



Pannal and Burn Bridge Parish Council Newsletter No 6 - Special Revised Local Plan edition July 2017

Revisions to the local plan – initial update and our response.

Dear residents,

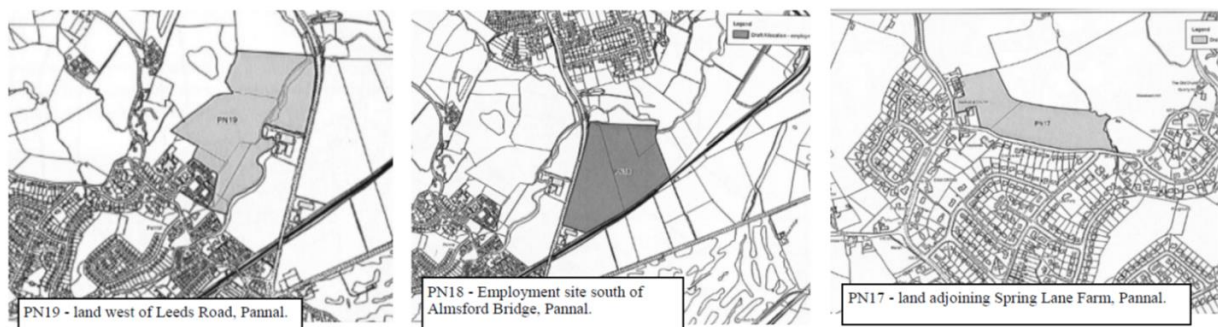
You may now be aware that we have at last seen the promised revised local plan proposals. Indeed, the Conservative Party's InTouch Magazine may well have been delivered to you already.

The revised plans are not good news for our Parish. Although the traveller site has been moved away, there has been a dramatic increase in the housing proposals including a new site and the inclusion of commercial development.

In summary. Harrogate Borough Council has just announced another raft of building proposals for our Parish in its second tranche of the Local Plan which will fill the area between Pannal and Harrogate with more houses and buildings for employment. The only positive aspect in their proposals is the removal of the PN16 gypsy and traveller sites. This is no doubt due to the combined influence of your parish council and local borough and county councillors who worked tirelessly together with the National Gypsy Council to prove PN16 was totally unnecessary. A small victory.

Despite the mountain of protests against PN14, the Borough Council's planners have totally ignored the wishes of the public and proposed an even larger scale of building on green open space and agricultural land which remains a Special Landscape Area.

The changes are summarised in the diagram and descriptions below:



Previously, as most directly affect our Parish, it was:

PN14 - land to the east and west of Leeds Road - 214 houses and PN16, the traveller site.

H36 - former police training centre, Yew Tree Lane - 153 houses.

H70 - land east of Whinney Lane - 183 houses.

H51 - land east of Lady Lane - 690 houses and employment land.

This has now been replaced as follows (note that new sites PN18 and PN19 replace PN14):

PN17 (NEW) - land adjoining Spring Lane Farm - 72 houses. This was not in the original plan. Using this agricultural land alongside Spring Lane for 72 houses (roughly the size of Crimple Meadows) doesn't take into account any of the objections regarding the preservation of the SLA or the already horrendous traffic situation in our community.

PN18 - employment site south of Almsford Bridge, to the east of Leeds Road. Again, NEW.

PN19 - land to the west of the A61 Leeds Road – now 285 houses, considerably larger than that proposed before and includes what would have been the PN16 gypsy site.

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We have always believed that there are plenty of opportunities for the Borough Council to meet its housing targets (as imposed by government officials) – all well aired at the Ashville meeting earlier in June - without covering the Crimple Valley in concrete or building elsewhere in our Parish, and still doing nothing about the infrastructure.

We have a real battle on our hands to combat this revised scheme. Your Parish Council will need all the support it can get to use the consultation period to maximum effect to defeat the latest land grab ideas.

Our plans, at this very early stage are as follows:

To make sure we have strong representation at open days and in the consultation period (14th July to 25th August).

We'll organise public meetings in the Parish to discuss the plans and help prepare the responses.

We'll lobby where we can to resist the proposals.

Perhaps those of you who have raised objections recently could help the Parish Council fight the real menace to our very existence as a rural community – but we'll be in touch to discuss our plans for objections very shortly.

We want to reiterate that at present this is only a consultation but it does constitute a serious threat to the Parish and there is no time to lose in organising our objections. We will be spending the next few days working on how we plan to oppose the proposals and will publish all the related documents on our website shortly and keep you all informed as soon as we can.

Best wishes,

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