

PETITION

Title: We the undersigned support the campaign both to preserve the green belt status of land (land between Manor Lane, Slyne with Hest and Greenwood Drive/Avenue and Pinewood Avenue/Crescent , Bolton le Sands), and to object to its use for development.

Statement:

We the undersigned petition the council to retain the green belt status of the land between Slyne with Hest and Bolton le Sands and to reject proposals to build there. We ask that District housing targets are met by using more appropriate and sustainable locations. We would like our petition presented and debated by full council and to be offered an opportunity to present our issue to full council.

Justification:

The residents of Slyne with Hest and Bolton le Sands are passionate and proud of their villages. Each village has a distinct community and gives its residents a strong sense of place.

The retention of the green belt that has so effectively prevented the villages from merging and forming what would be essentially a town larger in population than Carnforth, is absolutely essential.

Both communities strongly opposed development of their green belt in the creation of the last Local Plan and opinions remain just as strong today.

We wish to retain our local green belt to ensure that the historic villages of Slyne with Hest and Bolton le Sands can continue to exist independently. We wish to safeguard the land for its wildlife, its beautiful views, its capacity to mitigate flooding and to retain our District's history.

To release this land for development would result in the urban sprawl of Lancaster marching forward virtually unchecked to Carnforth swallowing villages that the north Lancaster green belt was created to preserve. Only 3% of our District is designated as green belt. We do not need to sacrifice this small percentage for development. Developing our stunning piece of local green belt will not produce the truly affordable homes the District needs.

We should be true to our District's slogan 'Promoting City, Coast and Countryside.' Development of our green belt would be in stark contradiction to this.