

**Name of Consultation:** Draft Craven Local Plan Preferred Sites for Housing (22/7/16)

**Start Date:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016

**End date:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016

**What is the consultation about?**

The consultation is about the allocation of sites for housing development as part of the council's draft local plan. A local plan is a document containing text and maps, setting out how land should be used for such things as housing, employment, recreation and conservation. The aim of the plan is to achieve our economic, environmental and social goals through sustainable development. Policies in a local plan are used to decide planning applications.

**What will the consultation achieve? Will the results feed into a larger piece of work?**

A Pool of Site Options was included in consultation on the second draft local plan during April and May 2016. The preferred sites being consulted on now have emerged, following further assessment, as the best options available from that pool and from a number of new sites put forward during the pool of sites consultation. Further site assessments are likely to be needed in response to the current consultation and updated evidence. A final version of the local plan, including site allocations, will be produced and formal approval procedures will commence this year (2016), with an Examination in Public next year (2017).

**Who is being consulted?**

This is a public consultation and is therefore open to everyone. We are particularly keen to hear from individuals, organisations and companies that have an interest in spatial or land-use planning in the local area, and can provide constructive criticism and positive suggestions for improvement.

**What area does the consultation cover?**

The council's planning area, which is the part of Craven outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

**How can people get involved in the consultation?**

The consultation documents and comments form can be downloaded from the council's [new local plan web-page](#). Reference copies of the documents and paper copies of the comments form are also available at the council's reception desk and at local libraries. Comments forms can be submitted by email or by post during the consultation period.

**Is the consultation available in other formats?**

Other formats can be provided, on request, in line with the council's normal procedure. Please contact us with your requests.

**Are there any consultation events?**

Events were held during consultation on the Pool of Site Options, so none are planned on this occasion.

**Who can people contact for further information about the consultation?**

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Consultation webpage: [www.cravencd.gov.uk/latestplanningpolicynews](http://www.cravencd.gov.uk/latestplanningpolicynews)

**How and when can people receive feedback once the consultation is over?**

Feedback will be provided on the new local plan web-page: [www.cravencd.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.cravencd.gov.uk/newlocalplan).

Bulletins will be issued on the planning policy news web-page and in the Planning Focus newsletter: [www.cravencd.gov.uk/latestplanningpolicynews](http://www.cravencd.gov.uk/latestplanningpolicynews).

It should be possible to provide initial feedback within two months from the end of the consultation period.