

North Yorkshire Local Access Forum

27 January 2021

Secretary's Update Report

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update members of the Local Access Forum on developments since the last meeting of NYLAF.

2.0 Consultation Submissions & Responses

- 2.1 The Forestry Commission recently sent notification of a consultation on a felling licence application in the Kirkby Malzeard area where some of the proposed felling is to be undertaken in close proximity to CRoW registered common land and open access. This has been passed to the appropriate Forum member as the relevant District Council liaison for them to consider and draft a response, which will be circulate to all Forum members in due course.
- 2.2 In addition, in November 2020 the Forum was notified of a consultation on a new settlement around the Hammerton / Cattal area. Again, this was dealt with by the appropriate District Council liaison.
- 2.3 There have been no other consultation requests received or responses issued since the last meeting.

3.0 Other Updates

3.1 Local Development Plans

One of the key areas of involvement for the Forum is to ensure appropriate engagement in the preparation of Local Development Plans. Set out in the table below is an updated summary of the current position in relation to each District Council area, and in relation to the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan. This information is taken from the websites of the relevant authorities and correspondence received.

Authority	Status
Craven	<p>The Local Plan was adopted in March 2019. Supplementary Planning Documents on Rural Workers' Dwellings and Flood Risk are due to be adopted in 2020.</p> <p>The Craven Conservation Areas Project 2016 produced draft appraisals for 16 existing conservation areas and 3 potential new conservation areas in Craven. All 19 draft appraisals were accepted into the evidence base for the Craven Local Plan and the Council committed to undertaking public consultation on those draft appraisals at the earliest opportunity following the Local Plan's adoption. These were held from October – December 2020.</p>

Hambleton	<p>The new local plan was approved by Council on 16 July 2019. The period for comments was open from 30 July 2019 to 17 September 2019. More recently, a new Local Development Scheme (LDS) setting out the timetable for production of the Local Plan was approved in December 2019 – see: www.hambleton.gov.uk/localplan/downloads/file/1/new_local_development_scheme_updated_october_2017</p>
Harrogate	<p>The Inspector’s report was issued on 31 January 2020. The report concluded that Harrogate Local Plan was sound subject to main modifications. The report and Schedule of Main Modifications can be viewed at: https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/info/20101/planning_policy_and_the_local_plan/1159/harrogate_district_local_plan_examination</p> <p>Harrogate District’s Local Plan 2014-2035 was subsequently adopted on 4 March 2020.</p>
Richmondshire	<p>The Council is running behind with their review of their Local Plan, which was due to be circulated in the early summer. The revised Local Plan will update the policies used to consider new development across the District. A new Local Development Scheme was brought into effect in February 2020, setting out a timetable for the preparation of the Local Plan 2018-2035 documents – see: https://www.richmondshire.gov.uk/media/11465/local-development-scheme-february-2020.pdf</p>
Ryedale	<p>The Ryedale Plan Local Plan Sites Document was adopted at a meeting of full Council on the 27 June 2019. This Document was the final part of the Local Plan for the District. It identified commitments and allocations for housing, retail and employment land, and provided site specific policies, including policy for new and amended Visually Important Undeveloped Areas. The Plan covers the period 2012- 2027.</p>
Scarborough	<p>Scarborough Borough Council formally adopted their Local Plan on 3 July 2017. It will guide the future development of the borough in the period up to 2032.</p>
Selby	<p>A new Local Development Scheme for the period 2019 to 2023 came into effect on 17 September 2019. The scheme identified which Local Plan documents the Council would progress over the next four years, together with the programme for their preparation, and key consultation milestones.</p> <p>As the first stage in the process, Selby District Council ran a six-week consultation ending 6 March 2020 on the Local Plan Issues and Options. The comment received are shown as still being processed and will be made available, along with the Council's responses, on the council website in due course.</p>

Minerals and Waste Joint Plan	<p>The Order of 14 May 2019 declared the Secretary of State's decision of 24 July 2018 to adopt paragraph 209(a) of the revised Framework unlawful, and quashed it.</p> <p>The Inspector invited the Mineral Planning Authorities and any interested parties who wished to comment on the High Court Judgement and Order and the implications for the joint plan. The documents are available to view in Examination documents at: https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/minerals-and-waste-joint-planexamination</p> <p>January 2021 - There is no further update available at this time</p>
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3.2 Open Access Restrictions

The Forum is consulted on a range of restrictions under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. However, since the last meeting there have been no notifications of:

- Discretionary dog restrictions, received from the Open Access Contact Centre at Natural England confirming restrictions under Section 23(1) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, since the last meeting.
- Discretionary '28 Day' restriction under Section 22 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 - Landowners may close their access land for up to 28 days in any one year. They are not permitted to close their land on (a) bank holidays, (b) more than 4 days in a year that are Saturdays or Sundays, (c) any Saturday between 1 June and 11 August, (d) any Sunday between 1 June and 30 September. Landowners are not obliged to tell the public about forthcoming closures, or give reasons. Their legal duty is simply to inform the relevant authority of their intentions.

3.4 Regional Forum

The draft Minutes from the last meeting of the Yorkshire Humber and North Lincolnshire Regional Access Forum held on 9 September 2020 were circulated to members on 12 October 2020.

3.5 The next meeting of the Regional Forum is on 10 March 2021 at 10am - the meeting location to be confirmed.

3.6 2026 / Definitive Map

There are no changes or updates to report.

4.0 **Recommendation**

4.1 The Local Access Forum is asked to note this update report and agree any further actions required.

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