

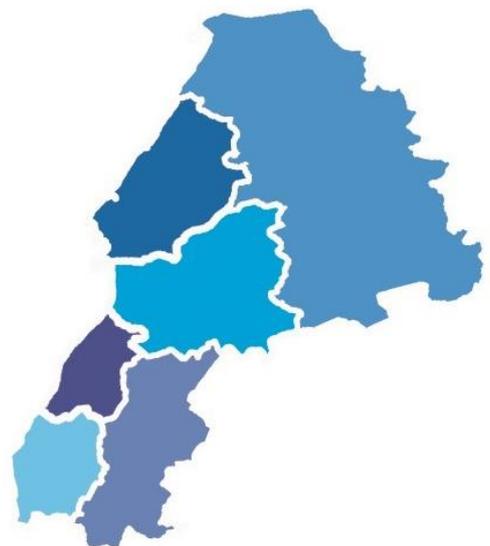


# Allerdale Borough Council



## Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) Site Allocations

Duty to Co-operate Topic Paper



## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The Duty to Co-operate is a legal requirement of the plan preparation process. This duty was introduced by the Localism Act which came into effect in November 2011. It places a legal duty on local planning authorities, county councils in England and public bodies to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis to maximise the effectiveness of Local and Marine Plan preparation in the context of strategic cross boundary matters.
- 1.2 In simple terms the duty to co-operate requires local planning authorities and other bodies to co-operate with each other to address strategic issues relevant to their area. The priority given to any strategic issues will depend on the local circumstance and in some instances there may be few or genuinely no such issues. The Duty to Cooperate is not a duty to agree.
- 1.3 This statement is intended to demonstrate how Allerdale Borough Council, in its capacity as the Local Planning Authority, has complied with the duty to co-operate in the preparation of its Local Plan (Part 2).

## 2.0 Co-operation in Context

- 2.1 Allerdale is located in a two-tier area, with Cumbria County Council providing many public services including education, highways, social services and minerals and waste services. Allerdale Borough Council provides planning, housing, environmental health, waste collection and other services. Allerdale shares borders with Carlisle City to the north, Eden District Council and the Lake District National Park to the east and Copeland Borough Council to the south.
- 2.2 The Duty to Co-operate (the Duty) is set out in Section 110 of the Localism Act 2011, which adds a new section (33A) into the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 relating to the Duty. This states that the local planning authority must engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis during the preparation of local plans when they relate to strategic matters. Strategic matters are defined as development, including infrastructure, with significant impact on at least two planning areas. The Duty applies to all local planning authorities and county councils together with other prescribed bodies. The prescribed bodies are listed in Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 2.3 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraph 156 sets out the strategic issues where co-operation might be appropriate. These include;
- The homes and jobs needed in the area
  - The provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development
  - The provision of infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat)
  - The provision of health, security, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities
  - Climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment including landscape
- 2.4 Paragraphs 178 to 181 of the NPPF give guidance on planning strategically across local boundaries and highlights the importance of joint working to meet development requirements that cannot be wholly met within a single planning area through either joint planning policies or informal strategies such as infrastructure and investment plans
- 2.5 Part 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012 clarifies the public bodies which are covered by the Duty;
- Environment Agency
  - English Heritage
  - Natural England
  - Civil Aviation Authority
  - Homes England

- Office of the Rail Regulator
- Highways Agency
- Transport for London
- Integrated Transport Authorities
- Highway Authorities
- Marine Management Organisation
- Local Enterprise Partnership
- Local Nature Partnership
- Clinical Commissioning Group
- National Health Service Commissioning Board

2.6 The regulations stress that these bodies are required to co-operate with Councils on issues of common concern to ensure sound Local Plans are developed.

### **3.0 Cross Boundary Strategic Issues**

- 3.1 The Local Plan (Part 1) was adopted in July 2014. This addressed many of the potential cross boundary issues including housing need both in the plan area and in neighbouring authorities and the requirement for strategic cross boundary infrastructure. The Local Plan (Part 1) successfully complied with the Duty to Co-operate at the Public Examination.
- 3.2 To provide context to the scope of the Duty to Co-operate for the Local Plan (Part 2) the strategic cross boundary issues addressed by the first part of the Local Plan is outlined below as well as more recent activities during the preparation of the second part of the Local Plan.

#### ***Carlisle City Council***

- 3.3 The areas which were identified as strategic cross boundary issues between the two Local Authorities were:

#### ***Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)***

- 3.4 The AONB crosses the Allerdale and Carlisle administrative boundaries and as such there are well established joint working arrangements. This consists of quarterly steering group meetings with the AONB unit. The steering group has representatives from both Allerdale and Carlisle Councils as well as Natural England and Cumbria County Council. A joint strategic policy for the AONB was adopted as part of the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1) in July 2014 and subsequently in the Carlisle Local Plan adopted in November 2016.

#### ***Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site***

- 3.5 Hadrian's Wall runs from Wallsend on the River Tyne to Bowness on Solway in Allerdale and therefore goes through a number of local authorities. The Hadrian's Wall Management Plan 2008-2014 was the result of collaboration between partner organisations which have an interest in this World Heritage Site. A joint strategic policy for this World Heritage Site has been adopted in both the Allerdale and Carlisle Local Plans.

#### ***Borderlands Initiative***

- 3.6 Launched in 2017 the Borderlands Initiative and subsequent Growth Deal this partnership is made up of Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Northumberland County Council and Scottish Borders Council. Its aim is to attract investors, visitors and those who wish to relocate. Key themes are digital technology, innovation, low carbon and energy. Since the start of this initiative the influence and scope of this partnership has grown and now includes other Cumbrian authorities. Carlisle City Council and this Council are currently exploring how the benefits of this initiative can extend into the northern areas of Allerdale.

### *Housing and Other Issues*

- 3.7 Carlisle is a sub-regional centre providing a focus for retail, employment and housing. Since the adoption of the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1) in 2014, Carlisle has adopted their Local Plan in 2016. Both Local Plans provide for their Objectively Assessed Need for housing within their plan area.

### ***Copeland Borough Council***

- 3.8 Allerdale's main cross boundary issues are with Copeland and therefore this was reflected in a greater level of joint working. During the production of the Copeland Core Strategy and the Local Plan (Part 1) the co-operation centred on joint evidence studies in terms of retail, employment land and premises, housing and employment projections, a nuclear topic paper and a joint viability assessment. Both authorities have similar social and economic characteristics and challenges as well as a shared relationship with Sellafield and associated supply chain businesses that provide local employment for both Boroughs.

### *Britain's Energy Coast and Nuclear Industry*

- 3.9 Britain's Energy Coast is a sub-regional initiative which aims to diversify and strengthen the local economy by taking advantage of West Cumbria's nuclear expertise. The Britain's Energy Coast partnership includes the Borough Councils, Cumbria County Council, Nuclear Partners and the private sector.

### *Nuclear New Build*

- 3.10 The two local authorities together with the county council have worked together to understand the requirements and opportunities which nuclear new build could bring to West Cumbria. To support potential delivery a multi-agency Officers Transport Group, comprising representatives from both Borough Councils, Cumbria County Council, Highway England, rail industry and port authority meet on a monthly basis to plan for the required transport and accommodation infrastructure.

### *Transport Network*

- 3.11 Copeland's links to the strategic highway network, in particular the M6, are via Allerdale. Furthermore, main rail links are through Allerdale via the Cumbrian coastal railway that provides links to the west coast main line at Carlisle. Although there are no critical cross boundary transport issues which would impact on the delivery of either local plan, the improvement of the transport infrastructure to support Nuclear New Build and deliver the aims of strengthening the West Cumbria Economy is a key area of work for all partners co-ordinated through the Officers Transport Group.

## *Housing*

- 3.12 Both Allerdale and Copeland Local Plans plan for their own Objectively Assessed Needs and do not require either to help deliver their housing need. The cross boundary issues remain concentrated on improving transport infrastructure to support economic growth and working with the nuclear industry in particular to maximise local benefit.

## ***The Lake District National Park***

- 3.13 Allerdale is a member of the Lake District National Park Partnership. Established in 2006 its partners have agreed a shared Vision for the National Park, and have created a Management Plan with agreed actions for the plan's delivery. The Partnership is made up of twenty five bodies from public, private, community and voluntary sectors. The Partnership meets four times a year and provides strategic advice and recommendations to the National Park Authority in the creation, monitoring and review of policy.
- 3.14 Although there is no significant cross boundary issues, Allerdale and the National Park Local Plans have adopted a common policy approach to the role of Caldbeck (located close to the Park boundary) Caldbeck is classified as a Rural Service Centre in the National Park Core Strategy. It has an important role serving its rural hinterland, part of which is in the Allerdale Plan Area, and as such is also recognised and included in the Allerdale spatial strategy.
- 3.15 Furthermore, Cockermouth, which is a Key Service Centre in the Allerdale Local Plan, is located close to the National Park boundary. It is recognised that it fulfils the role as a service centre for the villages within the Park. It is acknowledged that visual impact on the Park will be a consideration during site allocations work.
- 3.16 In terms of meeting the housing need in the National Park it was recognised that the environmental constraints are such that any new housing development is restricted to affordable housing with the requirement to meet local occupancy connections. The Allerdale Local Plan (Part 1) housing target is sufficiently ambitious to accommodate housing growth outside the National Park.
- 3.17 The designation of the Lake District National Park as a World Heritage Site in 2017 led to the Local Plan (Part 2) strengthening policy all the fringe of the Lake District boundary with respect to wind energy proposals.

## ***Cumbria County Council***

- 3.18 Being in a two tier area Cumbria County Council are responsible for key infrastructure that will support the delivery of Allerdale's Spatial Strategy. In particular transport, education, drainage, and adult social care. During the Local Plan (Part 1) preparation the Cumbria County Council contributed to policy wording especially around their areas of responsibility. In particular

Allerdale worked with the County to ensure the Local Plan carries forward and reflects the provisions of the Local Transport Plan.

- 3.19 Allerdale and the County Council have continued to work closely together on infrastructure evidence base, assessment of sites and drafting of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. As Lead Local Flood Authority the County Council also was part of the steering group that over saw the update of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

#### ***Eden District Council***

- 3.20 Allerdale's boundary with Eden is largely in the National Park and is characterised by small rural communities. Co-operation between the two authorities has been mainly through the county wide Development Plan Officers Group, evidence base work and formal consultation.

#### ***South Lakeland District Council***

- 3.21 Allerdale has a boundary with South Lakeland, however, this is wholly within the National Park. Co-operation is largely through statutory consultation and the Development Plan Officers Group.

### **Joint Evidence Base Work**

#### ***Local Plan (Part 1)***

- 3.22 Significant joint evidence work was undertaken with Copeland to support Local Plan (Part 1). This included housing projections, employment land study, retail study and viability assessments. Wider county wide evidence base included Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment, Vertical Structures (cumulative landscape impact study) and the Cumbria Biodiversity Data centre.

#### ***Local Plan (Part 2)***

- 3.23 Since the adoption of the Local Plan (Part 1) joint evidence base work has continued and has supported the assessment of sites.

#### ***Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2018***

- 3.24 Commissioned jointly with South Lakeland District Council, Copeland Borough Council and Lake District National Park this was an important cross boundary piece of work following the devastating flood events in the county in 2015. This cross boundary commission allowed effective river catchment analysis as well as individual site allocations. The steering group from this commission included the Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority as well as the commissions Local Authorities.

### ***Housing Study 2016***

- 3.25 Commissioned by the Council but working closely with the National Park Authority to produce a joint study of the housing need in the Borough. This has been used to develop policy in both the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) and the emerging National Park Local Plan.

### ***Allerdale Workspace and Employment Land Study 2016***

- 3.26 Jointly commissioned by British Energy Coast and the Council this study looked at existing and potential employment sites across the Borough, including the National Park. The National park sat on the project group and the study has been used in the development of both the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) and the emerging National Park Local Plan.

### ***Landscape Capacity Study 2017***

- 3.27 As part of the evidence review the National Park updated their Landscape Capacity study. It was extended to include Cockermouth recognising it was a key town close to the Park boundary where there is pressure for development.

### ***Allerdale Transport Improvement Study 2018***

- 3.28 Jointly commissioned by Allerdale and the County Council to support the development of Infrastructure Delivery Plan and gain an understanding of the likely impacts on the highway network of the site allocations. In addition, this study will be used by the County Council, as Highway Authority, in discussions with developers on the scope of planning obligations. Highway England were including in the study where it involved the strategic highway network.

### ***Allerdale Local Plan Site Access Assessment 2018***

- 3.29 Jointly commissioned by Allerdale and the County Council the study assesses the suitability, in highway terms, of potential site allocations.

### ***Cumbria Biodiversity Data Network***

- 3.30 This is a partnership that compiles and uses biodiversity data. The partnership comprises Tullie House Museum, Local Authorities, Natural England, the Environment Agency, Cumbria Naturalists Union, and Cumbria Wildlife Trust. The Network has assisted in the establishment of the Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre which acts as the Local Records Office. Data from the centre has been used for the Local Plan Habitats Regulation Assessment.

## **Cumbria Wide Groups**

### ***Development Plan Officer's Group and Development Management Officer's Group***

- 3.31 These groups have officer representatives for the six Borough and District Councils, Cumbria County Council and National Park. These groups share good practice and seek to achieve a jointed up approach across the county on policy, development management and monitoring.

### ***Cumbria Land Supply Group***

- 3.32 This group has housing and planning professionals from local authorities, including the county council and National Park also representatives from the local housing developers, Registered Providers and Homes England. This group meets on a quarterly basis and provides an opportunity to provide updates from the local authorities to the industry; it is used for consultations on policy and changes to national policy. It also allows the house developers to advise the local authorities on obstacles to delivery and market conditions.

### ***Nuclear Transport Group***

- 3.33 This meets on a monthly meeting with representatives of Cumbrian Local Authorities, Highways England, the LEP, Transport for the North, Network Rail, train operators, Community rail partnership, Sellafield, Low Level Waste Repository, United Utilities, National Grid and NuGen. The aim is to understand future demand from business on the road and rail network, to develop an evidence base to understand current constraints and to support bids to Government for funding.

### ***Solway Firth Partnership***

- 3.34 This partnership is made up of the local authorities located along the Solway Firth both in England and Scotland. It also includes Natural England and the Environment Agency. Its main areas of work include partnership working, planning, fisheries, energy, environmental projects, education and raising awareness.

## **Co-operation with other prescribed bodies**

### ***Environment Agency***

- 3.35 The Environment Agency has been involved in the development and sign off of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, and the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. It has also had input into the development of the Local Plan (Part 2) both on a formal and informal basis.

### ***Historic England***

- 3.36 Historic England has been consulted on the Local Plan (Part 2) as it has progressed.

### ***Natural England***

- 3.37 Natural England has been involved as a statutory consultee and its advice has been sought throughout the production of the Habitats Regulation Assessment.

### ***Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group***

- 3.38 This body has been consulted during the preparation of the Local Plan (Part 2) and supported the drafting of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

### ***Highways England***

- 3.39 Highway England has been involved in the preparation of the Local Plan (Part 2) as a consultee. It was involved in the Allerdale Transport Improvement Study which underpinned the site allocation work and informed the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

### ***Marine Management Organisation***

- 3.40 The Council has engaged in the consultation and workshops hosted by the Marine Management Organisation regarding the drafted of the North West Marine Plan.

### ***United Utilities***

- 3.41 Allerdale and United Utilities have worked closely in recent years to understand the capacity constraints. Regular liaison meetings take place outside the more formal consultation process which has allowed the emerging local plan and the AMP process to influence each other. Water supply and wastewater treatment capacity information has been fed into the drafting of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

### ***Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)***

- 3.42 The Cumbria LEP provides the strategic context in terms of economic growth, skills and infrastructure. The Technical Officers Group (a sub group of the LEP) is made up of representatives from all the local authorities, including the National Park and officers from the LEP. This group primarily focusses on providing support to the LEP by writing strategy, the delivery of the LEP's Strategic Economic Plan, commissioning evidence and the preparation of funding bids in relation to infrastructure, especially road and rail.
- 3.43 Of particular relevance to the current local plan work is the commissioning of the West of M6 Connectivity Study and the Cumbria Infrastructure Plan.

## **4.0 Conclusion**

- 4.1 The strategic cross boundary issues relating to housing, economy, retail and the environment have been addressed by the Local Plan (Part 1) adopted in 2014. The Duty to cooperate activity regarding the second part of the plan has mainly focussed on infrastructure which is required to ensure delivery of the site allocations. The key partners have been the County Council, Highways England, Clinical Care Commission and Utility companies.

## **Appendix 1**

### **Allerdale Borough Council's Overview of Duty to Co-operate Activity**

Topic	Strategic Issue	Evidence of Co-operation	Nature of Co-Operation	Key Partners	Dates	Outcome
Housing	Identifying housing need and capacity to deliver within the plan area	<p>Agreed Cumbria Strategic Housing market Areas</p> <p>Cumbria-wide Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment</p> <p>Housing Study 2016</p>	<p>Evidence Base</p> <p>Agreement between authorities on delivery of Objectively Assessed Needs.</p>	Neighbouring Local Authorities including the National Park Authority.	Housing Objectively Assessed Need was found sound and adopted in Allerdale Local Plan (part 1) July 2014.	<p>Copeland, Allerdale and Carlisle Local Plans adopted in 2013, 2014 and 2016 respectively. All have an Objectively Assessed need that is to be accommodated within their plan areas.</p> <p>Similarly the Lake District emerging Local Plan plans to deliver housing need as far as the environmental constraint allows.</p>

Economy	<p>Borderland Initiative</p> <p>LEP</p> <p>Nuclear New Build</p> <p>Sellafield</p>	<p>LEP strategic economic plan</p> <p>Allerdale Workspace and Employment Land Study 2016</p> <p>West Cumbria Employment Land and Premises study</p>	<p>Joint studies</p> <p>Britain's Energy Coast partnership</p>	<p>Nuclear industry, Nuclear Decommissioning Agency, Private business, and Local Authorities</p> <p>British Energy Coast</p> <p>LEP</p>	On going	<p>Robust evidence base</p> <p>Agreed economic strategy for Cumbria.</p>
Infrastructure	Infrastructure Strategy	<p>Collection of evidence from the main infrastructure providers (baseline and growth options)</p> <p>Cumbria Infrastructure Plan 2016</p>	Providing data	<p>Cumbria County Council</p> <p>Highway Agency</p> <p>Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group</p> <p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>Cumbria Infrastructure Plan 2016</p> <p>Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2018</p>	<p>Robust assessment of the infrastructure capacity and requirement to deliver the Local Plan (part 2)</p>

				<p>United Utilities</p> <p>Gas and electricity providers</p> <p>LEP</p>		
Transport	Road and Rail Network.	<p>Local Transport Plan</p> <p>Traffic modelling</p> <p>Allerdale Transport Improvements Plan</p> <p>West of M6 Connection Study</p> <p>Allerdale Local Plan Site Access Assessment 2018</p> <p>Infrastructure delivery plan</p> <p>Rail capacity study</p> <p>Nuclear Transport Group</p>	<p>Joint evidence base</p> <p>Partnership working across rail, road and sea</p> <p>Aligning the local plan strategy to other transport sectors plans and programmes</p>	<p>Cumbria County Council</p> <p>LEP</p> <p>Highways England</p> <p>Port of Workington</p> <p>Network Rail and rail operators</p>	On-going (monthly meetings of nuclear transport group)	Robust evidence base underpinning the Infrastructure Delivery Plan for the Local Plan and at a strategic level evidence for the LEP to secure funding for transport projects.

Environment	AONB	<p>AONB Management Plan</p> <p>Joint Steering Group</p> <p>Landscape and Seascape Character Assessment</p> <p>Joint AONB Local Plan policy</p>	<p>Joint studies and strategy</p> <p>Partnership working</p>	Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council, Natural England AONB unit	2018	Evidence Base specific to the AONB and a consistent policy approach from adjoining authorities to the AONB. Both AONB policies adopted in Allerdale and Carlisle Local Plans (2014 and 2016).
Environment	Flooding	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	<p>Joint commissioning of SFRA</p> <p>Steering group including Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority.</p>	Copeland, South Lakeland Councils, National Park Authority, Environment Agency and Cumbria County Council	2018	<p>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2018 and Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2018.</p> <p>Flood Risk is an integral part of site selection and has been included in individual site policies where</p>

						appropriate.
Environment	Biodiversity	Habitat Regulation Assessment.(HRA)  Cumbria Biodiversity Data Network	Support and input of Natural England during drafting of the HRA	Natural England	2017/18	HRA of Local Plan (part 2). Biodiversity is an integral part of the site allocations and the site policies.
Environment	National Park World Heritage Site	Wind Energy Schemes on the periphery of the National Park.	Agreeing the approach to and the extent of the sensitivity zone, along the Park boundary in the Area Suitable for Wind Energy.	Lake District National Park Authority	2017/18	Amendment to the Area Suitable for Wind Energy to reflect World Heritage Status.
Heritage	Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site	Hadrian's Wall Management Plan  Joint Local Plan policy with Carlisle	Joint Strategy  Joint policy	Local Authorities located within the designation  Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site Partnership Board	Adoption of WHS policy in Allerdale Local Plan 2014 and in Carlisle Local Plan 2016.	Common strategy along the Wall agreed by all interested parties  Consistent policy approach

		City		Historic England		from adjoining authorities to development affecting the World Heritage Site.
The Coast	Biodiversity (SPA,SAC, MNZ) AONB Ports Rail Network Coastal defence	Shoreline Management Plan North West Marine Plan AONB Management Plan Habitat Regulation Assessment	Responding to consultations when strategies and plan are being drafted.  Nuclear transport group that have representatives from the Port of Workington, Network rail and the LEP.	Natural England Solway Firth Partnership Marine Management Organisation AONB partnership Network rail Port of Workington and Silloth.	Ongoing	Mutual alignment between the Local Plan and other strategies and programmes.

## **Appendix 2**

### **Examples of Duty to Co-Operate meetings**

## 'Duty to Corporate' meeting 22 November 2016

Allerdale House, Workington

Julie Ward, Principal Policy Officer Allerdale Borough Council

Paula Allen, Strategy Planner, Lake District National Park Authority

Main issues discussed:

- Housing
- Transport
- Employment
- Health and wellbeing
- Gypsy and travellers
- Renewables
- Flooding
- Environmental

Issue	Challenges	Actions
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allerdale has a super-ageing population, a fall in birth rates and outward migration of young people</li> <li>• Established a dwelling requirement of 304 homes per annum which the Council aims to accommodate in the area of the Borough outside the National Park.</li> <li>• The Authority will have regard to the Allerdale / LDNP Housing Needs Survey 2016 and accommodate the Authority's need within the North Distinctive area.</li> <li>• Cockermouth significantly constrained not least by the National Park Boundary; politically Cockermouth remains a focus for housing growth although because of the constraints it is not considered sustainable in the long-term as a housing solution.</li> <li>• Older persons accommodation requirements – home adaptations rather than purpose built accommodation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Authority to consider including Cockermouth in its landscape capacity study which will focus on the landscape capacity of identified settlements to accommodate growth.</li> <li>• The Authority will have regard to the Housing Needs Survey 2016 and Allerdale BC Housing Strategy when developing options and policies.</li> <li>• Consider minimum internal space standards to enable flexibility around household lifetime need</li> </ul>
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No strategic infrastructure required to deliver the aspirations of the Allerdale Local Plan</li> <li>• Upgrading the A66 is a LEP aspiration</li> <li>• Both Authority Tourism Strategies complement each other</li> <li>• Allerdale would like to experience tourism pressure to the west of Cockermouth – spread the benefit!</li> </ul>	
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allerdale have an over-supply of employment land primarily at Lillyhall and port of Workington, but have a low delivery rate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LDNPA to review allocated sites for employment uses.</li> </ul>

	<p>Looking to safeguard land at Cockermouth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is the threat of employment land being challenged for c/u to residential</li> </ul>	
Health and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allerdale Borough Council have updated their 'play and pitch' report which covers Keswick</li> <li>• No planning barriers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABC to forward a copy of the Report.</li> </ul>
Gypsy and Travellers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABC to provide sites within area of the Borough outside the National Park</li> <li>• No issues or challenges at present but need to keep an eye on it especially with regards to unauthorised encampments.</li> </ul>	
Renewables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allerdale are maintaining the status quo – identifying an area outside of the National Park existing sensitivities such as the AONB and Hadrians Wall.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Authority to consider identifying an area to enable local energy needs to be met.</li> </ul>
Flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sources of flooding which affect Cockermouth originate in the National Park</li> <li>• Encourage the 'Slow the Flow' Initiative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SFRA to identify Areas of Search for flood storage in the National Park</li> </ul>
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allerdale keen to link with any studies which identifies gaps in the natural capital</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Authority to consider undertaking this piece of work or collating existing information.</li> </ul>

**From:** Paula Allen  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:58 AM  
**To:** Robinson, Francesca  
**Subject:** RE: Wind Energy Buffer Zone

Hi Francesca

I hope all is well with you.

Thank you for keeping us informed of your thinking, using the Cumbria Landscape Character Guidance and Toolkit seems a logical approach.

We have looked at something similar for the National Park using our Landscape Character Assessment, and the assessment shows that none of the character areas are suitable for large scale wind turbine development, given their visual sensitivity and limited capacity to accommodate change.

Our current policy framework supports small scale wind energy schemes (such as ground to hub height 25m), the location of which is assessed against our spatial development policy. This approach is likely to carry forward into the new Local Plan.

Paula

Paula Allen

Strategy Planner

Lake District National Park Authority

**From:** Robinson, Francesca  
**Sent:** 24 October 2017 11:58  
**To:** Paula Allen  
**Subject:** Wind Energy Buffer Zone

Hi Paula

We are looking to implement a buffer zone for wind energy development along the Allerdale/LDNPA boundary as part of identifying an area suitable for wind energy development in accordance with the Ministerial Statement. We are going to release it as part of a wider consultation but we wanted to get the views of the LDNPA before we do.

We have decided to identify the buffer zone using the Cumbria Landscape Character Guidance and Toolkit. I have attached two maps which shows the landscape types for this area. We are wanting to follow the boundary of the landscape type 12b – but as you will see on the maps there is a gap within this landscape zone around Cockermouth. So the buffer boundary in this gap will follow the A594 near Bridekirk, down to the roundabout junction with the A595/A5086 and down the A5086 through Cockermouth until it joins up with the other Landscape Type 12b (to the east of Eaglesfield and Deanscales).

The buffer will not stop wind energy development in the identified area but it would allow the authority the flexibility to allow appropriate small scale wind energy development.

Francesca

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**Allerdale Local Plan (part 2)**  
**Meeting with Natural England**  
**EA offices Penrith**  
**18 December 2017**  
**Meeting notes**

**Present**

Helen Rawson (HR)	Natural England
John Dixon (JD)	Natural England
Penny Ward (PW)	WYG
Julie Alexander (JA)	Allerdale Borough Council
Julie Ward (JW)	Allerdale Borough Council

**Update on local plan**

JW confirmed Allerdale were undertaking a focussed consultation on additional sites received during the preferred options consultation earlier in the year. No assessment has been undertaken for these sites.

The time table for the local plan is to take the pre submission draft to the Council's Exec in July with the intention of publishing in September.

**HRA update**

HR confirmed that NE comments on the HRA will be sent to the Council along with comments on the additional sites. At this stage there is no indication of serious issues in terms of approach and work so far on the HRA.

HR outlined potential changes to designations that would have to be taken account of in the HRA. Marine Conservation Zones are likely to be in place in the New Year. The assessment would require socio economic assessment as well as ecology.

PW confirmed that the draft HRA had been amended to take into account of the Solway Firth pSPA.

Agreed that draft of the HRA would be set to Natural England to be signed before formal publication of the local plan and associated consultation.

### **Green Infrastructure and Ecological Networks**

JA explained the purpose and evidence used to identify the green infrastructure network on the draft policies map and the aim to identify areas of the network which have particular ecological value that need to be preserved and where opportunities exist for enhancement.

JW outlined that PW had provided local information as a result of survey work, which will be used to identify areas but would welcome Natural England's input.

### **Natural England advice in the Development Management Process**

Discussion around usefulness of standing advice and the Natural England's plan to provide additional information and advice notes to help planning officers.

It was noted that JD intended to set up a meeting with DM team to discuss issues. DM team to highlight any issue prior to meeting.

### **Actions**

**Allerdale** to provide a copy of the draft HRA in advance of final publication to enable NE to sign off

**Allerdale** to provide draft mapping of green infrastructure showing areas of ecological value/opportunity for **NE to add to/comment on.**

**Allerdale** to send through final draft of green infrastructure policy and site profiles for **NE comment.**

**NE** to send comments on HRA as currently drafted.

**NE** to ask their Development Plan network for examples of GI

## Meeting between United Utilities and Allerdale Borough Council

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

### In attendance:

Andrew Leyssens (AL) (United Utilities . Planning Manager)  
Todd Ryan (TR) (United Utilities . Water Asset Manager)  
Andrew Roughley (AR) (United Utilities . Waste Water Business Analyst)  
Julie Ward (JW) (Allerdale Borough Council . Planning Policy Manager)  
Julie Alexander (JA) (Allerdale Borough Council . Planning Officer)  
Francesca Robinson (FR) (Allerdale Borough Council . Planning Officer)

- JW explained where Allerdale Borough Council is in terms of the Local Plan preparation. The Local Plan (Part 1) was adopted in July 2014 and sets out the settlement hierarchy and the distribution of development. JW identified the areas in which the Council is looking to allocate in and the areas which have reached their Local Plan targets already
- AR explained that within this United Utilities investment period (2014-2019), there are six upgrade projects planned for Dearham
- TR said that he had looked at the sites contained within the Issues and Options and assessed where there could be potential capacity issues with clean water:
  - Cockermouth . the current AC main is prone to significant bursts and the current cast iron main can have a build-up of deposits which leads to water discolouration. It is anticipated that from 2020, Cockermouth will be served by a new main linked to Thirlmere. So the concern for any further development in the town will be for the period 2015-2020.
  - Wigton . site 3/WIG/031/E (land to the rear of Syke Road) . this area has capacity issues resulting in poor water pressure. JA informed United Utilities that a planning application has been submitted for the site for employment uses and that a planning application for the adjacent site has been made for residential purposes.
  - Workington . sites 1/WOR/073/M (Workington Leisure Centre), 3/WOR/084/R (land off Moorclose Road) and 3/WOR/085/R (land adjacent to Workington Sports Centre) are all fed from Ennerdale Lake. DEFRA are stopping United Utilities extraction license from Ennerdale for these sites; from 2020, these sites will be able to be fed from a pipe from Thirlmere. If the Council seek to dispose these sites, then United Utilities should be informed as there are pressure issues which need to be addressed.
- AL . the list at the front of the letter dated 30 July 2015 identifies sites which are not near a watercourse which could prove problematic as the developer will need to discharge to the nearest watercourse. If they can't discharge into the nearest watercourse then they will have to go into the combined sewer which will increase the risk of surface water flooding and will cost United Utilities more in terms of treatment and pumping.
- AL . the Preferred Options report must refer to the water discharge hierarchy
- AL . United Utilities have concerns about a site at Kirkbride (1/KBR/005/R) and its location next to an existing sewerage treatment works. If there are other, more preferential sites in Kirkbride, these should be taken forward

instead. If this site does go ahead, there will need to be a buffer zone separating the site from the treatment works.

- AR . there are hydraulic flow issues with the works at Thursby. The Council should provide development figures for Thursby to United Utilities in order to support future investment plans. Developers pursuing sites in Thursby should provide evidence to demonstrate that they are not going to discharge into the works.
- AR . allocations should be kept to a minimum in Prospect as there are water flow issues as Prospect Works are treating more than it is designed to.
- Way forward . the Council will continue to informally liaise with United Utilities about which sites are likely to be taken forward so that United Utilities can talk to developers/landowners to encourage foul only drainage.

**Date:** Thursday 12 January 2017

**Attendees:** Steve Long – Principal Planning Officer  
Steve Robinson – Senior Planning Officer  
Julie Alexander – Planning Officer  
Andrew Leysens – Planning Manager  
Gemma Gaskell – LDF Assessor  
Todd Ryan – Asset Manager Water  
Alice Cardew – Asset Manager Waste Water  
Louise Lund – Business Analyst Waste Water  
Danisha Rama – Business Analyst Waste Water

- Introductions

**Discussion topics:**

1. General overview . The role of UU Developer Services and Planning (policy and development control perspective);
2. Council's latest planning policy and development control updates;
3. Any available site allocations near to WwTWs or within groundwater SPZs?
4. Water - planned investment/ constraints;
5. Water resource management plan
6. Wastewater - planned investment/ constraints;
7. Surface water disposal and planning conditions;
8. Any key developments . at planning stage, under construction and/or any anticipated building start dates for consented schemes;
9. Any other business;
10. Agree key actions before closing the meeting.

## SFRA Inception Meeting

16<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 10am  
South Lakeland District Council  
South Lakeland House,  
Lowther Street,  
Kendal,  
Cumbria  
LA9 4DQ

### In attendance:

Alastair McNeill	SLDC
Laura Chamberlain	SLDC
Mike Williamson	JBA
Julie Ward	ABC
Chris Hoban (teleconference)	CBC
Paula Allen	LDNPA
Anthony Lane	CCC
Dave Hortin (teleconference)	EA

### 1. Introductions and Minutes from Last Meeting

- Minutes agreed.

### 2. Policy context update: Local Plan, Core Strategy, Site Allocations and Development Management Policy, LFRMS, etc.

- LAs provided brief updates. Noted that LAs supplied JBA with written summaries of their Local Plan context as part of the joint brief for the SFRA.
- Allerdale – overall timetable shouldn't differ from that previously provided. Preferred Options consultation still scheduled for Feb-March 2017 with Publication stage in winter 2017/18. Will be able to provide housing, retail, and employment proposed sites and gypsy & traveller site (although this is still subject to internal debate).
- Lake District – Preferred options end of summer 2017. Call for sites in the new year – which can then be fed into SFRA.
- Copeland – working to a different programme than that in the Local Development Scheme. Site Allocations Preferred Options going to full Council in April 2017 with public consultation April-May. Will be finalising sites for the preferred options by 1<sup>st</sup> week in March. Final plan to Council in September so will need finalised reports by June-July – should fit with SFRA timetable.
- Cumbria –
  - o Will be commencing Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment in the new year as part of its statutory duties and will be submitted to the EA in mid June 2017. The PFRA will largely be based on pulling together existing information and will be done in house.
  - o Discussion of transition from Cumbria Floods Partnership to 'Cumbria Strategic Floods Partnership' (bringing together more in terms of wet and 'dry' organisations - with Cumbria CC administering the overall partnership – lots of sub groups within) – will need to be reflected in SFRA – need for ongoing dialogue between CCC and JBA.
  - o Will be updating Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

- May not be producing a new SWMP due to all of the information that is already available on this issue.
- Capital programme of flood risk works.

### **3. Key issues / activity schedule – agree scope**

- Environment Agency modelling update: slip in timeframe for Kent model – new model should be available in March 2017. Draft can be made available for SFRA study with caveat – probably by Feb 2017. DH will double check with Jonathan/Susan. Derwent and Carlisle still on track. Brathay, Rothay and Ehen – was due Oct, currently being finalised and will be ready Jan 2017. No further info on update to Coniston/Ellen – DH to double check but unlikely to be within SFRA timeframe.
- Key initial task will be to define the functional floodplain based on new modelling information – this will need to be undertaken before site assessments.

### **4. Data requirements and provision**

- SLDC to send the info requests to the EA, UU and Canals and Rivers Trust – this avoids license issues for JBA.
- LC to collate license agreements from authorities/organisations and forward to JBA for their records.
- Agreed that separate JBarn projects would be set up for the different LAs, and that SLDC would have access to view all of them for project management purposes.
- Each LA to upload its own GIS files directly to JBarn.
- SLDC and CCC to share a JBarn project - LC to liaise with AL for required info and LC will upload SLDC's, the LLFA's data and other organisations' data into the SLDC project area.
- DH advised that the target for info requests to the EA is 10 days.

### **5. AOB**

- Agreed next meeting to be arranged at draft report stage – provisionally end of March 2017.

Meeting between Cumbria County Council (Minerals and Waste) and Allerdale  
Borough Council

9<sup>th</sup> September 2015

In attendance:

Sue Brett (SB) (Cumbria County Council . Senior Planning Officer)  
Maggie Mason (MM) (Cumbria County Council . Senior Planning Officer)  
Francesca Robinson (FR) (Allerdale Borough Council . Planning Officer)

- General discussion about Allerdale Borough Council's response to Cumbria County Council's consultation on its draft Minerals and Waste Local Plan (held March-May 2015). SB confirmed that Allerdale's comments had been assessed and most had been noted/actioned.
- SB explained that FCC is considering closing Lillyhall landfill but no definite decision had been made.

*Minerals Safeguarding Areas and Minerals Consultation Areas*

- Part of the work on the County Council's Local Plan involves looking at the current Minerals Safeguarding Areas and Minerals Consultation Areas.
- In a response to their Local Plan consultation, Cumbria County Council received the suggestion that the current Minerals Safeguarding Areas should have a 250m buffer added to them. Given that this would prove difficult due to the provisions with paragraph 144 of the NPPF, the County Council will look to add a buffer zone but just to 50m.
- The County Council will create a guidance note on how to use Minerals Safeguarding Areas and Minerals Consultation Areas for both district authorities and members of the public.
- FR to ensure that when the new Areas are confirmed, that the County Council's Minerals and Waste team are on the list of consultees and are consulted when a development falls within a Minerals Consultation Area (excluding development on the forthcoming exemption list).
- FR to send MM a shape file showing the outline of the Principal and Key Service Centres in Allerdale, plus a separate shape file showing the outline of the Local Service Centres.

*Planning Consultations*

- SB explained that during the previous consultation, a further nine potential sites were put forward for consideration for allocation. As a result of this, CCC is planning on releasing an additional sites consultation in October which will run for four weeks. There have been no additional sites proposed in Allerdale, but there is one at Distington on the Allerdale/Copeland border for an expansion to the existing waste management/treatment facilities. FR confirmed Allerdale will seek to send a delegated response to the consultation in order to meet the timescales.
- FR provided an update on progress on upcoming consultations. There will be a consultation starting in November on the Planning Obligations SPD and

there is an aim to get a Site Allocations Preferred Options consultation out in early 2016.

- FR also explained that Allerdale Borough Council was holding a consultation on a new draft Validation List . FR to forward link to SB and MM in case they wanted to provide comments.

## Meeting with Cumbria County Council – Local Plan (Part 2)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016

### Attendees:

Julie Ward (Allerdale Borough Council)  
Francesca Robinson (Allerdale Borough Council)  
Steve Robinson (Allerdale Borough Council)  
Michael Barry (Cumbria County Council)

- JW explained that Allerdale Borough Council had created a spreadsheet which shortlisted the potential allocations to 103 sites. It is not expected that all of these sites will form the Preferred Options . some sites just need comments from County Council in respect of highways, drainage and flooding in order to remove them. FR to draft a template for highways/LLFA comments and send to MB
- Once Allerdale Borough Council receive the initial screening highways, drainage and flooding comments from County Council, will then be able to identify the Preferred Options.
- Once Preferred Options have been identified, MB will look to commission a full modelling assessment (cost to be split between CCC and Allerdale) . MB to provide list of what will be needed for the modelling work
- Once Preferred Options have been identified, Allerdale will seek wider CCC comments (e.g. education)
- MB raised the issue of policies to support the provision of Extra Care Housing . JW said Allerdale is open to discussion with CCC following the adoption of the Extra Care Housing Strategy by CCC.

Action	
MB to liaise with Highways and Drainage to provide comments on the shortlisted sites	MB
FR to create a template for highways/LLFA comments	FR
SR to work with MB on Infrastructure Report about what the Site Allocations needs to provide for (e.g. Southern Relief Road, Port of Workington, NuGen etc.) in terms of strategic infrastructure	SR/MB

Allerdale Local Plan Part 2

Highways and Drainage Evidence meeting

2pm 25 May 2016

The Courts Carlisle

Agenda

1. Site selection methodology
2. Work undertaken so far by Allerdale
3. Role of highway and drainage evidence in site selection (proforma)
4. Individual site discussion
5. Flood Reports and SFRA
6. Cumulative impact assessment
7. Next steps ( on-going engagement)
8. Timescales

## Meeting between Cumbria County Council and Allerdale Borough Council

### Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) - Preferred Option Responses

8 May 2017

#### Meeting Notes and Action List

To progress final site selection ABC requires a clear steer on the highway, drainage and education constraints for each site. (CCC to review comments) Where a judgement cannot be made at this stage CCC should clearly indicate what further information is required to do so.

ABC will provide feedback from the preferred options consultation on local issues that may require further investigation.

Agreed that further modelling work (with ABC contribution) is required as well as selective updates of IDP

ABC agreed to progress with JBA surface water management plan in Wigton and Harrington (scope to be agreed with CCC)

#### Drainage and surface water management

Action	Owner	Completion date
Review consultation responses to identify specific drainage issues relating to individual sites and any possible mitigation. Highlight sites where drainage problems would stop or significantly affect the land allocation.	CCC	2/6/17
Contact JBA to discuss surface water plan for Wigton and Harrington in Workington	ABC	26/05/17
Scope and funding of studies to be agreed	ABC/CCC	30/06/17

## Education

Action	Owner	Completion date
Provide confirmation in the education paper that school capacity does not represent an obstacle to delivering the site allocations. Where capacity issues exist these will be detailed with costs to be included in IDP	CCC	2/6/17  (to confirm no significant issues in education paper)

## Highways

Action	Owner	Completion date
Review highway comments to identify the sites:  Where the access and general highway issues are acceptable  Those that require further studies/information set out what is required to enable ABC to contact the promoter of the site	CCC	2/6/17
Produce a list of those sites that the local communities/ other stakeholders have concerns on highway/drainage/education grounds	ABC	26/5/17
Confirm funding for next stage of highway modelling	MB/JW	26/5/17
Workington Southern Link- identify a broader corridor on Proposals Map	ABC	30/9/17

# SOLWAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY GROUP

10.30am Wednesday 6 June 2018  
Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery, Carlisle

## MINUTES

### Present

Jonathan Parr (Chair)	Marine Management Organisation
Emma Baruah	Solway Firth Partnership
Ian Black	Marine Scotland
Rhona Fairgrieve	Scottish Coastal Forum
Ian Hinde	Allerdale Borough Council
Naomi Hewitt	Solway Coast AONB
Edward Wright	Marine Management Organisation
Jonathan Warren	Scottish Natural Heritage
Steve Garner	Environment Agency
Alison McAleer	Natural England
Rachel Whalley	Cumbria County Council
Richard Wood	Carlisle City Council
Clair McFarlan	Solway Firth Partnership

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Jon Haines	NWIFCA
Tim Riley/I Macpherson	AB Ports, Silloth
Paul Bancks	Crown Estate Scotland
Sophie Badrick	Copeland Borough Council
Doreen Bell	Scottish Water
Jackie Galley	SEPA
Kate Doughty	Natural England
Abi Carroll	River Annan Trust

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting, 21 March 2018

The minutes were agreed.

**Action Point – CM to look into getting someone to give a presentation on marine INNS – carried forward – RF suggested Lorna King from MS – discharged.**

**Action Point – SB to pass on information about the Sea Bin when it becomes available – carried forward**

**New Action Point – CM to forward the film footage of sparring spawning on the River Cree to the group**

**New Action Point – RF to send CM the link to the NI draft National Marine Plan for circulation to the group**

**New Action Point – CM to include a Subscriber note in the winter edition of**

#### Tidelines

**New Action Point – CM to send out information about the Borderlands Conference**

**New Action Point – SG to send CM the link to the new farm rules to put up on SFP website**

**New Action Point – CM to find more information about the proposed Silloth Tidal Lagoon**

### 3. **Finance Report Q1**

The Q1 financial report was circulated with the papers.

### 4. **Partnership Report**

CM had circulated the report prior to the meeting and so ran through the main points from the report which hadn't already been covered:-

- GDPR has taken up quite a bit of time and our eNewsletter distribution list has dropped from around 1000 to 250.
- The trial flight has taken place on the west coast of the Rhins for the SCRAPbook Project. There is a litter hotspot which needs tackling. Work is on-going on how to do this.
- The EMS bird booklet is now available as a digital copy and can be downloaded from the SFP website. NE has identified some funding for printing but hopes to find another pot to allow for a larger print run.
- Monitoring panels have been installed in Stranraer Marina for the third year and also Portpatrick Harbour. This year Marine Scotland Science have also taken water samples at the same time to see if they can identify INNS from the eDNA.
- The Saving the Sparling Project is well underway with filming the spawning having been successful. SFP has produced exhibition panels and will produce a small booklet.
- Work is underway on planning the SFP/Solway Coast AONB Joint Conference. It is taking place on Friday 2 November with Doug Allan, Wildlife Photographer/Film maker / Author as the Guest Speaker.

**New Action Point – CM to forward the film footage of sparling spawning on the River Cree to the group**

### 5. **Partnership Updates**

#### **Scottish Coastal Forum – RF**

- SIMCelt ended in March 2018 but as part of the outputs a MSP Challenge Game is available for SFP to use. An audit has been carried out on the SIMCelt Project.
- RF is now involved in the trans-boundary, cross-border EU-funded project, North Sea Project
- Northern Ireland draft Marine Plan has been produced. It is similar to Scottish National Marine Plan . RF will send the link to it for circulation around the group
- Sea Scotland Conference is taking place 20/21 June at Kinghorn, Fife with a Coastal Partnerships meeting taking place beforehand on the first day.
- Scottish Coastal Forum website is going to be updated

**New Action Point – RF to send CM the link to the NI draft National Marine Plan for circulation to the group**

#### **Marine Scotland – IB**

- IB is newly in post but has been engaging with Clyde, Shetland and Orkney Partnerships
- The Islands (Scotland) Bill has been passed. It gives island councils extra powers over activities on and around their coastlines and requires ministers to have a long-term plan for improvement.

#### **Marine Management Organisation – EW**

- The Iteration 2 stakeholder engagement finished in March 2018. The information and vision that came out of that is now being analysed. The MMO are also compatibility testing and looking at sustainability for the plan area.

- The MMO will create one/preferred option to take forward to present at Iteration 3 in Spring 2019. They will also look at targeted workshops over the summer as they did last year.
- They expect to have fully formed draft policy by spring 2019 for public comment

#### **Natural England – AM**

- NE has some funding for the bird booklet but hopes to get some more for a larger print run. They then need to build on that work and hope to record coastal bird distribution at a national scale.
- NE want to do more work on a strategic interpretation plan for the Solway Firth and tie in with the coast path team to give a combined strategy.
- The Allonby to Gretna stretch of coastal path is still waiting a decision from the Secretary of State.

#### **SMILE Project – EB**

- The project is concentrating on updating the Solway Review
- An on-line story map format is being used. The web template has been built and work has started on populating it.
- Stakeholder engagement has been taking place as it is important to include an element of public perception to give balance to the hard data.

#### **Allerdale Borough Council - IH**

- A meeting was held with SFP and the ABC Destination Manager to discuss opportunities to improve publications for tourism. This will be followed up with a discussion including the Solway Coast AONB.
- The Local Government Special Interest Coastal Group has been looking at harbour developments and is concerned about potential impact on habitat.
- IH suggested adding an item in Tidelines to try and increase the subscriber numbers for the eNewsletter

#### **New Action Point – CM to include a Subscriber note in the winter edition of Tidelines**

#### **Scottish Natural Heritage – JW**

- SNH has just let a contract to look at the distribution and condition of Priority Marine Features in MPAs at a national scale over the next 2 years. Luce Bay and Sands will be analysed around August.
- A number of features on the Solway will be monitored this year as part of site condition monitoring. This will include saltmarsh survey and seabird colony survey on the north side of the Solway.
- The SPA designation has been delayed to ensure that evidence and objectives are robust. There are 54 bird species included and the conservation objectives for each has to be produced.

#### **Carlisle City Council - RW**

- CCC is working on the Garden Village for St Cuthberts. A new consultation will take place soon.
- They have been heavily involved in the Borderlands initiative along with D&G Council, Northumberland Council, Cumbria County Council and Scottish Borders Council. There are economic drivers behind it with funding potentially available.

#### **New Action Point – CM to send out information about the Borderlands Conference**

### **Environment Agency – SG**

- The Consultation on haaf net limitation / rod byelaw package is complete. This enforces 100% catch and release for salmon and a limit of 7 sea trout on the River Border Esk and Eden. This will be in force until end of June. There were 170 objections that couldn't be resolved which were sent to Defra. It was approved without amendment. By the beginning of June there were 26 haaf netters applying for a license. There is now extended fishing times to include weekends. This will run for a period of ten years.
- The EA are looking at eutrophication of water courses. From 2 April farm rules for water and soil have changed and are enforceable by the EA (will send through link)
  - Slurry rules
  - Problem is some farmers lack infrastructure
  - 3 year period for analysing and reporting
  - Spot checks by the EA

**New Action Point – SG to send CM the link to the new farm rules to put up on SFP website**

### **Solway Coast AONB - NH**

- NH has worked closely with NE to apply for Water Environment Fund grant. The grant will fund a Project Officer to work on coastal land management, liaising with landowners, looking at breeding bird distribution, surveys etc. They will find out in July if successful.
- They are working on the Coastlines Coastal Pollinators Project with Cumbria Wildlife Trust. The project has got through the Stage 1 . Development - looking at working on habitats for pollinators, public engagement, working with landowners.
- Also working with Hadrian's Wall Community Archaeology Project led by Newcastle University. Looking at monitoring and improving sites along the wall including the coast and working with landowners.
- Working more with local businesses and tourism including the Allerdale Destination Manager. They ran a session with local businesses in Silloth and will be part of a big event in Manchester to promote the coast.
- Silloth to Allonby land management for sand dunes
  - Car parking and access issues
  - Signage
- To sign up to the AONB newsletter email Naomi

### **Marine Management Organisation – JP**

- The King scallop season closed at the end of May. The Queenie ban continues April to June.
- The Bass fishery restrictions continue.
- The razor clam fishery trial through Marine Scotland is on-going. There were 2 English vessels accepted along with Scottish boats.
- The Lower Derwent Working Group had an inaugural meeting to discuss issues in the lower tidal reaches of the Derwent.
- Port of Silloth - Operation Molasses - an emergency test was carried out with boons in the harbour.
- This year has been one of the best prawn seasons due to the good weather. There has been up to 40 vessels off St Bees Head.

### **Cumbria County Council – RW**

- Looking at waste planning in Cumbria

- Possible option to engage with Holiday Parks to seek funding for interpretation such as the bird leaflets etc.

**Crown Estate Scotland – PB by e-mail (not present)**

- The proposed Scottish Crown Estate Bill which is being debated at the Scottish parliament, anyone interested can follow its progress here:  
<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/107415.aspx>

**6. AOB**

CM mentioned the proposal for the Solway Tidal Lagoon around Silloth.

**New Action Point – CM to find more information about the proposed Silloth Tidal Lagoon**

**Dates of 2018 meetings**

The following dates has been checked and booked at Tullie House Museum, Carlisle:-

- Wednesday 19 September 2018
- Wednesday 5 December 2018

**All meetings will start at 10.30am (with coffee/tea from 10.00am) at Tullie House Museum, Carlisle.**

**From:** Smithyman, Joseph (DEFRA)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 10:35 AM  
**To:** Jillian Hale; Ward, Julie  
**Subject:** MMO Catch-up meeting

Morning,

Thank you very much for finding a date to meet in October. Based on the dates you gave me Julie, the 11<sup>th</sup> October is one that Jillian can make as well.

I have summarised the topics of discussion for the meeting that I hope to talk and learn more about. If there are any specific topics you would like to discuss please add them to this email chain.

From our side:

- To provide an update of the North West marine plan and where it is in terms of development and the marine planning process in general.
- To discuss the Coastal Concordat – a guiding document for the integration of licensing and permissions between the Environment Agency, MMO and the Local Authority for development in coastal areas.

What we hope to learn more about:

- Where both councils are in regards to your Local Plans.
- The pressures the councils face such as housing supplies for example.
- What the council sees as the valuable assets within the coastal area and relevant marine activities that stretch into the marine area (up to mean high water).

Our aim is to engage with Local Authorities as much as possible in the build up to the North West marine plan being adopted hopefully in 2020, but 2021 at the latest.

Kind regards,

Joe

**Joe Smithyman** | Marine Planner, Marine Planning Team | [Marine Management Organisation](#)

Address: MMO Lutra House, Dodd Way, Walton Summit, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 8BX



**SOLWAY COAST AONB PARTNERSHIP**  
**OFFICER STEERING GROUP MEETING**

**Thursday 6 September 2018**  
**10.00am, Solway Coast AONB Offices**  
**Liddell St, Silloth, CA7 4DD**

**Attendees**

Kate Doughty: Natural England  
Richard Wood: Carlisle City Council  
Rachel Whaley: Cumbria County Council  
Clair McFarlan: Solway Firth Partnership  
Naomi Hewitt: AONB Manager  
Chris Spencer : Deputy Manager  
Michelle Irving: Communications and Admin Officer

**AGENDA**

1. Introductions and apologies
2. Minutes of Last Meeting (Minutes attached)
3. Matters Arising
4. Terms of Reference (Draft TOR attached)
5. Financial Statement (Report attached)
6. Work plan update (Report attached)
7. Management Plan- progress log and timetable (Timetable attached)
8. Land management
9. Planning
10. Educational resources

## Pitchford, Jemma

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**From:** Robinson, Francesca  
**Sent:** 28 September 2018 12:11  
**To:** Ward, Julie  
**Subject:** FW: Marine Planning in the North West - 19 April 2016

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**From:** Ward, Julie  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2016 2:52 PM  
**To:** Robinson, Francesca  
**Subject:** FW: Marine Planning in the North West - 19 April Carlisle

[More information for tomorrow](#)

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**From:** Planning (MMO) [<mailto:Planning@marinemanagement.org.uk>]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2016 2:50 PM  
**To:** Planning (MMO)  
**Subject:** Marine Planning in the North West - 19 April Carlisle

Thank you for registering for the marine planning event in Carlisle on Tuesday 19 April. We are looking forward to meeting you tomorrow.

The event is open session from 9am to 12 noon, and you are welcome to come along anytime during this period.

There will be a number opportunities to hear from your local marine planner, with a presentation on marine planning being held hourly (starting at 9am).

As part of the events you will also be able to find out more about [our consultations](#) on the Statement of Public Participation, and the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, as well as our [Marine Information System](#).

The address for the event is:  
Carlisle Business Interaction Centre (CBIC)  
Teaching room  
4-5 Paternoster Row  
Carlisle  
CA3 8TT

Kind regards,

Sam Wright

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

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**From:** Alexander, Julie  
**Sent:** 02 October 2018 08:55  
**To:** Ward, Julie  
**Subject:** FW: Allerdale

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 3:06 PM  
**To:** Alexander, Julie  
**Subject:** RE: Allerdale

Julie

Thanks so much for these – I will go back through my meeting notes, and see what it was we discussed about Workington, and check whether there were any meeting actions for me! I'll get back to you tomorrow.  
Gemma

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**Sent:** 27 February 2018 12:53  
**To:** Gaskell, Gemma <[REDACTED]@uuplc.co.uk>  
**Subject:** Allerdale

Dear Gemma

Further to our meeting on Thursday, please find details of the planning application for housing allied to the Broughton Moor former ammunitions depot aka Derwent Forest:

<http://planning.allerdale.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=157199>

This first phase of housing is designed to finance preliminary studies on the depot site to facilitate its development.

The Broughton depot site is as per the attached plan, and is subject to policy S18 of the Allerdale Local Plan which supports a number of uses: [http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/downloads/Adopted Allerdale Local Plan \(Part 1\) - Final Version 151014.pdf](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/downloads/Adopted_Allerdale_Local_Plan_(Part_1)_Final_Version_151014.pdf)

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I also attach a link to last year's five year land supply document which might be of assistance in your forward planning – the appendix lists the sites with planning permission which were included in the five year land supply calculation (that we think will come forward). [http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/downloads/5 YLS June 2017.pdf](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/downloads/5_YLS_June_2017.pdf)

We will be doing this again at the end of March, so will send you the other update then.

I have also said that I was going to send you something about Workington (applications?), but I can't for the life of me think what it was. Can you remember?

Hope this of help.

Regards

Julie

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## Pitchford, Jemma

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**From:** Alexander, Julie  
**Sent:** 26 September 2016 12:12  
**To:** Dougherty, Jilly B  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting on the 22nd  
**Attachments:** Housing allocations for EA.xls; Local Service Centre maps.pdf

Hi Jilly

Further to our meeting please find attached a list of the housing sites we are allocating in the Principle, key and local service centres, and their grid references. Is this the type of thing you needed? I don't think we gave you maps of the local service centres, so these are also attached

The other tabs in the table show the commitments which have permission, and the reserve housing sites. I think the Maryport site 17 has some issues (surface water drainage, flood zone 3), but this is a large site which can accommodate land for drainage flood relief purposes.

I'll send another list of the employment sites and their grid references when we've finished them - I think it likely that they will be existing sites carried forward, for example at Lillyhall. These sites are already shown on the maps.

If you need anything else, please let me know.

Regards

Julie

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