

CARLISLE & DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

Observations from Wetheral Parish Council

The Council made several general observations:-

- 1. Whilst rural proofing is mentioned on Page 12 it does not appear to have been implemented in the document as is apparent from some of the observations below.**
- 2. There are several references to cyclists e.g. p132 “ The needs of cyclists will be met” yet at no point is there any specific examples of how these needs will be met, in particular in providing safe cycle routes for those in the local areas wanting to bicycle into Carlisle. Cycling is mentioned as a form of transport (P 65 3.88) and yet it is currently not possible to cycle into the city safely from the east, there is no recognition or solution offered to this problem.**
- 3. On p.25 of the plan under rural housing it is stated that the housing price versus earning ratio in rural areas is 10% (versus 6.6% nationally) yet there is a continuous very small supply of affordable housing in rural areas, the majority of which is in Longtown and Brampton both of which have reached saturation (SCEp.36 3.11)**
- 4. “Sustainable local tourism will be supported “ (p.87), the parish council wonders where and how?**
- 5. On p.99 there are allocated sites in Scotby and Wetheral (100) and yet there is no consideration of infrastructure such as schools**
Yet on p. 103 the plan states that housing will only be allocated where the community can be supported, we see no evidence of this for Wetheral and Scotby
- 6. On p. 109 mention of off site provision is made, Wetheral Parish Council feels very strongly that all such money should be spent within the parish where it was initiated and that only in exceptional circumstances should it be spent outwith the parish “within the same housing area” ie “East Carlisle”**
- 7. What is Carlisle District Council doing to (see Pg 122) produce 390 extra care units between 2011 and 2019, it is now 2015, 36 new units are being constructed in Brampton however this is far short of the 100 which would be 30% of the overall total of 390 ?**
- 8. p 169 (8.7) Mentions developers building schools, realistically this would not be achievable in a small rural community such as Wetheral**

Specific Issues:-

- a) Cumwhinton; The new development at Thornedge should replace R9**
- b) R18 Warwick Bridge – Concerns about poor access to adjoining road, these concerns were voiced in the previous consultation but were ignored**
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