

M3.04 Mr Parsons, Historic Environment Officer, Environment & Regulatory Services,

Cumbria County Council via email

I note that in the Draft Programme for the Hearing Sessions, I am put down to speak on Thursday 16th May about issue 3c – housing allocations of four sites. I understand from your email that participants should only attend a session if they have made a relevant representation seeking a change to the Plan. I have not made a representation seeking a change in the Plan. My representations merely point out the archaeological potential of development sites and highlight any that may require the commissioning of archaeological work. I do not have the capacity to attend the hearing.

I also note that in the Inspector's Questions for Examination Q41, regarding Fell View, Silloth (Policy SA19), asks whether the impact of the proposed housing allocation on buried archaeological assets been adequately assessed? Is this question the reason why I have been put down to speak and, if so, is it helpful to you if I respond to this question in writing now? In answer to this question, I do consider that the buried archaeological assets have been adequately assessed - the results of a previous archaeological desk based assessment and archaeological fieldwork provide sufficient information to show that the archaeological remains are of local significance and that an archaeological investigation to further record the remains undertaken in advance of development is an appropriate level of mitigation for their loss and accords with both the local plan and the NPPF.

I hope this helps.

Kind regards

Historic Environment Officer