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Dear Sir/Madam

## Public consultation on Allocations of Land Development Plan Document

I am writing to inform you that public consultation is taking place from 26 September until 30 November 2011 on the preferred options for land allocations.

Full details and all the documents, including site assessments, proposed allocations in each Distinctive Area and a Sustainability Appraisal are available on our website at <a href="https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/allocations">www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/allocations</a>. Paper copies of all documents are available to view at a range of locations throughout the National Park; please see the enclosed list of locations.

You can submit your comments using the online response form on the website. All comments must be received on or before the closing date. Paper response forms are also available on request.

The proposed allocations focus on three key themes:

Housing, workplaces and open spaces



Allocating land for specific priority uses is one way in which we can proactively manage development in the Lake District National Park. It can also help in addressing the needs of communities.

Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSAs)



MSAs are a new planning designation which we must identify. They will protect proven deposits of minerals which are, or may become, of economic or conservation value in the future. However allocation doesn't guarantee permission to extract them.



## Bowness Bay and The Glebe

We are also proposing to allocate Bowness Bay and The Glebe as a strategic regeneration location. We want this area to provide a world class visitor experience that supports the spectacular landscape. Visitor numbers could reduce as other visitor destinations improve what they offer. Visitor spending impacts local businesses and the local economy. An allocation will help us proactively coordinate improvements.

We have consulted extensively in developing these preferred options. We believe all the sites identified in the Preferred Options reports are suitable, in principle, for the type of development suggested. This consultation will be your final opportunity to influence the proposed allocations of land before publication and submission for independent examination by a Planning Inspector.

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We are holding public drop-in events in every town and village where an allocation for development is identified. A list of events with their dates, times and venues is also enclosed.

If you have any questions about any aspect of this consultation please do not hesitate to contact us by calling, emailing or writing to us using the details at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Chris Warren

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Paper copies of all reports are available to view at the following locations:

- Lake District National Park Authority Head Office, Murley Moss, Oxenholme Road, Kendal, LA9 7RL
- Local libraries in Ambleside, Cleator Moor, Coniston, Cockermouth, Kendal, Keswick, Penrith, Ulverston, Wigton, Windermere, Millom and Seascale
- Information Centres in Coniston, Keswick, Ullswater (Glenridding), Bowness

Bootle Post Office and Victory Hall, Broughton in Furness

These sessions will be held between 4pm and 7pm unless otherwise stated.

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28 September – Glenridding/Patterdale (Public Hall)
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- 29 September Bootle (Captain Shaw's School)
- 3 October Witherslack (Village Hall)
- 3 October Gosforth (Public Hall Supper Room)
- 5 October Keswick (Information Centre)
- 5 October Grasmere (Village Hall)
- 6 October Backbarrow/Haverthwaite (St Anne's Church Hall)
- 10 October Coniston (Institute Library)
- 11 October Caldbeck (Village Hall)
- 12 October Threlkeld (Public Room)
- 12 October Ambleside (Kelsick Centre Cumpstone Room)
- 13 October Crosthwaite (Village Hall)
- 17 October Windermere & Bowness (Millenium Lounge, Marchesi Centre) 4.30-7.30pm)
- 17 October Portinscale (Village Hall)
- 18 October Broughton (Victory Hall Foyer)
- 19 October Hawkshead (Market House)
- 19 October Staveley (Institute)
- 31 October Pooley Bridge (Parkin Memorial Hall)
- 1 November Troutbeck Bridge (Swimming Pool)
- 2 November Askham (Community Centre 3-6pm)
- 3 November Silecroft (Village Hall)
- 7 November Lindale (Village Hall 3-6pm)
- 9 November Braithwaite (Institute)
- 9 November Lane End (Waberthwaite & Corney Village Hall)
- 16 November Penruddock (Village Hall)
- 16 November Rosthwaite (Borrowdale Institute)

Two events specifically in relation to the Bowness Bay and The Glebe allocation will take place at Bowness Bay Tourist Information Centre on:

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27 September (4 -7pm)
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10 November (4 – 7pm)