

**North Yorkshire Local Access Forum****6 July 2016****District Council Updates****Report of the Secretary****1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To update the Forum on liaison with District Councils.

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 At the LAF meeting on 4 February 2016, the forum agreed an updated list of nominated representatives willing to act as the first point of liaison with the constituent District Councils in relation to planning and other relevant matters.
- 2.2 This agenda item provides an opportunity for the Forum to be updated on activity since the last meeting.
- 2.3 David Barraclough has provided the attached report on liaison with Richmondshire District Council.
- 2.4 Members will also be aware that Barrie Mouny and Tom Halstead met with Selby District Council's lead Planning Officer in May, and that Rachel Connolly consulted colleagues on a number of Hambleton District Council planning applications in May.
- 2.5 Other nominated representatives are invited to report verbally at the meeting on activity undertaken.

**3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 That members note the updates on liaison with District Councils.

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**Background Documents:** None

## **LIAISON WITH RICHMONDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **Local Plan**

The Core Strategy was adopted on 9 December 2014. This document, which had been many years in the making, lacked any input from the LAF. It was before my time, but apparently there was some confusion over the consultation deadline on the submission draft. During the summer of 2014, I sent a “nil response” during the consultation on the Inspector’s recommended changes (consultation was confined to the Inspector’s proposed changes, none of which affected issues of direct interest to the LAF).

The next document to be prepared by the District Council is that titled Delivering Development. This is intended to “flesh out” the broad policies in the Core Strategy and identify specific sites for development, whether for housing, employment or other uses. According to the timetable in the Richmondshire Development Plan Scheme, an issues paper will be published for consultation in June 2017; the draft document will be published in December 2017; submitted to the Secretary of State in March 2018; and the public examination is timetabled for June 2018.

To inform preparation of that plan, a series of 28 Settlement Development Assessments is proposed, to identify development potential. These are currently in progress, with that for Middleton Tyas having been completed. I was invited to attend public meetings in connection with these, but declined on the basis of my lack of detailed local knowledge and the sheer volume of work involved. However, there will be several opportunities to make an input later in the process.

### **Development Management**

I receive the weekly list of planning applications from the District Council. The bulk of these are for minor alterations and extensions to private houses and very few involve access issues. I have commented adversely, on behalf of the LAF, on several outline applications for housing development in Catterick Garrison on the basis that these “infill” schemes destroy the fingers of open space along the various stream courses in the Garrison that were obviously deliberately left undeveloped in earlier days.

Earlier this year, in consultation with George Bateman, I commented on an application in West Layton that involved the diversion of a bridleway. We were both happy with the proposal, but I have yet to be informed of the Council’s decision.

All comments are faithfully recorded on the application website (as they must be), but whether they influence the outcome on delegated or committee decisions is difficult to judge.

David Barraclough  
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