

# New Housing Sites at Appleby?

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TWO further sites have been proposed for future housing in Appleby — including one which could see 115 new homes erected opposite the town's new Story Homes development.

The sites have been earmarked as part of the Eden District Council's Local Plan, which has been drafted and is currently being considered by the Planning Inspectorate.

The plan, which maps out where the next generation of homes and businesses might go across the district, is set to become a key Eden planning policy document when adopted by the district council.

At a meeting of Appleby Town Council on Wednesday, it was said that two sites had already been put forward, on land south of Station Road and on fields adjacent to the coal yard on Station Road. The two sites were originally put forward to hold 45 and 39 dwellings respectively, however, this figure had fallen to 35 on each site due to concerns about noise from the A96.

Added to the amount of new dwellings being constructed on the new Story Homes development site, this would meet the Appleby allocation of 155 homes required between 2014-2032.

However, Appleby town clerk Caroline Dodgeon said the Planning Inspectorate had recommended the total number of new houses built across the district should

increase.

As a result, two new sites which were included in the original local plan consultation at Appleby, but had been discounted, had been reintroduced, taking the number of new houses to be built in Appleby from 155 to 214.

The two new sites include one on Cross Croft — opposite the entrance to the new Story Homes development and situated behind a row of older houses — where 115 new homes could be built. A smaller second site has also been proposed at Westmorland Rise, where

it is suggested 15 new homes could go.

Appleby town councillor Sally Hutchinson said the reintroduction of the two sites had prompted much comment at the council's recent planning meeting.

Cumbria county councillor Martin Stephenson said he had noticed all the sites for new housing are on the Bongate side of the town with none on the "Appleby side" of the bridge.

Miss Dodgeon advised that Eden District Council will be looking for a response from Appleby Town Council regarding both the increased number of houses and the two reintroduced sites. No recommendation was made, allowing councillors further time to consider the matter.

