests have been taken into account with regards to the chapters on Climate Change in particular renewable energy.

However, in relation to the allocation of sites for housing and business I would like to register the following comments.

The allocations for Longtown fall within the statutory explosive safeguarding zone surrounding DM Longtown. In particular, the area cited as EC2 is located in the Vulnerable Building Distance zone. This is defined by the purple line on the statutory safeguarding plan. Within this zone all buildings should be deemed as being 'non vulnerable' that is of robust design and construction so that should an explosion occur at the MOD storage facility, buildings nearby will not collapse or sustain damage that could cause critical injury to the occupants.

The sites for Longtown, Moorhouse, Harker, Burgh by Sands and Linstock fall within the statutory technical safeguarding zone surrounding Eskdalemuir. On review DIO Safeguarding has no concerns regarding housing/business development in this area.

The remaining sites fall outside of statutory safeguarding areas therefore DIO has no safeguarding concerns.

Please consult this office with regards to development which falls within our areas of interest.

I trust this adequately explains our position on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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