

**CALL FOR SITES
ARNSIDE & SILVERDALE AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY
DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**

Arnside & Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is a nationally protected landscape.

South Lakeland District Council and Lancaster City Council, supported by the Arnside & Silverdale AONB Partnership, have recently begun preparing a dedicated Development Plan Document (DPD) for the AONB. **This document will have the conservation of the AONB's special landscape and character at its heart** and will, when adopted, form part of both authorities' Local Plans.

As a key early step, we are undertaking a '**call for sites**'. Through this process we are asking people to put forward proposals for any sites they believe to be suitable for housing, affordable housing, employment, community use or other development, or for locally important open space.

This exercise will inform the consideration of options for the plan. **Only a small proportion of the sites proposed are likely to be allocated in the final plan.**

Please do tell us about every site you think should be considered for these uses (subject to suggestion criteria). We will then assess the sites put forward and undertake a public consultation asking for comments on the sites proposed. **Ultimately, only the most suitable sites available will be allocated**, but please tell us about all potential sites at this stage as it might not be possible for additional sites to be considered later.

Smaller sites are likely to be most appropriate in the AONB and there may be instances where a portion of a site is appropriate for development where the whole site is not. Please consider this when making suggestions for sites. **Sites should support sustainability aims** including being close to services and facilities and, in particular, **they should not compromise the primary purpose of AONB designation**, which is to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the area.

In addition to sites put forward through the 'call for sites' process, there are a number of other sources from which site suggestions will be considered;

- Sites previously considered through South Lakeland's or Lancaster's Land Allocations processes (this includes sites identified through the authorities' Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment reports);
- The recently undertaken housing needs survey in the AONB
- Information previously submitted by the Arnside Parish Plan Trust

The assessment process will take full account of the AONB designation and of the fact that AONBs have a higher level of protection than areas that are not subject to any designation.

How to put sites forward

To put forward a site as part of the 'call for sites', you must submit the required information by completing a 'Call for Sites' site suggestion form. Forms can also be accessed online (on South Lakeland's, Lancaster's or the AONB websites – see below) or picked up at council offices and Arnside & Silverdale AONB office or can be sent out on request. **The closing date for submission of site suggestions is Friday 27th February 2015.** Site suggestion

forms should be sent to developmentplans@southlakeland.gov.uk or to Development Plans, South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 4DL.

We would be grateful if you could spread the message within your community that we are looking for site suggestions. If you require any further details, please do not hesitate to contact us on developmentplans@southlakeland.gov.uk or 01539 793383 (for South Lakeland) or 01524 582335 (for Lancaster).

ALL SITE SUGGESTIONS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT LIE WITHIN LANCASTER DISTRICT, SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO developmentplans@southlakeland.gov.uk

South Lakeland website www.southlakeland.gov.uk

Lancaster website www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning/local-plan

AONB website www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk

Yours sincerely



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