

# Harrogate District Draft Local Plan 2016

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## I Information

### Tell us what you think about the Draft Local Plan

- I.1** Harrogate Borough Council is holding a six week consultation between 11 November and 23 December 2016 on its Draft Local Plan.
- I.2** The Draft Local Plan provides details of:
- draft development management policies;
  - draft allocations for housing, employment and Gypsy and Traveller sites, (see draft policies DM1, DM2, DM3 and HS10);
  - options for a new/expanded settlement for the district (see draft policy DM3);
  - draft allocations for Local Green Spaces (see draft policy NE6); and
  - draft development limits (see draft policy GS3 and section 11 Policies Maps).
- I.3** Documents setting out the sustainability appraisal, habitats regulation assessment and equalities analysis of the draft policies and site allocations are also available for consultation. You can read and comment on these documents via the council's portal.
- I.4** All sites submitted to the council for consideration as part of the Draft Local Plan can be viewed in the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment. You can also make comments against all the sites contained in this document. Please visit <http://consult.harrogate.gov.uk/portal/pp/so/shelaa/shelaa> for further information.

### Where to find the information

- I.5** All consultation documents are available to view online via the council's consultation portal at <http://consult.harrogate.gov.uk/portal>. Printed versions of the main consultation documents are available to view at the following locations during normal office hours:
- Council Offices, Crescent Gardens, Harrogate, HG1 9SW
  - Knaresborough House, High Street, Knaresborough, HG5 0HW
  - Ripon Town Hall, Market Place South, Ripon, HG4 1DD
  - Libraries across the district
- I.6** Evidence base documents, which provide information to support the policies and allocations within the Draft Local Plan, are also available via the portal and the council's Local Plan evidence base web page.

### Exhibitions

- I.7** The Planning Policy team will be hosting a number of exhibitions throughout the consultation period so you can come along and talk to Planning Policy officers about the Draft Local Plan. Exhibitions are being held at:
- **Saturday 12 November 2016:** Ripon Community House, 10am-3pm
  - **Tuesday 15 November 2016:** Masham Town Hall, 2-7pm
  - **Thursday 17 November 2016:** Pateley Bridge Methodist Chapel, 2-7pm
  - **Saturday 19 November 2016:** Knaresborough Methodist Chapel, Gracious Street, 10am-3pm
  - **Tuesday 22 November 2016:** Boroughbridge Jubilee Room, 2-7pm
  - **Wednesday 23 November 2016:** Ripon Town Hall, 2-7pm
  - **Thursday 24 November 2016:** Knaresborough House, 2-7pm
  - **Saturday 26 November 2016:** Harrogate Wesley Centre, 10am-3pm

- **Tuesday 29 November 2016:** Green Hammerton Village Hall, 2-7pm
- **Wednesday 30 November 2016:** Harrogate Baptist Church, 2-7pm

### Format of the document

- 1.8** The Draft Local Plan sets out development management policies for the district. Throughout the Local Plan the wording of these policies is provided within purple policy boxes like the example below.

#### Draft Policy purple boxes

Used to provide the wording of draft development management policies.

- 1.9** Some policies make allocations, these are sites that the council thinks are suitable for allocation for development, or for protection as Local Green Spaces. The allocations are shown within orange site boxes like the example below.

#### Site orange site boxes

Used to identify draft site allocations and basic information associated with them.

- 1.10** The council is also consulting on two new/expanded settlement options. Information for these site options is provided in blue option boxes like the example provided below.

#### Option blue boxes

Used to identify new/expanded settlement options and information associated with them.

- 1.11** The Draft Local Plan is accompanied by a series of maps called the Policies Maps. These maps identify the spatial proposals of the plan including the identification of site allocations, development limits and designations such as the Green Belt and the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).
- 1.12** At the back of document you will find a glossary and bibliography. The glossary provides brief explanatory notes for the technical terms used in the Draft Local Plan. The bibliography provides information on the evidence base i.e. the documents that have helped inform the content of the Draft Local Plan, and where possible a link to where the document can be found online.

### Submitting your comments

- 1.13** The consultation is taking place between 11 November and 23 December 2016. You can submit your comments at any point during this period, but we would recommend that you don't leave it until the last day. You can send us your comments in a number of ways but we would encourage you to register and submit them online via the consultation portal at: <http://consult.harrogate.gov.uk/portal>
- 1.14** You can also send your comments by post. Please make sure you include your full name and address with any comments you submit, we cannot accept comments submitted anonymously, or with only a name and email address:

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- I.15** Please only use one method of reply to avoid duplication of representations. All comments must be received by 4.30pm on Friday 23 December 2016. Comments received after this date will not be considered to be duly made and may not be taken into account in finalising the Local Plan.

### Registering with the consultation portal

- I.16** To submit your views using the consultation portal you must first login into the system; you will not be able to view the questions or enter your comments until you have logged in. If you are not currently on our Local Plan database you will need to register with our consultation system first. You can register at: <http://consult.harrogate.gov.uk/common/register.jsp>
- I.17** Registering with the system is a two step process; please make sure that you have completed both parts or you may find that you cannot login.
- I.18** If you have already set up an account please **DO NOT** register again, (if you are already registered with our consultation database you will probably have received an email notifying you about the Draft Local Plan consultation). If you are already registered and have forgotten your username and/or password click on the 'Login/Register' button and follow the instructions.
- I.19** You only need to register as an 'Agent' if you are a planning agent i.e. a professional submitting comments on behalf of landowners and/or stakeholders.
- I.20** Click on the 'Add Comments' tab, (see Figure I.1), to open up the comment box; enter your comments and click on the green button to submit. You can also save your comments in draft and submit them later. Please note that some questions will have a word limit for responses; if you go over the word limit you may not be able to submit your response.



Figure I.1 comment box

### How will we use the information you give us?

- I.21** We will take the views and suggestions received through consultations into account when finalising our plans. Once your comments have been submitted they will be checked and added to the on-line consultation system where you will be able to see your comments and those that have been made by others, (please be aware that comments not submitted via the portal may take longer to appear on the system). Your name, organisation if applicable, and comments will be displayed publicly, but no other personal information will be published.

## Data Protection Statement

- I.22** The consultation process requires you to supply personal information about yourself. The purpose of collecting these details is to help us understand who is contributing to our consultation process and so the council can keep you informed of the next steps in the process. Information will be stored on the Local Plan consultation portal and used solely in connection with the Local Plan and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1988. Representations will be available to view on the council's website, although address and contact details will not be included. However, as copies of representations must be made available for public inspection, they cannot be treated as confidential and will be available for inspection in full.

## Next steps

- I.23** Following the close of the consultation period we will consider your comments, gather further evidence where required and redraft the Local Plan. We will then ask for your views on a publication version and ask whether the revised Local Plan meets the government's tests of soundness. Once the council is satisfied the plan is sound we will formally submit the Local Plan to the government for inspection. At this point an examination in public will take place, it is anticipated that the plan will be adopted late in 2018.

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Arkendale

Askwith

Baldersby

Beckwithshaw

Bewerley

Birstwith

Bishop Monkton

Bishop Thornton

Brearton

Burnt Yates

Burton Leonard

Copgrove

Copt Hewick

Cowthorpe

Dacre

Dacre Banks

Darley

Dishforth

Farnham

Flaxby

Follifoot

Galphay

Glasshouses

Goldsborough

Grantley

Great Ouseburn

Green Hammerton

Grewelthorpe

Hampsthwaite

Huby

Hunsingore

Kettlesing Bottom

Killinghall

Kirby Hill

Kirk Deighton

Kirk Hammerton

Kirkby Malzeard

Kirkby Overblow

Little Ouseburn

Little Ribston

Littlethorpe

Lofthouse

Long Marston

Markington	
Marton cum Grafton	
Marton le Moor	
Melmerby	
Middlesmoor	
Minskip	
North Deighton	
North Rigton	
North Stainley	
Nun Monkton	
Pannal	
Rainton	
Ramsgill	
Ripley	
Roecliffe	
Sawley	
Scotton	
Sharow	
Sicklinghall	
Skelton on Ure	
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Spofforth	
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## Introduction

## 1 Introduction

### What is the new Local Plan?

- 1.1** The council has started work on preparing a new Local Plan for the district, which will cover the period 2014-2035. This will set out how much and where land should be provided to accommodate the new homes and jobs that are needed in our district. The new Local Plan is not just about homes and jobs; it will also look to facilitate new infrastructure provision to ensure that development is sustainable. This might include new transport measures, new sport, open space and recreation facilities as well as schools, shops and community facilities. Finally the new Local Plan will also look to protect and enhance our high quality natural and built environment.
- 1.2** Once the plan is finalised and adopted, this will be used to manage development through the determination of planning applications; making clear where development is acceptable and providing certainty for local communities that new development will happen in a planned and co-ordinated way.

### Why and how has it been prepared?

- 1.3** National planning policy requires council's to prepare long term development plans for their area, and through Regulations sets out prescribed processes that the council must follow. Work on the local plan is at Regulation 18 stage, which is the first stage of plan making. To date, as part of this stage the council has already consulted on issues and options that the plan might need to address (July/August 2015), together with a further consultation in November 2015 on the wording of development management policies). The responses to those consultations have been considered by the council and this draft local plan is the response to the comments made.
- 1.4** A range of evidence has been commissioned or undertaken by the council to underpin the Local Plan and this can be viewed on the council's website. The preparation of the draft plan has also been informed by the following:
- Sustainability Appraisal
  - Habitats Regulation Assessment
  - Equalities Impact Assessment

### What will the Local Plan replace?

- 1.5** The Harrogate District Local Plan (2001) and Selective Alteration (2004), and the Harrogate District Core Strategy (2009) form the current development plan for Harrogate district. Core Strategy and 'saved' Local Plan and Selective Alteration policies that conform to the National Planning Policy Framework will continue to form the basis for planning decisions until the adoption of the new Local Plan. When adopted the new Local Plan will replace the Local Plan (2001), Selective Alteration (2004) and the Core Strategy (2009).

### The wider context

- 1.6** The Local Plan has been prepared within the context of other relevant national and local plans and strategies.

### National Planning Policy Framework

- 1.7** The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Government's planning policies and how these are expected to be applied. It provides a framework for the preparation of locally distinctive planning policies in the form of a Local Plan. It makes clear that local plans should be aspirational but realistic and are the key to delivering sustainable development.

Local Plans should be consistent with the principles and policies set out in the NPPF. The NPPF does not change the statutory status of the development plan; planning decisions must be taken in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

### **North Yorkshire Strategic Economic Plan**

- 1.8** The Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) was approved in March 2014 and an update published in 2016. A key ambition of the SEP is to double housebuilding across the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area. Harrogate is identified as one of the growth towns in the A1/A19 corridor but the SEP identifies that transport congestion severely restricts long term growth potential. To this end Harrogate is identified as an area where the LEP is looking to unlock housing growth and fast track employment sites. Harrogate will also benefit from desired improvements to East West road and rail connections.

### **Leeds City Region Strategic Economic Plan (2016-2036)**

- 1.9** A refreshed Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) was approved in May 2016 and sets out the priorities to deliver the growth agenda across the City Region area. Harrogate is identified as having a strong and diverse economy; vibrant sectors include financial and professional services (with strengths in financial payments technology) and digital, creative and life sciences. It is also home to a renowned visitor economy offer. It is an area enjoying high employment and strong levels of enterprise with resident earnings and skills above average but facing a significant challenge in that the average workplace earnings are lower than regional and national rates and for those residents who commute elsewhere. This is compounded by high house prices and a costly private rental market: Harrogate is one of three areas in the City Region with worsening housing affordability. There are also challenges around the availability of suitable business premises, peak hour congestion and transport connectivity.
- 1.10** A key priority of the SEP is to increase housebuilding across the City Region not only to deliver homes but also support economic growth and employment opportunities. Harrogate is not identified in the SEP as one of the housing growth areas but actions identified in the SEP to accelerate the pace and rate of house building across the region are relevant for the preparation of the Local Plan.

### **Harrogate Borough Council Corporate Plan**

- 1.11** A strong local economy is identified as one of the Council's key priorities; success will mean having a resilient, diverse and expanding economy with a vibrant tourism offer and a world class conference centre supported by excellent transport and broadband connectivity. The council's Corporate Plan also identifies affordable housing as one of the key challenges facing the district. Under the 'Supporting Communities' priority, addressing people's housing needs is identified as one of the outcomes to be achieved.

### **Harrogate Borough Council Draft Housing Strategy 2015-2020**

- 1.12** The council's Housing Strategy sets out the key drivers and issues affecting the district and what the council intends to do to help overcome these challenges and create the right conditions for growth and improve the local housing offer. It recognises that the supply of housing, both affordable and market has fallen behind household growth. As a result, demand for housing outweighs supply with a significant shortage in the affordable housing available and affordability being a significant issue.
- 1.13** The Strategy identifies that creating more balance in the local housing market through increasing supply will give local people more choice and the ability to move up or down the housing ladder as their needs or circumstances change. This will also help to promote

flexibility by making it easier for local people to pursue employment opportunities and supporting economic growth, which in turn will help to support development and encourage new employers to come to the district.

### **Harrogate Economic Growth Strategy 2017-2035**

- 1.14** The council is preparing an Economic Growth Strategy for the Harrogate district 2017–2035 which identifies its pro-active, prioritised approach to securing high-value growth and a sustainable local economy. Through a corporate commitment and partnership working the council is seeking to develop economic strengths and address weaknesses, by growing and attracting priority sector companies and generating new jobs, that result in an increase in workplace wages. A consultation draft of the Strategy is scheduled for publication in early 2017.

### **Duty to Co-operate**

- 1.15** Harrogate Borough Council has a Duty to Co-operate with other local planning authorities and prescribed public bodies on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries in so far as it relates to a strategic matter. A separate paper will be prepared that sets out the council's engagement with other local authorities and prescribed bodies across both North Yorkshire and the Leeds City region.

### **Neighbourhood Planning and the Local Plan**

- 1.16** Since 2012 local communities have been able to produce neighbourhood plans for their area, putting in place a vision and policies for the use and development of land. Plans must focus on guiding rather than stopping development and need to be in conformity with both national planning policies and the strategic planning context provided by the Local Plan.
- 1.17** These plans have a statutory status and must be prepared following a formal process which ultimately leads to their adoption as part of the development plan for the area alongside the Local Plan. If adopted they will be used in making decisions on planning applications.
- 1.18** Neighbourhood plans are being prepared for two key settlements, Knaresborough and Ripon. Early consultation on preliminary draft policies has been undertaken for both plans. The Ripon City Plan was published for consultation between 19 September and 30 October 2016. Further information on the plans are available on the Ripon City Plan and Knaresborough Town Council websites.
- 1.19** Detailed planning policies for the areas covered by these plans will therefore be developed through these neighbourhood plans and not the Local Plan. However, the Local Plan will set out the strategic planning policy context and identify any strategic development sites. In relation to housing growth for example, the Local Plan has a role to play in the identification of new housing sites to meet objectively assessed housing need.
- 1.20** In 2015 a neighbourhood area was designated for Roecliffe and Westwick, and a neighbourhood plan is currently being prepared for the Otley neighbourhood area, which includes a small part of the Harrogate district.<sup>(1)</sup>
- 1.21** Further information relating to Neighbourhood Planning is available on the council's website.

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<sup>1</sup> Leeds City Council is taking the lead on work towards the plan for the Otley neighbourhood area.

## Vision and Objectives

## 2 Vision and Objectives

**Imagine yourself in Harrogate District in 2035. This is what we hope you will see as a result of delivering the policies within this Local Plan**

### Vision

#### Harrogate district in 2035:

#### Vision in summary:

In 2035 Harrogate district continues to be an area with a fully justified reputation for its high-quality environments. The district has enjoyed continued economic growth and now has a more diverse and resilient economy. Increased and sustained delivery of new housing has resulted in a better match between the district's housing stock and local needs for housing, and the delivery of significant numbers of affordable housing for local people. New housing and employment development has enabled and encouraged significant investment in the district's transport system and supported bus services. New development has been well-designed, has added to local distinctiveness and supported the conservation and enhancement of both designated and non-designated heritage assets. The high quality natural environment remains a defining feature of the Harrogate district. Better management of Green Infrastructure assets has secured and enhanced their ecosystems services. Development in Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon has strengthened the vital roles of these settlements, while development in Pateley Bridge, Masham and Boroughbridge has secured their service role, and development in villages with services has helped to retain these facilities.

#### Vision in detail:

In 2035 Harrogate district continues to be an area with a fully justified reputation for its high-quality environments, and it remains one of the most sought after and desirable locations in Yorkshire, a place where people want to live, work, do business, shop, and spend their leisure time.

Harrogate district has consolidated its position as a key driver of the North Yorkshire economy, whilst the south-east of the district has exploited opportunities arising from its position between the West Yorkshire conurbation and York, in part through improvements to the Leeds-Harrogate-York rail line, to ensure that the district has also remained an important part of the Leeds City Region economy.

The district has enjoyed continued economic growth and, as a result of supporting a wider range of business sectors, now has a more diverse and resilient economy that offers a wider range of jobs, including more jobs requiring higher-level skills. Tourism remains important to local economies across the district and the numbers of visitors to all parts has grown. In particular, increased international recognition, in part due to successfully building on the legacy of the Tour de France Grand Depart in 2014, has led to more overseas visitors enjoying what the district has to offer.

The variety of house types and sizes available in the district has been brought more in line with local needs through increased and sustained delivery of much needed new homes in sustainable locations across the district. The building of housing has achieved the timely re-use of vacant previously developed land (sometimes called brownfield land), while the increased supply of market housing has enabled a significant proportion of the new homes to be available as affordable homes for local people.

A better balance between homes and jobs has been achieved and this has meant that less people regularly commute long distances to locations outside of the district. At the same time, more people who work within the district are able to choose to also make the area their home. New housing and employment development has enabled significant investment in the district's transport system, providing benefits to the whole population. In addition to improvements on the Harrogate rail line, the quality, frequency and reach of bus services has been protected, and there are now greater opportunities to make journeys safely on foot or by bike. While these improvements have reduced the need to travel by car, investment has also been made in the road network that has achieved reduced levels of congestion and improved air quality.

The quality of the district's natural environment and its diverse landscapes have been preserved and improved, and remain a defining feature of Harrogate district. In particular, the special qualities of the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty have been successfully protected and enhanced. Better management of Green Infrastructure assets (including the Nidd, Ure and Wharfe river valleys) has improved biodiversity and protected geodiversity across the district, especially within internationally protected areas (including the North Pennine Moors), and helped to secure other vital ecosystems services such as carbon storage and sustainable flood risk management. Locally important Green Infrastructure has been recognised and opportunities to improve its quality, extent, connectivity and biodiversity as well as improving multifunctionality and access arrangements have been realised.

Within the district, natural resources are now used more efficiently and less waste is being produced. At the same time the district's carbon footprint has been reduced substantially, showing that Harrogate district is making significant strides to help the UK to meet the legal requirement to reduce carbon emissions by 80% by 2050.

New developments across the district have been well designed. They respect the local character of places and have added to local distinctiveness, successfully integrating into their surroundings. Development has helped to deliver improved local infrastructure benefiting the whole community. At the same time, on-going conservation and enhancement of heritage assets (both designated and non-designated), including historic buildings, has helped to protect local distinctiveness and has led to an increasing understanding of the past.

The district's three largest settlements (Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon) have retained their different identities, and each has built on its individual strengths and taken full advantage of local opportunities for development. As a result, all three places have benefited from environmental improvements, including enhancements to heritage assets, as well as the provision of a wider range of attractions and activities that have secured their vital roles to local people and seen increasing numbers of visitors.

Harrogate remains the district's primary centre providing the widest range of employment opportunities, services and facilities, as well as the most varied retail and leisure offer. In part this has been achieved because the town has maintained its position as one of the UK's leading conference and exhibition destinations despite stiff competition. Knaresborough has seen considerable town centre improvements. Recent development better reflects the town's character and has made a positive contribution to its appearance while, at the same time, there is less congestion and people are able to enjoy better air quality. Ripon has strengthened its role as the main service and employment centre for an extensive rural hinterland and been successful in regenerating key parts of the city, including the city centre. At the same time, former military land has been transformed into a new 'urban village'.

New development in the district's smaller market towns (Pateley Bridge, Masham and Boroughbridge) and a wider number of villages has helped to retain essential services in rural areas. Better mobile telephone coverage and improved access to super-fast fibre broadband has supported local residents and businesses, including agricultural businesses, whilst enabling greater diversification of the rural economy. Better promotion of these areas, including the

Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and an increased variety of visitor attractions that both maximise upon and complement their rural locations, have seen greater numbers of leisure visitors choosing to spend time in these parts of the district.

## Objective 1

### Sustainable Development Patterns

To contribute to sustainable patterns of development, the Local Plan will:

**Objective 1:** Focus housing and employment development in locations which are, or can be made, sustainable; these are locations that take full advantage of existing opportunities to walk, cycle, or use public transport, or have the potential to increase these opportunities, in order to access jobs, shops, services and facilities.

## Objective 2

### Housing

To address housing needs for all, the Local Plan will:

**Objective 2:** Deliver additional market and affordable housing in sizes, types and tenures, and at a scale that meets locally identified needs.

## Objectives 3 - 5

### Economy

To support business, enterprise, and job creation in order to achieve a sustainable and diverse economy throughout the district that provides a range of employment, including apprenticeships and a higher proportion of high value jobs, the Local Plan will:

**Objective 3:** Deliver sufficient land for employment uses to improve choice and help to enable a thriving economy.

**Objective 4:** Support local investment and inward investment aimed at achieving business growth, particularly in key economic sectors, whilst also supporting investment in business start-ups and the growth of existing small and micro businesses.

**Objective 5:** Support a growing tourism sector that attracts greater numbers of domestic and overseas visitors, and provides a vibrant offer for both business and leisure visitors. This includes seeking to maintain the position of Harrogate as one of the UK's leading conference and exhibition destinations with a range of venues and a thriving conference, exhibition and events programme.

## Objectives 6 - 10

### Placemaking

To create successful places providing quality environments that enable communities and individuals to enjoy an excellent quality of life, the Local Plan will:

**Objective 6:** Protect and enhance the roles of Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon as places providing a wider range of homes, jobs, shops, services and facilities; and Pateley Bridge, Masham and Boroughbridge as centres providing a good range of homes, jobs, shops, services and facilities.

**Objective 7:** Support the retention and enhancement of services and facilities in villages and hamlets to protect their existing roles and enable rural communities to thrive.

**Objective 8:** Encourage high quality design that responds positively to local character and contributes positively to local distinctiveness and health and well-being, including community safety.

**Objective 9:** Help deliver appropriate sport and recreation facilities, play areas and accessible open space.

**Objective 10:** Support bodies seeking to use neighbourhood planning tools that enable communities as a whole to take greater control of shaping new development in their neighbourhoods.

## Objective 11

### Heritage

To secure and maximise the contribution of the district's historic environment to local distinctiveness as well as to achieving wider social and economic objectives, the Local Plan will:

**Objective 11:** Promote the conservation and enhancement of designated and non-designated heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, including maximising opportunities to increase understanding of the historic environment.

## Objectives 12 - 15

### Infrastructure and Connectivity

To facilitate the delivery of the infrastructure necessary to support a flourishing local economy, reduce the impacts of transport on the environment and communities, and enable reliable journeys between key centres regionally, nationally and internationally, the Local Plan will:

**Objective 12:** Enable greater opportunities to travel on foot and by bike, and support increased access to public transport as well as improvements to the quality and frequency of services.

**Objective 13:** Seek to ensure good rail, bus and road connectivity between key centres.

**Objective 14:** Deliver infrastructure to accommodate and support new housing and employment sites, and seek ways for new development to contribute to reducing existing congestion.

**Objective 15:** Support the expansion of, and improvements to, electronic infrastructure including high speed broadband and mobile telephony across the district.

## Objectives 16 - 20

### Natural Environment

To safeguard the natural environment and manage natural resources for the benefit of people today and future generations, the Local Plan will:

**Objective 16:** Promote the efficient use of natural resources including: encouraging the re-use of buildings and vacant previously developed land, the greater use of sustainable construction techniques, effective waste management that minimises the amount of waste requiring treatment and disposal, and avoiding the unnecessary sterilisation of mineral deposits.

**Objective 17:** Seek to reduce the extent of climate change by encouraging development that reduces greenhouse gas emissions, including through energy efficiency measures and renewable energy generation; and seek to reduce the impacts of climate change by securing development that is resilient to its consequences, including supporting, and contributing to achieving, sustainable flood risk management.

**Objective 18:** Protect and enhance landscape character across the district, including within the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

**Objective 19:** Protect the widest range of natural and semi-natural features, green spaces, lakes and rivers that act as the district's Green Infrastructure. Seek to enhance their quality, extent, connectivity and, where appropriate, access arrangements.

**Objective 20:** Protect internationally, nationally, and locally designated nature conservation sites and take opportunities to enhance quality, biodiversity and geodiversity.