

North Yorkshire**Local Access Forum****4 February 2016****Hambleton District Council Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation****Report of the Secretary****1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To advise members of the current consultation on the Hambleton District Council Local Plan Issues and Options and to invite the Forum to consider whether it wishes to respond to the consultation.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Hambleton District Council is starting work on a new Local Plan for the District, which will set out the policies by which planning applications for new development will be considered. It will also identify developable land suitable for housing, employment, mixed use and recreation up to 2035.
- 2.2 At this stage, the Council is particularly keen to hear views on how it approaches strategic decisions about where new development should go, and to make sure that the new Local Plan starts by looking at the right local and strategic issues. This will help to assess the future needs and opportunities of the area.
- 2.3 Last summer the Council held a number of workshops with a number of organisations who have interests in Hambleton including local businesses, utility providers, healthcare organisations, housing providers and local interest groups and this helped to compile a list of key issues, challenges and opportunities facing the District. This has informed the preparation of an Issues and Options document. Comments on this document are invited during a 6 week public consultation period running from Monday 11th January 2016 and closing at 5pm on Friday 19th February 2016.
- 2.3 A copy of the consultation document is attached.

3.0 Responding to the consultation

- 3.1 The closing date for the consultation is Friday 19 February 2016.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 That the Local Access Forum considers the content of any response it wishes to submit to the Hambleton District Council Local Plan Issues and Options consultation.

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