

NEWSLETTER



February 2018

Big Changes under Way—Have your Say

Harrogate District Local Plan is reaching its final stages. If implemented as it is currently drafted it will have a huge impact on our part of Harrogate.

This is your last chance to have your say on the Local Plan before it is submitted to the Government for approval.

Harlow and Pannal Ash Residents' Association strongly urge residents to let the Borough Council know what they think about the current plan.

However, the matters that you can comment on at this stage are strictly limited. We are here to help.

This newsletter sets out what is being proposed and how you can respond.

Our concerns:

- *Massive Housebuilding*
- *Pressure on infrastructure*
- *Loss of countryside*
- *Clogged roads*
- *Increased air pollution*

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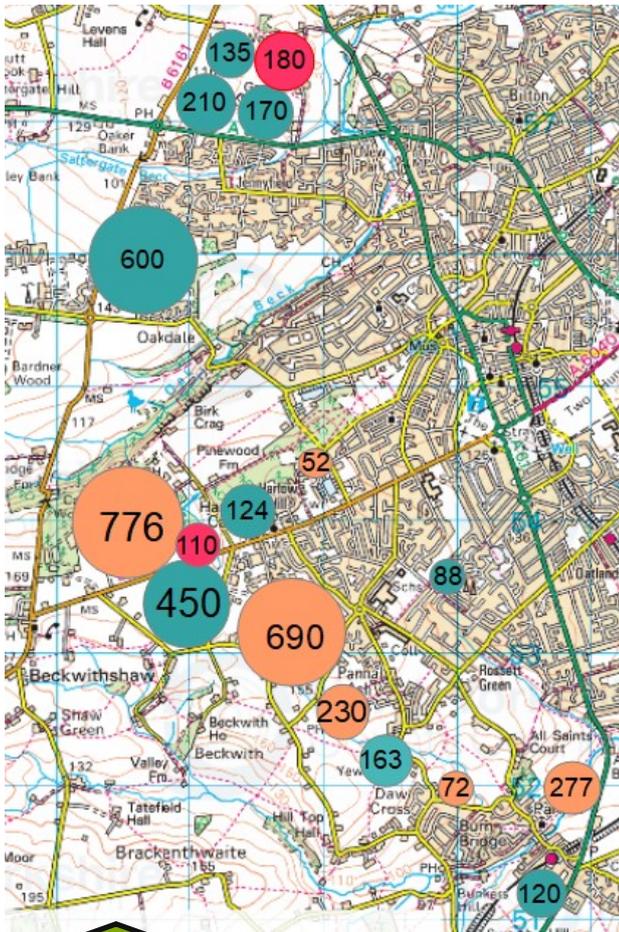
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Fields at Castle Hill, Whinney Lane

Local Plan site H51

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Background to Harrogate's Housing Proposals

The council is planning to build an average of 669 houses per year up to the year 2035.

The Draft Local Plan includes sites for 16077 houses in the whole district, nearly 15% more than the calculated requirement of 14049.

Planning permission for more than 5000 dwellings has already been granted but most have yet to start.

Infrastructure in West Harrogate

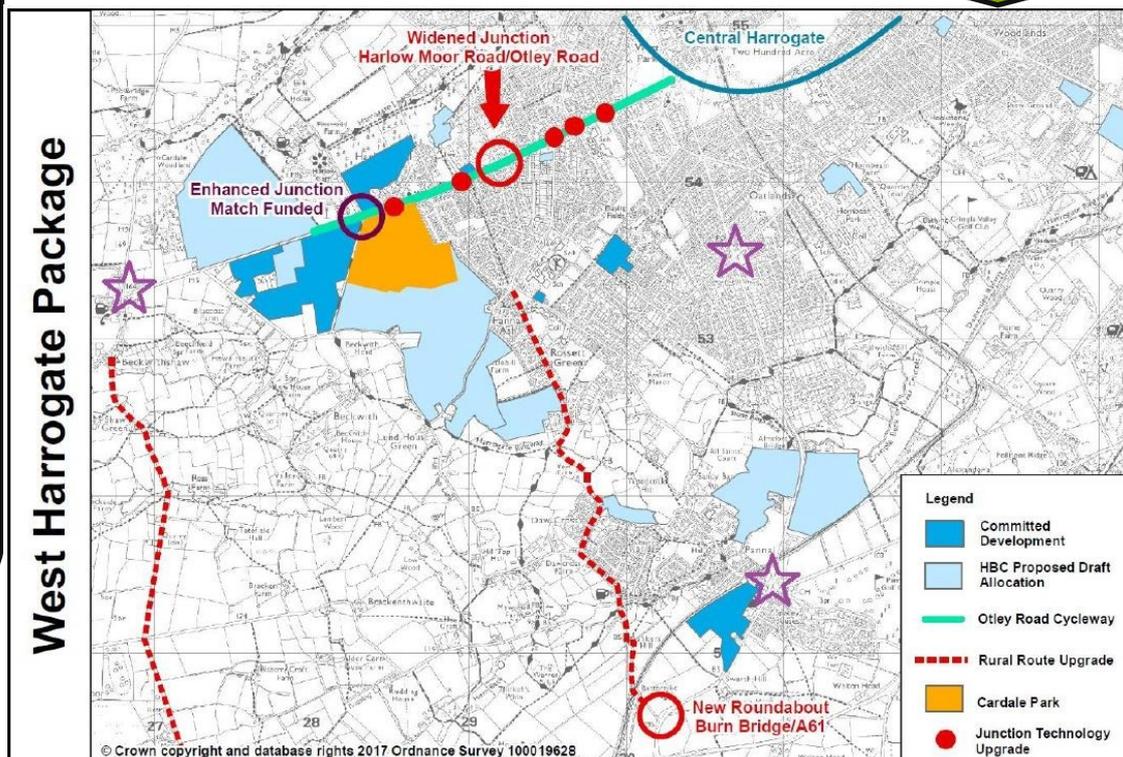
North Yorkshire CC has announced a £3m package of improvements in our area. This includes a cycleway along Otley Road. NYCC has confirmed that plans will be finalised this year with construction in 2019.

HAPARA has now formally requested that residents are consulted on the detailed plans of the proposals shown in draft below. We will keep residents informed as and when more information is available.

The Plan in our Area

Over 4000 houses are either approved or planned in the countryside around the western fringe of Harrogate. About 3000 of these will form effectively a new settlement centred on Otley Rd.

KEY: blue = permitted
Red = pending
Orange = Local Plan site



The Standard Comments Form

A standard comments form has been issued by the (government appointed) Planning Inspectorate. This has been done so that comments can be presented in the best way for the inspector to consider them.

Our understanding is that any comments submitted during this consultation, that do not use the standard comments form, are unlikely to be taken account of.

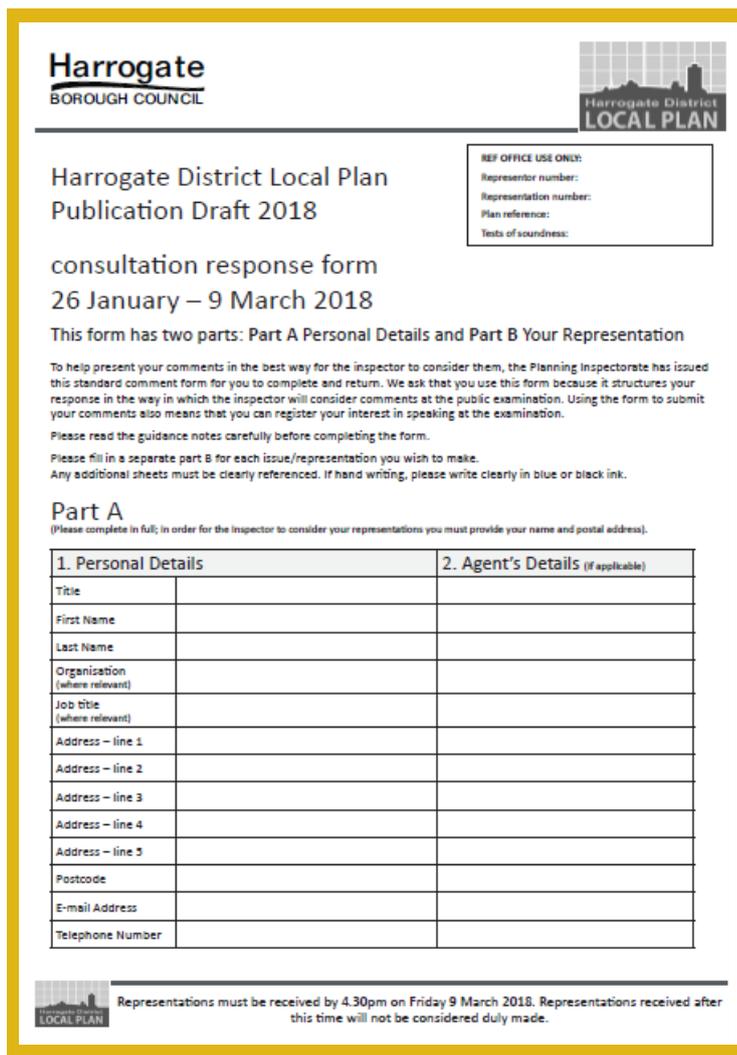
The *consultation response form* can be downloaded on the Harrogate web page:

<https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/localplan>

More information and guidance on how to access the form and complete it will be shown on the HAPARA web site (www.hapara.org) over the next couple of weeks, since it is fully appreciated that the whole process is not exactly user-friendly.

What can you comment on?

Any representations made during this consultation period, should only address the *legal compliance* and/or *soundness* of the Plan.



Harrogate
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Harrogate District LOCAL PLAN

Harrogate District Local Plan
Publication Draft 2018

REF OFFICE USE ONLY:
Representor number:
Representation number:
Plan reference:
Tests of soundness:

consultation response form
26 January – 9 March 2018

This form has two parts: Part A Personal Details and Part B Your Representation

To help present your comments in the best way for the inspector to consider them, the Planning Inspectorate has issued this standard comment form for you to complete and return. We ask that you use this form because it structures your response in the way in which the inspector will consider comments at the public examination. Using the form to submit your comments also means that you can register your interest in speaking at the examination.

Please read the guidance notes carefully before completing the form.

Please fill in a separate part B for each issue/representation you wish to make.
Any additional sheets must be clearly referenced. If hand writing, please write clearly in blue or black ink.

Part A
(Please complete in full; in order for the Inspector to consider your representations you must provide your name and postal address).

1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
Title	
First Name	
Last Name	
Organisation (where relevant)	
Job title (where relevant)	
Address – line 1	
Address – line 2	
Address – line 3	
Address – line 4	
Address – line 5	
Postcode	
E-mail Address	
Telephone Number	

Representations must be received by 4.30pm on Friday 9 March 2018. Representations received after this time will not be considered duly made.

What makes a Local Plan “sound”?

Positively prepared - the plan should be prepared in a way that meets the need for housing and other development, including infrastructure and business development.

Justified – the plan should be based on evidence, and be the most appropriate strategy for the district when considered against other reasonable alternatives.

Effective – the plan should be deliverable; the housing and other development should be capable of being carried out.

Consistent with national policy – the plan should enable sustainable development and be consistent with the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Where to find the Local Plan

The plan can be viewed **online** at:

www.harrogate.gov.uk/localplan

Hard copies will be on display also at:

- Harrogate Civic Centre
- Libraries
- Venues in Knaresborough, Ripon and Poppleton

HAPARA's RESPONSE

Your Residents' Association intends to compile a response on behalf of the people that we represent. **We will be contacting members to confirm their agreement** to the points we will be making. This does not preclude individual submissions,

Failure to submit a response at this stage will preclude us from putting our case at the forthcoming inquiry.

Working with others

Discussions are also taking place with a number of other Parish Councils and Resident Associations on how best we can work together as a collective group over the coming months. Also, given that the 26 January - 9 March constitutes the final consultation period on the Local Plan the HAPARA Steering Group also intends to conduct an extensive mailshot campaign in order to encourage the greatest possible response.

The next meeting of HAPARA itself is expected to take place in April, but there is a possibility that a special meeting may be convened beforehand, depending on how discussions go with other resident groups. Our apologies if people find some of the above detail difficult to comprehend, but the whole process gives one the impression of something that is being done `to us`, rather than `for us`, and we have to work with it as best we can.

What happens next?

The consultation finishes at 4.30pm on Friday 9 March 2018.

Around late summer, the plan is expected to be submitted to the Secretary of State who will arrange for a public inquiry. This will probably be held towards the end of the year. The Council hopes that the Plan will be adopted in Spring 2019 at which point the policies become enforceable.

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