

North Yorkshire**Local Access Forum****23 November 2016****Harrogate District Draft Local Plan Consultation****Report of the Secretary****1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To advise members of the current consultation on the Harrogate District Draft Local Plan and to invite the Forum to consider its response to the consultation.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Harrogate Borough Council is currently consulting on its draft Local Plan.
- 2.2 The draft Local Plan provides details of:
- Draft development management policies
 - Draft allocations for housing, employment and Gypsy and Traveller sites
 - Options for a new/expanded settlement for the district
 - Draft allocations for Local Green Spaces
 - Draft development limits for settlements
- 2.3 The Council is also consulting on the following documents:
- Harrogate District Draft Sustainability Appraisal
 - Harrogate District Draft Local Plan Habitat Regulations Assessment
 - Harrogate District Draft Local Plan Equality Analysis Report
 - Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment
 - Provision for Open Space Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)
- 2.4 The new Local Plan will cover the period 2014-2035. When adopted it will replace the Local Plan (2001), Selective Alteration (2004) and the Core Strategy (2009).
- 2.5 Harrogate Borough Council has invited the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum to participate in the consultation. The consultation can be viewed here:
- <http://consult.harrogate.gov.uk/portal/pp/lp/dlp>
- 2.5 James Langler, Principal Planner, Harrogate Borough Council, will attend the meeting to give a brief presentation on the Draft Local Plan and to respond to Forum members' questions. It is hoped that this will be useful in helping the Forum to consider the contents of any formal response it wishes to submit as part of the consultation process.

3.0 Responding to the consultation

- 3.1 The closing date for the consultation is 4.30pm on Friday 23 December 2016.
- 3.2 It is suggested that the Forum adopts a similar approach to that applied for other recent consultations – ie that the relevant District Council liaison representative and the Secretary work together to draft a summary of the Forum's views based on the

discussion at the meeting, and adding any additional issues arising from consideration of the consultation documents. The draft response will then be circulated by email for members' comments prior to formal submission on behalf of the Forum by the given deadline.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Local Access Forum considers the content of any response it wishes to submit to the Harrogate District Draft Local Plan consultation.
- 4.2 That the relevant District Council liaison representative and the Secretary prepare a draft formal response to the consultation, and circulate it by email for members' comments prior to submission on behalf of the Forum.

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Background Documents: None