# Harrogate District Local Plan Publication Draft Consultation 26 January - 9 March 2018

The council has published its Publication Local Plan and is inviting formal representations on it. The consultation begins on Friday 26 January 2018 and finishes at 4.30pm on Friday 9 March 2018.

The Local Plan sets out the broad spatial planning and policy framework for the Harrogate district up to 2035. It includes a long-term vision and strategic objectives, policies to guide development, allocations for new homes and jobs, educational facilities, Local Green Space and Gypsy and Traveller provision as well as a broad location for growth for a new settlement. The Local Plan will also be used to make decisions on future planning applications and, once adopted, will replace the council's existing Local Plan, which includes a number of 'saved Local Plan Policies', originally adopted in 2001.

The Local Plan Publication Draft is the version of the Local Plan which the council wishes to submit for examination. The council has previously consulted on the following versions of the Draft Local Plan:

* vision, priorities, growth options and emerging policies (July 2015)
* draft development management policies (November 2015)
* draft Local Plan (November 2016)
* additional housing, employment and Gypsy and Traveller sites (July 2017)

Representations received during each of these consultations have been taken into account, alongside other considerations, during the preparation of the Publication Local Plan.

Following this consultation, (26 Jan - 9 Mar 2018), the Local Plan will be submitted, together with the individual representations received, to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, who will appoint an independent inspector to conduct an examination in public. A summary of the main issues raised during the consultation will also be submitted to the Secretary of State.

Representations at this stage should only be made on the legal and procedural compliance of the Harrogate District Local Plan, the soundness of the Harrogate District Local Plan and whether the Harrogate District Local Plan is in conformity with the Duty to Cooperate. Please refer to the 'Commenting on the publication draft of the Harrogate District Local Plan' leaflet when preparing representations. This can be viewed at <https://consult.harrogate.gov.uk> and [www.harrogate.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.harrogate.gov.uk/localplan) hard copies of the leaftlet and the main consultation documents are also available to view at:

* Civic Centre, St Luke's Mount, Harrogate, HG1 2AE. Opening hours 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursdays and 8.30am to 4.30pm on Fridays
* Knaresborough House, High Street, Knaresborough, HG5 0HW. Opening hours 9.00am to 12.3pm Monday to Friday
* Ripon Town Hall, Market Place South, Ripon, HG4 1DD. Opening hours 8.30am to 4.45pm Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.15pm on Fridays
* Libraries throughout the district. Opening hours for these libraries can be viewed at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/local-libraries>
* Poppleton libary. Opening hours can be viewed at <http://www.exploreyork.org.uk/poppleton-library/>

In addition to the Local Plan Publication Draft you are also invited to submit your comments on the following supporting documents:

* Sustainability Appraisal
* Habitat Regulations Assessment
* Equality Analysis Report

For details of how to submit representations on the Local Plan Publication Draft please see the Statement of Representation Procedure which along with other guidance can be viewed online at [www.harrogate.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.harrogate.gov.uk/localplan) and <https://consult.harrogate.gov.uk>

Please be aware that to help you present your comments in the best way for the inspector to consider them, the Planning Inspectorate has issued a standard comment form. One form should be completed for each policy, site or part of the plan you wish to comment on. The form can be completed via the portal using the link at the top of this email; you can download/print off at [www.harrogate.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.harrogate.gov.uk/localplan) , or you can collect a copy from the council office and library locations set out above.

**Please note that the deadline for submitting representations is 4.30pm on Friday 9 March.**

If you have any queries please contact the Planning Policy Team at planningpolicy@harrogate.gov.uk or call 01423 556586

Yours sincerely

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