

Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council

RESPONDING TO THE LOCAL PLAN PROPOSALS – OUR LAST CHANCE

As of 26th January 2018 the "Public Consultation" phase of the local plan began. In outline, this means that from now to 9th March Harrogate Borough Council will conduct a public consultation of the proposals. **The Parish Council will and we recommend residents do object.**

To help, the **Parish Council will be running an open information session in Pannal Village Hall on Saturday 24th February (between 9.00 am to 4.00 pm)** to advise residents on the best way to comment on the Local Plan. We will have paper copy examples of how to comment and there will be an online demonstration set up. Please put this date in your diary, look at the details and come along.

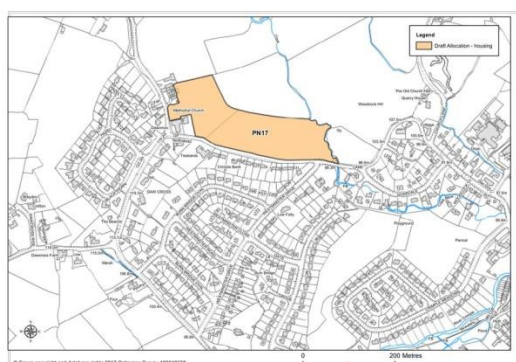
All residents should have received correspondence from the Borough Council on the "District Local Plan Publication Draft Consultation 26 January - 9 March 2018". You can read it on our website on the "Planning" page.

It is vital that residents make their comments and views known even though many of you will have put objections or comments in once or twice before. If you're unclear of what you said the last time, you can go back into the portal to view your comments or look at the Parish Council's Planning page for the comprehensive and composite responses it gave to the last Local Plan.

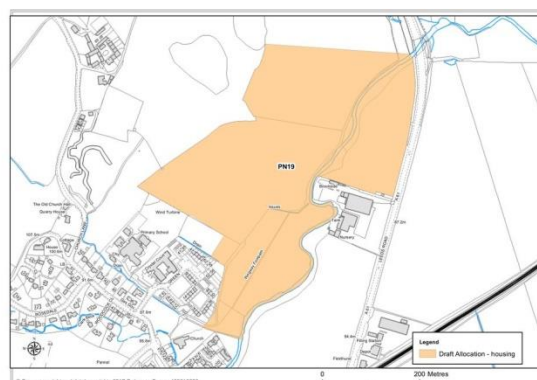
Details of the Local Plan in our Parish are either on the Borough Council's site - <https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/localplan> or go to the "Planning" page on our website - <http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/default.aspx>.

The plans are illustrated below

PN17 – 72 houses on Spring Lane



PN19 – 277 houses behind the Church



PN20 – expansion of Pannal Primary School



PN18 - Employment: use classes B1 (offices/research/light industry), B2 (general industry) and/or B8 (storage and distribution)



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What is the Parish Council doing?

To help us prepare our response the Parish Council has appointed Arrowsmith Associates as the Project Planning consultants supported by Smeeden Foreman for the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) and BWB for traffic analysis.

We plan to prepare specific objections on the basis of:

- Process/policy - the housing need numbers - Infrastructure and traffic issues – Environmental - Landscape and visual assessment – and the lack of consultation and consistency.
- In addition, we will look carefully at and use the arguments as to why the developments at, for instance, Rossett Green Lane, Cornwall Road and other applications have been rejected.

Essential points to note about the process:

- The Consultation Period is the final chance that we all have to comment to the Borough Council on their proposals.
- None of the comments to the local plan proposals in previous consultations made by residents or the Parish Council will be considered.
- Only comments made during this consultation period will be included in the documents considered by the Planning Inspector.
- Irrespective of the outcome of the Consultation Phase (in other words, whatever the Borough Council takes from the consultation responses), the Local Plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate - possibly by the end of this year, if not in early in 2019. At this point, the Plan will be tested for “soundness” against four measures – “**Positively prepared**”, “**Justified**”, “**Effective**” and “**Consistent with national policy**” (all of which are explained in more detail on our website.)

What should residents do now?

We recommend strongly to residents to proceed as follows:

- Read up on the Local Plan Proposals – go to our website for this or look at the Borough Council’s site - <https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/localplan> – with an eye on the eventual tests of “soundness” that will be applied – and if possible highlight which of the “soundness” measures you think the plans contradict.
- Consider holding back on your objections until the PC has received advice from its consultants as to how best to do this. **The results of our preliminary findings should be available on our website by 14th February** – we will advise you by newsletter and place a reminder on our Facebook page when these findings are in.
- If you have any doubts or reservations on what to do, **make sure you come along to our information session on Saturday 24th February.**

You can, of course, comment in advance of this – you can use HBC's consultation form or the links for commenting which are on our website.

Everyone who is on the PC's newsletter list will receive updates when appropriate and via links from our Facebook site. If you are still not on the newsletter list, please let the Parish Clerk know. For any further information please contact him on parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk.