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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This technical paper describes the approach taken to identify the key service centres in Cumbria outside of the Lake District National Park¹. It looks at the methodology and provides information on the criteria used to identify the key service centres. It also identifies what information sources were used to collate the data required.

that figure being considered as the minimum to support key services and one which also provided an appropriate cut off level within Cumbria.

2.3 The results of the exercise are set out in Appendix 1 and the source of information gathered is shown in Appendix 2.

2 METHODOLOGY

2.1 Policy ST2, *New development and key service centres*, sets out the settlements that have been identified as key service centres. Key service centres will be able to, or have the potential to, support and build on the existing level of service provision and provide good public transport links to outlying settlements. In order to promote a sustainable pattern of development they will be the focus of new development. The range and scale of development required to support the role of key service centres will be identified in Local Plans. The classification of key service centres is based on the identification of services and facilities seen as playing an essential role.

Stage Two – Criteria Applied for Key Service Centres

2.4 Having made a full assessment of service availability, those services deemed as particularly important for everyday life were identified. In the interest of promoting sustainable communities these had to be essential. Their availability would reduce residents need to travel to other service centres and enable communities to be self-contained.

2.5 The criteria used for the selection of a key service centre was: -
- 2000m sq or more retail floorspace (Use Class A1)
- Primary School;
- Secondary School;
- Doctors Surgery;
- Post Office;
- Library.

Stage One – Research into services and facilities

2.2 The availability of a range of services and facilities within settlements in Cumbria was established. To ensure that the selection process was as objective as possible the range of services was widely drawn. Each settlement was assessed on its own merits but had to have a population of over 1500 residents,

2.6 These services were seen as a minimum requirement. Their availability signalled that a critical mass in the settlements ability to support services had been reached. This meant a wider range of facilities would also be present or might be enabled through further new development. Such facilities included for instance police station, fire stations and nurseries.

¹ Service centres within the National Park are already defined (as "larger settlements") in the Lake District National Park Local Plan, using different criteria. Policies on the supply of housing and employment land within the National Park, which have a close bearing on settlement policy, are also different.

3 IDENTIFICATION OF KEY SERVICE CENTRES

- 3.1 The following key service centres met the criteria identified.

Allerdale Workington, Maryport, Cockermouth, Wigton, Silloth, Aspatria

Barrow Barrow In Furness, Dalton-In-Furness

Carlisle Carlisle, Brampton, Longtown

Copeland Whitehaven, Egremont, Millom, Cleator Moor

Eden Penrith, Appleby, Alston, Kirkby Stephen

South Lakeland Ulverston, Grange Over Sands, Milnthorpe, Kirkby Lonsdale

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APPENDIX 1

	Population	Local Authority	Retail Floor-space	Commercial Floor-space	Educational Facilities						Health Facilities		Community & Leisure Facilities					Civic Services					
			Town Centre A1 Uses (m sq)	Town Centre A2 & B1 Uses (m sq)	Nursery	Primary	Secondary	Further Education	Special Needs	Independent	Doctors Surgeries	Hospitals	Cinema	Theatre	Post Office	Public Houses	Hotels	Library	Police	Fire	Court Buildings	Registry Office	Job/Career Office
Carlisle	69850	Carlisle	211296	13942	32	25	5	3	1	2	8	1	3	2	14	30	17	6	1	1	1	1	1
Barrow In Furness	61400	Barrow	83377	14960	17	28	5	2	1	1	16	1	1	1	7	27	17	5	1	2	1	1	1
Workington	26950	Allerdale	42920	7713	5	14	4	1	0	0	6	1	1	1	6	23	6	3	1	1	1	0	1
Whitehaven	25400	Copeland	50245	15456	6	13	2	0	1	1	6	1	1	1	5	29	4	4	1	1	1	1	1
Penrith	13350	Eden	57385	13198	9	4	2	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	4	11	6	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ulverston	11850	S.Lakeland	24414	7928	6	7	1	0	1	0	6	1	1	1	2	17	11	1	1	1	0	1	1
Maryport	11550	Allerdale	12938	1680	3	9	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	8	3	1	1	1	0	0	1
Egremont	8250	Copeland	6872	1430	4	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	8	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
Dalton-In-Furness	8050	Barrow	4841	1652	0	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	10	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
Cockermouth	7700	Allerdale	19052	3465	3	4	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	1	10	6	2	1	1	0	1	1
Millom	7500	Copeland	9133	2186	2	6	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	3	3	4	1	1	1	0	1	1
Cleator Moor	7200	Copeland	5535	1255	1	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wigton	5300	Allerdale	9724	1512	7	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	5	4	1	1	1	0	1	0
Seaton	4820	Allerdale	N/A	N/A	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brampton	3950	Carlisle	4660	1069	1	4	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	5	5	2	1	1	0	0	0
Grange Over Sands	3850	S.Lakeland	7901	2174	1	4	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	10	22	1	0	1	0	0	0
Longtown	3021	Carlisle	3119	475	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	4	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
Silloth	2950	Allerdale	3302	919	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Askham	2890	Eden	N/A	N/A	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Aspatria	2750	Allerdale	3339	595	1	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	5	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
Distington	2600	Copeland	1999	773	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Appleby	2550	Eden	7048	1112	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	11	7	1	1	1	0	0	0
Frizington	2472	Copeland	1236	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Dalston	2350	Carlisle	1446	169	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

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Hayton	2210	Carlisle	N/A	N/A	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arnside	2200	S.Lakeland	2019	336	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0
Hesket	2140	Allerdale	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alston	2065	Eden	2640	345	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	5	4	1	0	1	0	0
Dearham	1950	Allerdale	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Milnthorpe	1950	S.Lakeland	3074	876	1	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	3	2	1	0	1	0	0
Seascale	1750	Copeland	1977	171	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	11	2	0	1	0	0
Kirkby Lonsdale	1600	S.Lakeland	7120	2012	1	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	1	0	1	0	0
Kirkby Stephen	1600	Eden	4944	992	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	1	0	1	0	0
Broughton-In-Furness	1560	S.Lakeland	N/A	N/A	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	3	0	0	1	0	0

		Information Source	Source Date
Urban Area		Town Centre Health Check, Cumbria County Council	1999
Population		Town Centre Health Check, Cumbria County Council & 1991 census	1999
Local Authority			
Retail Floor-space		Town Centre Health Check, Cumbria County Council	1999
Commercial Floor-space	Town Centre A1 Uses (m sq)	Town Centre Health Check, Cumbria County Council	1999
	Town Centre A2 & B1 Uses (m sq)	Town Centre Health Check, Cumbria County Council	1999
Educational Facilities	Nursery	Website - http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/	As at 16/09/2002
	Primary	Website - http://www.cumbriacc.gov.uk - Schools	As at 12/09/2002
	Secondary	Website - http://www.cumbriacc.gov.uk - Schools	As at 12/09/2002
	Further Education	Website - http://www.cumbriacc.gov.uk - Schools	As at 12/09/2002
	Special Needs	Website - http://www.cumbriacc.gov.uk - Schools	As at 12/09/2002
	Independent	Website - http://www.cumbriacc.gov.uk - Schools	As at 12/09/2002
Health Facilities	Doctors Surgery	Website - http://www.nhs.uk/	As at 11/09/2002
	Hospitals	Website - http://www.nhs.uk/	As at 11/09/2002
Community & Leisure Facilities	Cinema	Website - http://www.yell.com	As at 11/09/2002
	Theatre	Website - http://www.yell.com	As at 11/09/2002
	Post Office	Website - www.cumbriacc.gov.uk	As at 12/09/2002
	Public Houses	Websites - http://www.appleby-web.co.uk , http://www.yell.com , http://www.thomweb.co.uk/uk.thomw/index.htm	As at 19/09/2002
	Hotels	Websites - http://www.appleby-web.co.uk , http://www.yell.com , http://www.thomweb.co.uk/uk.thomw/index.htm	As at 19/09/2002
Civic Services	Library	Website - http://www.cumbriacc.gov.uk	As at 12/09/2002
	Police	Website - http://www.cumbria.police.uk/regions/north_reg.htm	As at 16/09/2002
	Fire	Website - http://www.cumbriafire.fire-uk.org	As at 16/09/2002
	Court Buildings	Website - http://www.yell.com	As at 16/09/2002
	Registry Office	Website - http://www.yell.com	As at 16/09/2002
	Job/Career Office	Website - http://www.yell.com	As as 16/09/2002