

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

12 July 2017

Craven 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 Craven Draft Local Plan and to invite the Forum to consider its response to the consultation.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Craven District Council is currently consulting on the third pre-publication draft of the Craven Local Plan.
- 2.2 The latest draft has been shaped by previous rounds of consultation in 2014 and 2016.
- 2.3 During the consultation period the District Council is seeking views from town/parish councils, residents, businesses and organisations on draft local plan strategy, policies, designations and preferred housing, employment and mixed use site allocations in the area covered by the plan. This current period of public consultation on the draft Local Plan is a chance for interested individuals and groups to help further improve the plan before the plan is formally published and submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government via the Planning Inspectorate for formal examination later this year.
- 2.4 The District Council is inviting views about:
- 2.4.1 What needs changing in the draft plan?
 - 2.4.2 Why does it need to be changed?
 - 2.4.3 How does it need to be changed –your suggestions
- 2.5 Craven District Council has invited the North Yorkshire Local Access Forum to participate in the consultation. The consultation can be viewed here:
- www.cravencdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan
- 2.6 Craven District Council are unable to attend the LAF meeting, but have offered to provide a note on the consultation to assist members. 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 midnight on Monday 31 July 2017.
- 3.2 It is suggested that the Forum adopts the usual 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 Craven 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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