



Draft Craven Local Plan (22/9/14) Initial Feedback on Consultation



We have had an excellent response to the draft local plan with a total of 864 comments from local residents, local businesses, parish councils, statutory bodies, voluntary organisation, local interest groups and the development industry. We would like to thank everyone for their input.

Most of the draft local plan strategy and policies have been well received. The feedback has been very constructive and will be considered carefully. The Planning Policy team are currently assessing all the comments submitted and the following picture is emerging:

- There are interesting suggestions for new or alternative sites to those included in the consultation draft plan that deserve to be thoroughly investigated. They could further improve the Local Plan in quite a substantial way.
- Some further or updated evidence needs to be included in the draft Local Plan to justify choices and policies included. We have received suggestions for changes to the wording of supporting text and policies and for new policies.
- Finally, some organizations, who may hold key information for the development of certain sites, have not yet responded.

In addition, new household projection figures are expected in December (2014) and will be taken into account in the next, revised draft.

Although the consultation was very positive it has raised a range of issues that we need to address to both improve the plan but also improve its robustness in readiness for when it goes to examination. Some of the issues are easy to resolve, some require further evidence gathering which will take some time and others, some of which could provide significant benefits, will require political decisions and further consultation.

The immediate steps are to prepare a summary of the responses to the Spatial Planning Sub-Committee in February (2015) and also in parallel to start work on the additional evidence gathering.

Once we have gone through this next phase we will need to continue with the evidence gathering, the interpretation of the results and the preparation of a revised draft plan. Whilst updated evidence will help to clarify matters further, it is likely that there will be a need to consult again, because the revised draft plan may include new aspects that communities haven't had a say on yet.

On the following pages we've compiled a selection of "Consultation Stat's", which provide an interesting summary of some preliminary facts and figures about the consultation event and the response we've had. Although our work is still in progress, these consultation stat's will provide a reasonably accurate picture.

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Consultation Stat's for Draft Craven Local Plan (22/9/14)

27,430 consultation flyers posted direct to:

- 25,290 residential addresses
- 2,140 business addresses

321 subscribers (MailChimp) notified by email

7 libraries provided reference copies of the plan and feedback forms

9 round-table discussions with parish councils

2 parish councils organised their own consultation events for parishioners (Embsay-with-Eastby and Gargrave)

4,000 visits to the consultation web-page

368 people responded

- 269 residents
- 11 landowners
- 8 businesses
- 19 planning consultants
- 7 statutory bodies
- 3 local authorities
- 12 parish councils
- 5 ward councillors
- 27 others (including individuals, organisations and groups)
- 7 combinations of the above

864 comments made

- 411 relate to draft local plan sites
- 362 relate to draft local plan text
- 91 relate to other matters
- 81 relate to site SC040 (east of Sutton, south of Sutton Lane)

Number of comments relating to specific settlements				
Bentham	16	58	Glusburn	2
High Bentham	18		Sutton	99
Low Bentham	24		Embsay and Eastby	14
Bolton Abbey		6	Gargrave	79
Bradley		38	Giggleswick	9
Broughton Hall		5	Hellifield	20
Burton		15	Ingleton	9
Carleton		3	Lothersdale	1
Clapham		8	Rathmell	8
Cononley		9	Settle	45
Cowling		8	Settle and Giggleswick	2
Cross Hills		1	Skipton	106
Cross Hills, Glusburn and Sutton		1		

Number of comments relating to specific parts of the plan				
Introduction	4		Housing Growth	50
Context	24		New Homes	19
Vision	19		Affordable Housing	17
Objectives	12		Gypsies, Travellers and Showpeople	6
Spatial Strategy	36		Business Growth	9
Key Diagram	1		New Land and Premises for Business	9
Sustainable Development	2		Strategic Employment Site	7
Neighbourhood Planning	6		Rural Economy	4
Countryside and Landscape	13		Tourism	10
Heritage	4		Retail and Town Centres	11
Good Design	11		Sustainable Buildings, Infrastructure, Planning Obligations	21
Biodiversity	13		Community Buildings and Social Spaces	3
Green Infrastructure	24		Plan Area Map / Settlement Inset Maps	228
Flood Risk, Water Resources, Land & Air Quality	11		Retail and Town Centre Maps	2
Renewable and Low-Carbon Energy	13			