



Harrogate District Local Plan

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The Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced a new style development plan system to replace the Harrogate District Local Plan (HDLP), Feb 2001 - as amended by the Selective Alteration, May 2004. For the first 3 years of preparing the new style **Local Development Framework**, *all* policies in the old style HDLP (and its Selective Alteration) were 'saved' for continued use.

However, from 27 September 2007, only those 'old style' policies contained in a **Direction** from the Secretary of State can continue to be used. Those HDLP policies no longer used are shown with the text 'struck through' i.e. ~~struck through~~ (they have not been saved because they either duplicate other national, regional and local planning policies or they are not needed). The Council will publish a guide to which other planning policy needs to be referred to when considering applications previously covered by these 'deleted' policies.

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Foreword

This document is a milestone for planning in the Harrogate District, as for the first time we have a Local Plan covering the whole of our area. After extensive consultation, a Public Inquiry, and detailed consideration of the Inspector's comments by the Council's professional staff and its elected members, the Local Plan was adopted on 19 February 2001. From that date we have had an approved set of policies and proposals to guide development up to 2006. I am pleased to present this Local Plan which is also available, for the first time, on CD ROM.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the Council's Officers, to the Councillors, and most especially to all those members of the public who have been involved, whether in relation to individual issues or with a wider view of the way in which the Harrogate District will develop in the future.

This Plan forms part of a series of plans and policy guidance which must be taken into account when determining planning applications. Regional Planning Guidance, the County Structure Plan and other local plans on Minerals and Waste all contribute to the planning policy context in the District. In addition, the Government's planning policy guidance notes (PPGs) set out national policy on a range of issues. In some cases these take precedence over our own Local Plan. When this occurs it is important to update the Local Plan as quickly as possible.

Work has already started on a selective alteration and a more wide ranging review to roll the plan forward to the year 2016 and I hope the community will again participate fully in this process. I am sure you share my desire to ensure that the planning system remains focused on achieving the best for one of the best Districts in the Country.

Councillor D J Tankard, Cabinet Member (Planning)

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