

## Harrogate Draft Local Plan

### HOW TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Harrogate's new local plan includes proposals for thousands of new homes to the west of the town and a major expansion of the business park on Otley Road at Harlow. No provision has been made for infrastructure or road network improvements.

If the draft plan is approved it will inevitably affect the safety and quality of life for all who live in North Ripton from a big increase in traffic. It is vital that as many people as possible make their views known on this issue. There are three ways to have your voice heard. **THE CLOSING DATE OF THIS CONSULTATION IS 23 December 2016 - HAVE YOUR SAY NOW BEFORE ITS TOO LATE!**

1. By e-mailing your comments to: [planningpolicy@harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@harrogate.gov.uk)
2. By writing a letter to Harrogate Borough Council at the following address:  
Planning Policy  
Planning and Development  
Harrogate BC  
PO Box 787  
Harrogate  
HG1 9RW

3. By logging on to the councils website <http://consult.harrogate.gov.uk/>  
This web site contains all the details of the plan and the aims and objectives of the council.  
Once logged on click on "Harrogate District Local Plan" in the list at the bottom of the page.  
Registered already? Log-in to the portal and enter your comments accordingly.  
Not registered? All that is required is a User Name and a Password to get started

Let your HBC Councillor Christine Ryder, know about your views:.. [christine.ryder@harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:christine.ryder@harrogate.gov.uk)

### WHAT ARE THE KEY POINTS?

Feel free to use these as a guide to making your own comments. The full Parish Council submission to HBC can be found on our web site: [www.northrigton.org](http://www.northrigton.org) but please use your own words, otherwise the submission could be interpreted by the HBC as duplication.

- The planned proposal for a new settlement of over 2500 houses in the Harlow Moor, Pannal Ash and Beckwithshaw area should be rejected outright.
- The stated intention is to deliver either Flaxby or Hammerton settlements should be reviewed so that both these developments are approved. This would negate the need for the proposed South West based developments.
- The lack of existing infrastructure within the South West settlement, and the absence of any comprehensive proposals to provide sustainable infrastructure, means that sites within the South West settlement fail to comply with the policies stated in the local plan so should be rejected.
- The proposed local plan makes no reference to improving the infrastructure to support the proposed developments within this area. Water pressures are already low and the area suffers from regular power cuts.
- The Harrogate BC policy that the majority of future developments should be located close to a station on the Leeds-Harrogate-York railway or within a Key Bus Service Corridor is not met by the South West based development so should be rejected.

- The current road system will not cope with an additional 2000+ peak hour trips and the plans include no reference to road upgrades. As such the proposed developments will only increase the already over capacity road system within this area.
- Any proposed developments should be able to easy connect to key A roads and the A1. The South West developments are unable to do this under the current proposals.
- There are no proposals for delivering sustainable transport to reduce car use. For the size of this settlement, several buses per hour would be needed to make any impact on car numbers and, without the scope for bus lanes, these buses would encounter severe delays at peak times.
- The proposals for the South West of Harrogate would inevitably lead to greater and more widespread traffic congestion, contrary to the aims of the Plan, with consequences for air quality in the Otley Road corridor and on rat-run routes.
- The Plan does not address the problems of accessing secondary schooling, medical facilities, shops and other services, or the demands on utility providers, all of which are acute in this area of Harrogate.
- The plans will create a significant increase in vehicles using unsuitable minor roads through North Rigton, Beckwithshaw and Burn Bridge to by-pass the traffic congestion in Harrogate.
- There is acute danger from increased through traffic in these villages to horse riders and pedestrians and the overall quality of life in these rural villages which have few pavements and no lighting.

You may also wish to include further points if your own.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Template responses are often ignored so we encourage people to draft their own replies but the below maybe useful points to include. You may also want to make specific comments on individual sites. A full list can be found at the end of this document.

Specific sites for objection:

- H36 Former police training centre on Yew Tree Lane
- Land to south of Otley Road
- H49 Windmill farm [north side of Otley Road]
- H51 Land at Lady Lane [mixed housing + employment site]
- H65 Former Council Nurseries on Harlow Moor Road
- H70 Castlehill

Sites to support:

- CA1 [5 houses] at Cattal CH4 [732 houses & 3,500 sq.m employment land]
- Green Hammerton GH 2 [46 houses] GH3 [35 houses] GH12[3,703 houses]
- FX4 Flaxby south site west of A1M [employment]

**Please make sure that you include your full name and address in all correspondence.** The council will not accept anonymous submissions or those with only a name and (or) e-mail address

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