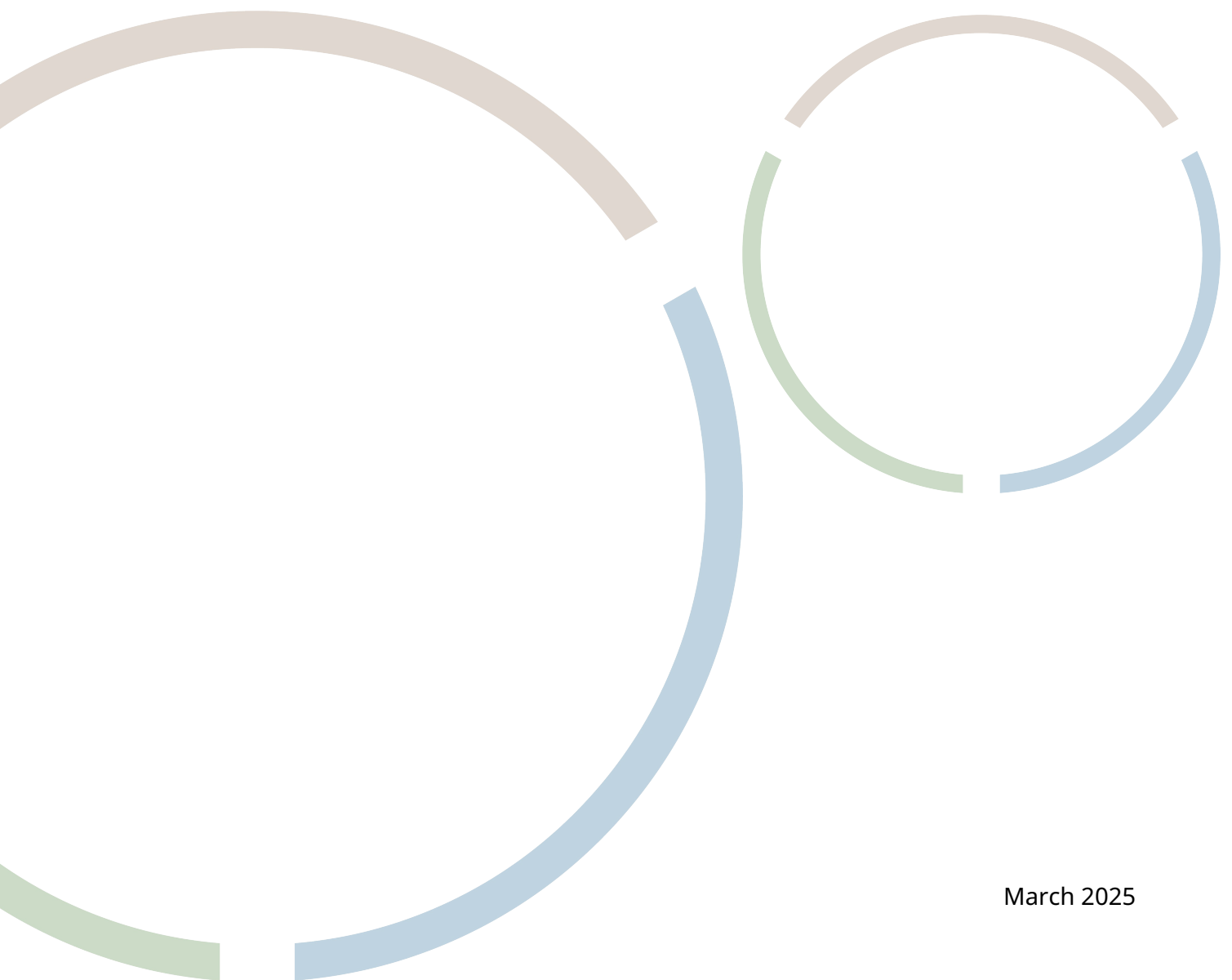




Local Development Scheme



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1 Introduction

- 1.1** The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the key planning policy documents we will be producing over the next five years. This document replaces the local development scheme adopted on 7 February 2024.
- 1.2** In terms of content there are particular requirements set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Section 15(2) as amended. This specifies that the Local Development Scheme should include:
- the local development documents which are to be development plan documents;
 - the subject matter and geographical area to which each development plan document is to relate;
 - which development plan documents (if any) are to be prepared jointly with one or more other local planning authorities;
 - any matter or area in respect of which the authority have agreed (or propose to agree) to the constitution of a joint committee under section 29;
 - the timetable for the preparation and revision of the development plan documents;
 - such other matters as are prescribed.
- 1.3** This Local Development Scheme was brought into effect from 18 March 2025 by resolution of the council.
- 1.4** The Local Development Scheme is available for inspection on the [North Yorkshire Council website](#).
- 1.5** The timescales will be revised as appropriate to reflect changes to plan preparation schedules and any revisions published on the council's website. In particular, they will be reviewed and amended when the requirements of the LURA 2023 plan-making reforms are known.

2 Development Plan Preparation

- 2.1** North Yorkshire Council will be preparing:
- The North Yorkshire Local Plan;
 - The New Settlement Development Plan Document.
- 2.2** Jointly with the City of York Council and the North York Moors National Park the council will be preparing;
- The Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review.

North Yorkshire Local Plan

- 2.3** The Local Government (Structural Changes) (Transitional Arrangements) (No.2) Regulations 2008 (as amended) requires that a single tier council adopts a local development document under section 23 of the 2004 Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act to apply to the whole of its area within a period of five years starting with the date of re-organisation.
- 2.4** Existing local plans for the former district and county areas will remain in place until the new local plan for North Yorkshire is adopted. The adopted local plan, together with any neighbourhood plans that are 'made' will be the development plan for North Yorkshire and its policies will form the basis for planning decisions. The local plan will exclude the areas of North Yorkshire which fall within the boundaries of the North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales National Parks, who will remain the local planning authorities for these geographies with responsibility for preparing local development documents for those areas.
- 2.5** The local plan will be supported by a policies map which shows how policies will apply across the area.

Document details

Table 1 - Document details for the North Yorkshire Local Plan

Role and subject:	<p>The local plan will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set out the volume and spatial approach for new development across the North Yorkshire Planning Authority area. • identify site specific allocations for housing (including gypsy and traveller sites), retail/town centre uses, employment and other purposes and related policies and requirements. • where necessary, set out local standards and criteria against which planning applications for the development and use of land and buildings will be assessed. • provide more detailed policies to manage land and development. • identify site specific allocations, designations and the areas to which policies apply will be identified on the policies map.
Coverage:	The local plan will cover the whole of the North Yorkshire Council area excluding the North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales National Parks

Status:	The local plan will be a local development plan
Chain of conformity	The local plan will be consistent with national planning policy and guidance

Arrangements for preparation

Table 2 - Arrangements for the preparation of the North Yorkshire Local Plan

Lead section:	Planning Policy and Place, Community Development Directorate
Joint preparation:	No
Resource requirements:	Planning Policy and Place Planning and Delivery and Infrastructure staff, input from Transport, Climate Change, Education, Economic Development, Housing, Leisure, Public Health and other specialists Evidence base studies undertaken by consultants
Political involvement:	Guided by the Development Plan Committee, area constituency committees and Executive. Full Council resolution required as set out in constitution.
Related and supporting work:	sustainability appraisal, habitats regulations assessment, duty to cooperate and statement of common ground, equality impact assessment, health impact assessment
Evidence:	housing and economic development needs assessment, strategic housing land availability assessment (updated annually), retail and leisure study, infrastructure delivery plan, viability appraisal, strategic flood risk assessment, green infrastructure study, landscape assessment, green space review, indoor and outdoor sports and leisure study, gypsy and traveller accommodation assessment
Stakeholder involvement:	In accordance with the national regulations and the adopted statement of community involvement (SCI).

Key milestones

Table 3 - Key milestones for the preparation of the North Yorkshire Local Plan

Regulation:	Stage:	Timing:
18	Public consultation on issues and options for the local plan	Q2 2025
18	Public consultation on preferred options	Q4 2026
19	Publication of the pre-submission version of the local plan	Q4 2027
22	Submission of the local plan to the secretary of state	Q3 2028
24	Examination of the local plan	2028-29
26	Adoption of the local plan	2029

New Settlement Development Plan Document

Document details

Table 4 - Document details for the New Settlement Development Plan Document

Role and subject:	The development plan document will provide the vision and detailed policy framework to ensure the effective delivery of the new settlement. Importantly, it includes ambitious policies on climate change that go beyond those included in the adopted Harrogate District Local Plan.
Coverage:	The plan will cover the new settlement policy boundary
Status:	The plan will be a development plan document
Chain of conformity	The local plan will be consistent with national planning policy and guidance

Arrangements for preparation

Table 5 - Arrangements for the preparation of the New Settlement Development Plan Document

Lead section:	Planning Policy and Place Community Development Directorate
Joint preparation:	No
Resource requirements:	Planning Policy and Place Planning and Delivery and Infrastructure staff, input from Transport, Climate Change, Education, Economic Development, Housing, Leisure, Public Health and other specialists Evidence base studies undertaken by consultants
Political involvement:	Guided by the Development Plan Committee, Selby and Ainsty Constituency Committee and Executive. Full Council resolution required as set out in constitution.
Related and supporting work:	sustainability appraisal, habitats regulations assessment, duty to cooperate and statement of common ground, equality impact assessment
Evidence:	housing and economic development needs assessment, strategic housing land availability assessment (updated annually), retail and leisure study, infrastructure delivery plan, viability appraisal, strategic flood risk assessment, green infrastructure study, landscape assessment, green space review, indoor and outdoor sports and leisure study, gypsy and traveller accommodation assessment
Stakeholder involvement:	In accordance with the national regulations and the adopted statement of community involvement (SCI).

Key milestones

Table 6 - Key milestones for the preparation of the New Settlement Development Plan Document

Regulation:	Stage:	Timing:
18	Public consultation on issues and options for the local plan	Completed
19	Publication of the pre-submission version of the local plan	Completed
22	Submission of the local plan to the secretary of state	Completed

Regulation:	Stage:	Timing:
24	Examination of the local plan	In progress
26	Adoption of the local plan	Q3 2025

Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review

Document details

Table 7 - Document details for the Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review

Role and subject:	Phase 1 review of effectiveness of plan and scope of any updates which may be required as a result of changes to resource availability and national planning policy.
Coverage:	City of York, North Yorkshire Council and North York Moors National Park Authority
Status:	The plan will be a local development plan
Chain of conformity	The local plan will be consistent with national planning policy and guidance

Arrangements for preparation

Table 8 - Arrangements for the preparation of the Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review

Lead section:	Planning Policy and Place, Community Development Directorate
Joint preparation:	Yes, with City of York Council and North York Moors National Park
Resource requirements:	Planning Policy and Place Planning staff, input from other specialists Evidence base studies undertaken by consultants
Political involvement:	Guided by the Development Plan Committee, the relevant Constituency Committee and Executive. Full Council resolution required as set out in constitution.
Related and supporting work:	sustainability appraisal, habitats regulations assessment, duty to cooperate and statement of common ground, equality impact assessment
Evidence:	To be determined as part of phase 1 review
Stakeholder involvement:	In accordance with the national regulations and the adopted statement of community involvement (SCI).

Key milestones

Table 9 - Key milestones for the preparation of the Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review

Regulation:	Stage:	Timing:
-	Phase 1 review and scoping of any potential updates required	Q2 2025

A: Risks to Development Plan Preparation

Table 10 - Risk assessment

Risk	Impact	Mitigation actions
Sufficient resources to enable the procurement of technical supporting evidence where required	Could cause slippage in the programme or undermine the soundness of the plan	Anticipate technical requirements and ensure funds and contingency budgets are available. Ensure close relationship with procurement team
Sufficient staff resources to deliver the programme including the completion of Development Plan documents already underway, due to vacancies or being asked to carry out unprogrammed work. This includes wider specialist support including highways, education and health.	Could cause slippage in the programme	Ensure staffing resources are maintained to work on the new Local Plan, complete the new settlement DPD and begin work on the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan review.
Uncertainty surrounding the plan making reforms and the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023	Previous consultations have to be rerun and new timelines to be established	Ensuring that the Issues and Options consultation covers the requirements within the proposed reforms to ensure that this consultation would not have to be repeated.
Reliance on third parties such as internal and external consultees for timely responses (eg site assessments)	Could cause slippage in the programme	Ensure regular engagement with the consultees with regard to future timescales and involvement required.
Political uncertainty/changes nationally and/or locally	Could cause slippage in the programme	Ensure keep as up to date as possible with any changes
Introduction of new national policy, guidance and legislation including review of NPPF and calculation of housing need.	Further work is required to address changes, which cause slippage in the programme	Planning policies to be kept under review in line with emerging changes.
Higher than expected consultation responses	Possible slippage to timescales involved in process and responding to issues raised	Ensure sufficient flexibility in resources to support consultation exercises
Further technical evidence required in order to respond to consultation responses	Possible slippage to timescales as further work required	Close working with consultancy and procurement teams so that matters are flagged early
Timescales for the examination stage	Additional evidence work or consultation required	Ensure that all comments are robustly addressed

Risk	Impact	Mitigation actions
Potential for legal challenge	Potential for the Local Plan or parts of it to be quashed.	Ensure plan meets legal requirements.

B: Preparation Timeline

Figure 1 Local Development Scheme Timeline

	2025				2026				2027				2028				2029			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
North Yorkshire Local Plan	IO	E			PO			E		PB		E		P	S		E			A
New Settlement DPD		E	A																	
Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review			1																	

Issues and Options (Reg 18 -1)	IO
Preferred Options (Reg 18 - 2)	PO
Publication (Reg 19)	PB
Preparation of Submission Docs	P
Submission (Reg 22)	S
Examination (Reg 24)	E
Adoption (Reg 26)	A
Engagement/Consultations	E
Stage 1 Review	1

C: The Adopted Development Plan

C.1 The adopted Development Plans for North Yorkshire currently comprise the following documents:

Plan	Date of adoption	Coverage
Craven Local Plan	12 November 2019	Former Craven District outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park
Hambleton Local Plan	22 February 2022	Former Hambleton District outside the North York Moors National Park
Harrogate District Local Plan	4 March 2020 9 December 2020	Former Harrogate District
Minerals and Waste Joint Local Plan	16 February 2022	North Yorkshire, City of York and the North York Moors National Park
Richmondshire Local Plan 2012-28: Core Strategy	December 2014	Former Richmondshire District outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park
Saved Policy 23 Development Limits modified by Core Policy CP4 of the Core Strategy (above)		Former Richmondshire District outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park
The Ryedale Plan - Local Plan Strategy	5 September 2013	Former Ryedale District outside the North York Moors National Park
Amendments to operation of policies SP3 and SP11	1 September 2016	Former Ryedale District outside the North York Moors National Park
Ryedale Plan - Local Plan Sites Document	27 June 2019	Former Ryedale District outside the North York Moors National Park
Yorkshire and Humber Regional Spatial Strategy Revocation Order pertaining to policy YH9 - York Green Belt	22 February 2013	Former Ryedale District and other authorities with York Green Belt excluding Hambleton
Yorkshire and Humber Regional Spatial Strategy	May 2008	Former Ryedale District and other authorities with York Green Belt excluding Hambleton
The Helmsley Plan	1 July 2015	Former Ryedale District and the North York Moors National Park
Scarborough Borough Local Plan 2011-2032	3 July 2017	Former Scarborough Borough outside the North York Moors National Park
Whitby Business Park Area Action Plan	3 November 2014	Former Scarborough Borough and the North York Moors National Park
Selby District Core Strategy Local Plan	22 October 2013	Former Selby District

Plan	Date of adoption	Coverage
Selby District Local Plan 2005 saved policies	8 February 2005	Former Selby District
East Inshore and Offshore Marine Plans	April 2014	East inshore marine plan area
North East Inshore and North East Offshore Marine Plans	June 2021	North east inshore and north east offshore marine plan areas
Policy E8 of the North Yorkshire Structure Plan (York Green Belt)	October 1995	Former Selby District

Neighbourhood plans

C.2 Neighbourhood plans set out planning policies and form part of the development plan used in determining applications for planning permission. A neighbourhood plan is made following a formal consultation process, examination and approval at referendum. The following neighbourhood plans have been made within North Yorkshire:

Plan	Date of adoption	Coverage
Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan	8 July 2019	Gargrave Parish
Bradleys Both Neighbourhood Plan	22 September 2023	Bradleys Both Parish
Ingleby Arncliffe Neighbourhood Plan	14 December 2021	Ingleby Arncliffe Parish
Otley Neighbourhood Plan	16 November 2021	Otley parish which is within West Yorks (Leeds CC). Within North Yorkshire: small parts of both Weston parish and Farnley parish
Ripon Neighbourhood Plan	10 April 2019	Ripon Parish
Roecliffe and Westwick Neighbourhood Plan	23 May 2022	Roecliffe Parish and Westwick Parish
Appleton Roebuck and Acaster Selby Neighbourhood Plan 2017-27	7 December 2017	Appleton Roebuck Parish and Acaster Selby Parish
Church Fenton Neighbourhood Plan 2020-27	29 September 2021	Church Fenton Parish
Escrick Neighbourhood Plan	13 December 2022	Escrick Parish
Pannal and Burn Bridge Neighbourhood Plan	13 November 2024	Pannal and Burnbridge Parish
Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Plan	13 November 2024	Malton and Norton Parish

C.3 Please note that a number of neighbourhood plan areas have been designated across North Yorkshire, many of which have active groups preparing neighbourhood plans, as such please refer to [neighbourhood planning](#) on the council's website for the most up to date position on neighbourhood plans.

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