

Commenting on the publication draft of the
Harrogate District Local Plan

January 2018

Your views are important

From 26th January to 9th March 2018 we are consulting on the publication draft of the Harrogate District Local Plan before it is submitted to the government and passed to the Planning Inspectorate to be examined.

You can view a copy of the Local Plan: Publication Draft 2018:

- On the Planning Policy Consultation Portal:
<https://consult.harrogate.gov.uk>
- On the council's website:
www.harrogate.gov.uk/localplan
- At the Civic Centre, St Luke's Mount, Harrogate
- At Knaresborough House, High Street, Knaresborough
- At Ripon Town Hall, Market Place, Ripon
- At libraries across our district and Poppleton Library in the City of York

Making comments

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 that is available to complete on-line using the Planning Policy Consultation Portal.

Alternatively you can download or collect a comment form. Send completed comment forms to us at:

Planning Policy
Harrogate Borough Council
PO Box 787
HARROGATE
HG1 9RW

Email: **planningpolicy@harrogate.gov.uk**

Further information on using the comment form and how to comment is set out on pages 3 and 4.

Using the comment form

Please make your comments using the comment form issued by the Planning Inspectorate.

We ask you use the comment form because it structures your response in the way 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 public examination.

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During previous consultations we've asked for your views in order to help develop and refine the plan, and we've used this information to make changes to the plan.

The purpose of this consultation is different.

We are now asking whether you think the plan is legally compliant and 'sound'. These are the key questions that the planning inspector will have to consider at the public examination.

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).



The Harrogate District Local Plan

The Local Plan sets out how we will manage development across the Harrogate district.

It is a 20 year vision for a district where people can afford their own home, and live and work locally.

We want local businesses to thrive and create the jobs that will boost our economy so that our residents have the best opportunity to lead prosperous and healthy lives.

We also want to make sure that we have enough homes, including affordable homes, so that people can choose where they want to live and have a homes that suits their needs.

At the same time, we want to protect the unique character of the district, a place where people want to live, work and visit.

To achieve this, the Local Plan allocates land across the district for businesses and for new homes.

How you've helped to shape the Local Plan

Since 2015 we've been asking for your views on our ideas about why, where and how much land we allocate for development and how best to safeguard our natural, built and historic environments:

July and August 2015:

Issues and Options

November and December 2015:

Draft Development Management Policies

November and December 2016:

Draft Local Plan

July and August 2017:

Draft Local Plan: Additional Sites



Next Steps

We will submit all the comments we receive, together with the plan, to the government in summer 2018 who will pass them to the Planning Inspectorate.

The Planning Inspectorate will then appoint an inspector and set a date for a public examination of the plan. We expect that the examination will take place in winter 2018.



