

NORTH YORKSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**10 SEPTEMBER 2014****DISTRICT COUNCIL REVIEW – SUMMER 2014**

In the past District Councils operated within their Core Policies and Local Development Frameworks based on government Planning Policy Guidelines and Strategies. However, the changes created by the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 and the Localism Act 2011 have meant the rewriting of previous management plans, and are now being presented as Local Plans (with Core Strategies for housing allocations, etc.) with compulsory Sustainability Appraisal. LAF scrutiny of draft plans is vital in order to ensure that access opportunities are included as Good Practice into strategic management and early design, in order to fulfil the LAF remit to proactively advise sec 94(4) bodies.

Craven: Contact Tony Martin: Draft Local Plan for Action will be ready for consultation in September 2014. Opportunity for input awaited

Hambleton: Contact Rachel Connolly. Local Development Framework completed 2007 prior to LAF involvement, and is undergoing partial review in the light of the new govt. planning policy. Current arrangement consists of a face to face quarterly review of design stage pre-applications, and projects. A recent short Q and A session with planning/policy team clarified LAF aspirations and emphasised the importance of ‘think access’ potential, which is improving but not always reflected in leisure projects. However, feedback from Hambleton is that LAF engagement ‘has made a difference’ for which their management must be congratulated.

Harrogate: Contact Tony Martin. Local Plan 2014 rejected by Inspector on examination recently. Major developments are referred to Tony at application stage, and he is confident that they are access-aware.

Richmond: Contact David Barraclough: Local Plan in 2014 was completed without the input LAF had provided, but ‘Delivering Development Plans’ will be the next stage and available for input in summer 2015. Currently all applications are forwarded on a weekly basis for scrutiny. A meeting has been held with the Planning and Leisure Managers. Past performance not very access robust. Currently advising on the Scotch Corner Designer Outlet proposals.

Ryedale: Contact Roma Haigh. Local Plan completed 2012 with input via Rachel Connolly. Roma had face to face meetings in spring 2014. Ryedale feedback is that they have found LAF input helpful and look forward to further constructive advice.

Scarborough: Contact Roma Haigh: major input to draft Local Plan completed August 2014 on behalf of Roma, which now awaits final Local Plan, then submission to the Inspector for examination. Face to face meetings have been held with planning officers. Feedback on LAF effectiveness requested and awaited.

Selby: Contact John Taylor: Local Plan presented 2014 (outcome of approval not known) – no changes to draft deemed necessary by John. Currently no regular liaison regarding development applications/access matters.