

## **CRAVEN SPATIAL PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE (Online meeting)**

**Monday, 19 April 2021 at 7pm**

Due to Covid-19, this meeting will be held remotely and will be livestreamed here:  
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**Sub-Committee Members:** Councillors Brockbank, Myers, Pringle, Rose, Shuttleworth, Staveley and Sutcliffe

**Substitute Members:** Councillors Madeley, Mulligan and Solloway

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – To receive any apologies for absence
- 2. Public Participation** – In the event that any questions/statements are received or members of the public attend, the public participation session will proceed for a period of up to fifteen minutes.
- 3. Declarations of Interest** – All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have in items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests.

(Note: Declarations should be in the form of:

a “**disclosable pecuniary interest**” under Appendix A to the Council’s Code of Conduct, or “**other interests**” under Appendix B or under Paragraph 15 where a matter arises at the meeting which relates to a financial interest of a friend, relative or close associate.

A Member of Council who has a disclosable pecuniary interest must leave the room and not take part in the discussion or vote. When declaring interests under Appendix B or Paragraph 15 of the Code, Members must move to the public seating area, not vote, and speak only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting.)

- 4. Monitoring Discussion Papers Nos 2 to 4** – Report of the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration. Attached.

Purpose of Report - To present to members of this sub-committee three Monitoring Discussion Papers (MDPs) relating specifically to the following themes of the Council's Climate Emergency Strategic Plan (CESP):

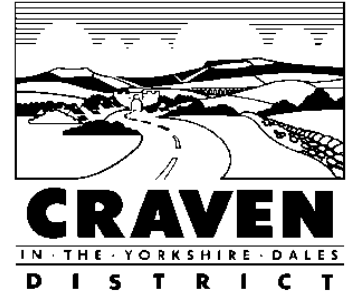
- Travel & Transportation (MDP No 2)
- Land & Nature (MDP No 3)
- Carbon Neutral Energy and Low Carbon Waste (MDP No 4)

5. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.
6. **Date of Next Meeting** – To be agreed.

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**Craven Spatial Planning Sub Committee –  
19/04/2021**



**Monitoring Discussion Papers Nos 2-4**

**Report of the Strategic Manager for Planning and  
Regeneration**

**Lead Member for Planning – Councillor Myers**

**Ward(s) affected:** All wards wholly or partly outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To present to members of this sub-committee three Monitoring Discussion Papers (MDPs) relating specifically to the following themes of the Council's Climate Emergency Strategic Plan (CESP):
- Travel & Transportation (MDP No 2)
  - Land & Nature (MDP No 3)
  - Carbon Neutral Energy and Low Carbon Waste (MDP No 4)

**2. Recommendations – Members are recommended to:**

- 2.1 Consider the three Monitoring Discussion Papers and appendices attached to this report to initiate a discussion between the Spatial Planning Team and members of this sub-committee relating to the ongoing monitoring and review of the adopted Craven Local Plan.

**3. Report**

- 3.1 As agreed by this sub-committee, the first set of MDP's are to focus on the Council's CESP. The CESP is an important changed circumstance which will need to be taken into account in the monitoring and review of the Craven Local Plan. The CESP themes that relate to the Craven Local Plan are:
- 1. Carbon neutral development
  - 2. Travel and Transportation
  - 3. Land and Nature
  - 4. Carbon Neutral Energy and Low Carbon Waste.
- 3.2 Members will recall that the first MDP related to the theme of carbon neutral development and was presented to this subcommittee on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Following this, a number of workshops were arranged with all members and the Council's Development Management Team to look at how relevant adopted Craven Local Plan policies can be fully implemented to help achieve carbon neutral development and how the local plan can be updated to contribute further to the Council's commitment to a carbon neutral Craven by 2030.

- 3.3 The second, third and fourth MDPs now presented to this subcommittee relate to the remaining themes of the CESP, linked to the Craven Local Plan.
- 3.4 As with the first MDP, the following discussion points are suggested for each of the three MDPs presented:
- **Existing Policies** – How existing Local Plan policies support the specific theme and how they can be implemented to achieve optimum results now.
  - **Future Policies** – How existing policies can be improved (through a review and update of the Local Plan) to achieve better results for the specific theme in the future.
  - **Requirements and Limitations** – What evidence we need to support future Local Plan policies and what limitations are imposed, on the Local Plan, by national planning policy.
- 3.5 It is considered appropriate to present and discuss the three MDPs together, as each theme and relevant adopted local plan policies are closely linked.
- 3.6 This collaborative working between officers and members undertaken as part of the ongoing monitoring and review of the adopted Craven Local Plan will help to gradually build up a picture of any changing circumstances affecting the area, and how the local plan and associated evidence base may need updating in the future. This work will contribute to achieving the Government’s requirement for monitoring and review of the Craven Local Plan to be completed no later than November 2024. It is hoped that this work will also feed into subsequent reviews of the Council’s Climate Emergency Strategic Plan 2020-2030.

#### **4. Financial and Value for Money Implications**

- 4.1 None arising directly from this report, however there will be costs in respect to monitoring, review and updating of the Craven Local Plan.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 This work forms part of the monitoring and review process for the adopted Craven Local Plan, which must continue to fulfil the following legal requirements:
- Regulation 10A of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), which requires local planning authorities to review local plans and Statements of Community Involvement at least once every 5 years from their adoption date to ensure that policies remain relevant and effectively address the needs of the local community;
  - Section 19(1A) of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, which imposes a legal duty to ensure that climate change mitigation and adaptation are integrated as core objectives across all local plan policies; and
  - Strategic Environmental Assessment Regulations, which impose an obligation to assess the consistency of local plan policies with wider climate change objectives.

#### **6. Contribution to Council Priorities**

6.1 The adopted Craven Local Plan, its review and any necessary updates will contribute to all the Council's Priorities.

6.2 **Impact on the declared Climate Emergency:** The Local Plan supports the themes of the Council's CESP listed in paragraph 3.1 of this report. The first four MDPs presented to members are tools to aid discussion around the ongoing monitoring and review of the adopted Craven Local Plan, specifically relating to how the adopted local plan currently contributes towards achieving a carbon neutral Craven by 2030 and how it could be updated to further contribute to achieving this aim. Therefore, the report and recommendation should have a positive impact on the declared Climate Emergency.

## 7. Risk Management

7.1 The report sets out the steps the Council is required to take to comply with its legal duties to carry out ongoing monitoring and any subsequent updating of the adopted Craven Local Plan under the requirements set out at 5.1, above.

### 7.2 Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer) Statement

No additional comments in respect of this report.

### 7.3 Monitoring Officer Statement

The recommendations within the report are lawful and within the powers of the Council.

## 8. Equality Impact Analysis

8.1 No new policy or procedure is proposed in this report which would give rise to a requirement for an Equality Impact Assessment.

## 9. Consultations with Others

9.1 Legal Services, Financial Services.

## 10. Background Documents

10.1 None

## 11. Appendices

- Appendix 1: Monitoring Discussion Paper No2. Travel & Transportation
- Appendix 2: Monitoring Discussion Paper No3. Land & Nature
- Appendix 3: Monitoring Discussion Paper No4. Carbon Neutral Energy and Low Carbon Waste.
- Appendix A - CESP, Actions Relevant to Craven Local Plan Policies
- Appendix B - How Craven Local Plan Policies Support the CESP
- Appendix C - How policies of the Craven Local Plan could influence actions of the CESP.

## 12. Author of the Report

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Note: Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.

## 2

CLIMATE EMERGENCY STRATEGIC PLAN  
TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

## A Evidence

**Final SA Report, November 2019** – Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is a legal requirement and provides evidence to show how the Local Plan’s spatial strategy, housing growth, policies and site allocations will make a positive contribution towards the achievement of sustainable development.

**Climate Emergency Strategic Plan 2020-2030** – The Council has pledged to make the District carbon neutral by 2030 and has set out specific actions in a Strategic Plan. A number of actions are supported by the Local Plan, including five under the theme of Travel and Transportation: TRT01 EV Charging Network, TRT02 EV Charging in Developments, TRT03 Safer Walking and Cycling Network, TRT05 Improve Car-free access to Skipton, TRT06 A coordinated approach to Public Transport improvement.

**Infrastructure Delivery Plan** – The IDP assesses existing infrastructure provision in Craven, considers what new infrastructure needs will arise from implementation of the Local Plan and determines how these will be met.

**Viability Assessment** – The VA assesses the financial implications of Local Plan policy requirements and provides evidence to show that the viability of development will not be undermined and delivery of the Local Plan can therefore be achieved.

## B Policy

**SP2: Economic Activity and Business Growth** – This policy supports enhanced walking, cycling and public transport and therefore supports actions TRT03, TRT05 and TRT06.

**ENV7: Land and Air Quality** – This policy requires development to encourage walking and cycling; encourage the use of public transport and electric vehicles; and reduce car-use and emissions. It therefore supports actions TRT01, TRT02, TRT03 and TRT05.

**INF4: Parking Provision** – This policy promotes low emission vehicles, electric vehicle charging points and cycle parking. It therefore supports actions TRT01, TRT02, TRT03 and TRT05.

**INF7: Sustainable Transport and Highways** – This policy seeks improvements in public transport, cycling and walking. It therefore supports actions TRT03, TRT05 and TRT06.

A further four policies support actions TRT03 and TRT05; and a further 11 support TRT03 only. See Appendix B for full details.

## C Supplementary Planning Documents

**Good Design in Craven** – This will cover sustainable design, designing new urban environments and public realm, connecting places and ensuring good accessibility and will therefore provide further support to actions TRT01, TRT02, TRT03 and TRT05.

## D Changed Circumstances

**NPPF** – The 2012 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was the basis for preparation and examination of the Local Plan. However, the revised NPPF of June 2019 now applies.

**Climate Emergency** – In 2019, after the Local Plan had been submitted and the examination was nearing its conclusion, the Council declared a climate emergency.

**2030 Petrol and Diesel Deadline** – In 2020, the government brought forward the deadline for ending the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans from 2040 to 2030.

## E Monitoring Data

**Authority Monitoring Report** – the Council’s latest AMR covers the monitoring year of April 2019 to March 2020, during which the Craven Local Plan (adopted November 2019) was in operation for approximately 5 months. There are no monitoring indicators relating specifically to the Local Plan’s support for actions under the Travel and Transportation theme of the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan. However, **Indicator Inf-2** does monitor the delivery of projects or schemes identified in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The AMR reports that no such projects or schemes were required/delivered during the last monitoring period.

## F Issues

**Evidence Base** – The latest SA, IDP and VA support the current Craven Local Plan, but further work will be required to support any future update, subsequent to a Plan review. As the current Plan predates the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan, the existing evidence base does not address the Travel and Transportation theme directly.

**Changed Circumstances** – The fact that the Local Plan was prepared and examined under the 2012 NPPF is not a significant issue and the 2019 NPPF is taken into account in planning decisions as a ‘material consideration’. Due to timing, the Council’s climate emergency declaration could not be taken into account during the Local Plan process. However, the Plan does fulfil legal requirements to contribute to the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change. As a result of the government’s recent decision, the petrol and diesel deadline has now been brought within the time frame of both the Local Plan (2012-2032) and Climate Emergency Strategic Plan (2020-2030).

**Monitoring Data** – Currently, there is only about 5 months of monitoring data for the Craven Local Plan and no monitoring indicators relate specifically to the Local Plan’s support for actions under the Travel and Transportation theme of the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan.

## G Discussion Points

- i) **Existing Policies** – How existing Local Plan policies support the Travel and Transportation theme and how they can be implemented to achieve optimum results now.
- ii) **Future Policies** – How existing policies can be improved (through a review and update of the Local Plan) to achieve better results for Travel and Transportation in the future.
- iii) **Requirements and Limitations** – What evidence we need to support future Local Plan policies and what limitations are imposed, on the Local Plan, by national planning policy.

## H Appendices

**Appendix A** – Relevant actions of the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan

**Appendix B** – How Local Plan policies support the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan

**Appendix C** – How Local Plan policies could influence the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan

## 3

CLIMATE EMERGENCY STRATEGIC PLAN  
LAND AND NATURE

## A Evidence

**Final SA Report, November 2019** – Sustainability Appraisal (SA) is a legal requirement and provides evidence to show how the Local Plan’s spatial strategy, housing growth, policies and site allocations will make a positive contribution towards the achievement of sustainable development.

**Climate Emergency Strategic Plan 2020-2030** – The Council has pledged to make the District carbon neutral by 2030 and has set out specific actions in a Strategic Plan. A number of actions are supported by the Local Plan, including six under the theme of Land and Nature: LAN01 Increase Tree Cover across Craven, LAN02 Increase Tree Cover across our estate, LAN03 DNAire, LAN05 Diversify Land Use, LAN06 Woodland Memorial Site, LAN07 Promote native species.

**Biodiversity** – The Craven Biodiversity Action Plan provides information and identifies actions that can be undertaken to conserve the District’s biodiversity. The Craven BAP Action Programme provides a table of targets and actions for making progress towards the Craven BAP objectives. The UK BAP formed the overarching strategy for local action plans, including the Craven BAP.

**Green Infrastructure** – The Leeds City Region Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy sets out the vision for GI and future investment. The LCR Infrastructure Map is an online map of the region’s infrastructure, including GI. The Yorkshire and Humber GI Mapping Project provides evidence to support projects and policy within the LCR.

**Viability Assessment** – The VA assesses the financial implications of Local Plan policy requirements and provides evidence to show that the viability of development will not be undermined and delivery of the Local Plan can therefore be achieved.

## B Policy

**ENV4: Biodiversity** – This policy requires a net gain in biodiversity and an increase in trees and woodland, wherever possible, and identifies specific allocated sites where net gains in biodiversity will be required. It therefore supports actions LAN01, LAN03 and LAN07.

**ENV5: Green Infrastructure** – This policy requires improvement and expansion of the GI network, wherever possible, and identifies specific allocated sites where improvements and growth in GI will be required. It therefore supports actions LAN01, LAN03 and LAN07.

**EC3: Rural Economy** – This policy supports innovation, land-based businesses and the use of farmland/buildings in new and different ways. Examples include green technology, renewable and low-carbon energy, flood management and research. It therefore supports actions LAN01, LAN02, LAN05, LAN06 and LAN07.

A further ten policies support actions LAN01 and LAN07; a further two support LAN03; and a further two support LAN05. See Appendix B for full details.

## C Supplementary Planning Documents

**Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure** – This will cover the provision of biodiversity net gain as part of new developments, and the appropriate provision of green infrastructure using native species, both within a site and forming linkages to other green infrastructure assets where possible, and will therefore provide further support to actions LAN01, LAN03 and LAN07.



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**Climate Emergency** – In 2019, after the Local Plan had been submitted and the examination was nearing its conclusion, the Council declared a climate emergency.

## E Monitoring Data

**Authority Monitoring Report** – the Council's latest AMR covers the monitoring year of April 2019 to March 2020, during which the Craven Local Plan (adopted November 2019) was in operation for approximately 5 months. There are no monitoring indicators relating specifically to the Local Plan's support for actions under the Land and Nature theme of the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan. However, **Indicator Ec-15** does monitor the number and type of approvals for tourism development, which would include any linked to the DNAire project (action LAN03). The AMR reports that three tourism developments were approved during the last monitoring period, but none have links to DNAire.

## F Issues

**Evidence Base** – The latest SA and VA support the current Craven Local Plan, but further work will be required to support any future update, subsequent to a Plan review. As the current Plan predates the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan, the existing evidence base does not address the Land and Nature theme directly.

**Changed Circumstances** – The fact that the Local Plan was prepared and examined under the 2012 NPPF is not a significant issue and the 2019 NPPF is taken into account in planning decisions as a 'material consideration'. Due to timing, the Council's climate emergency declaration could not be taken into account during the Local Plan process. However, the Plan does fulfil legal requirements to contribute to the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change.

**Monitoring Data** – Currently, there is only about 5 months of monitoring data for the Craven Local Plan and no monitoring indicators relate specifically to the Local Plan's support for actions under the Land and Nature theme of the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan.

## G Discussion Points

- i) **Existing Policies** – How existing Local Plan policies support the Land and Nature theme and how they can be implemented to achieve optimum results now.
- ii) **Future Policies** – How existing policies can be improved (through a review and update of the Local Plan) to achieve better results for Land and Nature in the future.
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**Climate Emergency Strategic Plan 2020-2030** – The Council has pledged to make the District carbon neutral by 2030 and has set out specific actions in a Strategic Plan. A number of actions are supported by the Local Plan, including five under the themes of Carbon Neutral Energy and Low Carbon Waste: CNE06 Renewable Energy for CDC Operations, CNE07 Low Carbon Rural Development, CNE08 High Planning Standards for Energy, CNE09 Support and Promote Renewable Energy, LCW05 Anaerobic Digestion Facilities.

**Renewable and low carbon energy evidence** – relevant Local Plan policies are supported by three evidence-base documents: Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Capacity in Yorkshire and Humber (2011), Managing Landscape Change (2012) and the Forest of Bowland AONB Renewable Energy Position Statement (2011).

**Viability Assessment** – The VA assesses the financial implications of Local Plan policy requirements and provides evidence to show that the viability of development will not be undermined and delivery of the Local Plan can therefore be achieved.

## B Policy

**ENV3: Good Design** – This policy promotes sustainable design and construction and therefore supports actions CNE06, CNE07, CNE08 and CNE09.

**ENV7: Land and Air Quality** – This policy requires development to reduce emissions and therefore supports actions CNE06, CNE07, CNE08 and CNE09.

**ENV9: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy** – This policy supports projects and infrastructure, including wind, biomass and anaerobic digestion, and therefore supports actions CNE06, CNE09 and LCW05.

**EC3: Rural Economy** – This policy supports innovation, land-based businesses and the use of farmland/buildings in new and different ways, including for green technology and renewable and low-carbon energy. It therefore supports actions CNE09 and LCW05.

**EC4A: Tourism-Led Development at Bolton Abbey** – Draft proposals emerging under this policy include a biomass boiler, which would support action CNE09.

## C Supplementary Planning Documents

**Good Design in Craven** – This will cover sustainable design and construction and will therefore provide further support to actions CNE06, CNE07, CNE08 and CNE09.

## D Changed Circumstances

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**Climate Emergency** – In 2019, after the Local Plan had been submitted and the examination was nearing its conclusion, the Council declared a climate emergency.

## E Monitoring Data

**Authority Monitoring Report** – the Council’s latest AMR covers the monitoring year of April 2019 to March 2020, during which the Craven Local Plan (adopted November 2019) was in operation for approximately 5 months.

**Indicator Ed-3** (number of non-residential developments of 1,000m<sup>2</sup> or more meeting BREEAM ‘Very Good’ standards) relates to the sustainable design and construction requirements of policy ENV3 s). In the last monitoring year, five developments of more than 1,000m<sup>2</sup> non-residential floor space were completed, but all were granted planning permission before adoption of the Craven Local Plan and none achieved a BREEAM rating of ‘very good’.

**Indicator Ed-9** (planning permissions granted for renewable energy schemes) has been monitored since adoption of the Craven Local Plan and relates to the support provided by policies ENV9 and EC3. In the last monitoring year, no relevant planning permissions were granted.

## F Issues

**Evidence Base** – The latest SA, VA and renewable and low carbon energy evidence support the current Craven Local Plan, but further work will be required to support any future update, subsequent to a Plan review. As the current Plan predates the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan, the existing evidence base does not address the Carbon Neutral Energy and Low Carbon Waste themes directly.

**Changed Circumstances** – The fact that the Local Plan was prepared and examined under the 2012 NPPF is not a significant issue and the 2019 NPPF is taken into account in planning decisions as a ‘material consideration’. Due to timing, the Council’s climate emergency declaration could not be taken into account during the Local Plan process. However, the Plan does fulfil legal requirements to contribute to the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change.

**Monitoring Data** – Currently, there is only about 5 months of monitoring data for the Craven Local Plan and monitoring indicators relate to some, but not all policy requirements relevant to the Carbon Neutral Energy and Low Carbon Waste themes.

## G Discussion Points

- i) **Existing Policies** – How existing Local Plan policies support the Carbon Neutral Energy and Low Carbon Waste themes and how they can be implemented to achieve optimum results now.
- ii) **Future Policies** – How existing policies can be improved (through a review and update of the Local Plan) to achieve better results for Carbon Neutral Energy and Low Carbon Waste in the future.
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# APPENDIX A

## Climate Emergency Strategic Plan

### Actions Relevant to Craven Local Plan Policies

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#### Theme: **Carbon Neutral Development**

##### CND01 Zero Carbon Housing

Review the Council's development portfolio; identify and act on opportunities to move towards the Zero Carbon housing model

##### CND02 Zero Carbon Regeneration

Work with our Joint Venture partners to include energy efficient options in our construction plans wherever possible and ensure that our regeneration projects are as close to zero carbon as possible

##### CND03 Lower Carbon Planning

Work with developers as any new sites across Craven are approved to ensure that opportunities for efficiency and carbon reduction are maximised

#### Theme: **Travel and Transportation**

##### TRT01 EV Charging Network

Review the availability of charging points across the District and support the installation of a complete and coherent network, including installing EV charging points in Council car parks

##### TRT02 EV Charging in Developments

Require electric vehicle charging points linked to new buildings wherever possible

##### TRT03 Safer Walking and Cycling Network

Develop safe walking and cycling routes to ensure that the district is accessible for commuting and leisure

##### TRT05 Improve Car-free access to Skipton

Improve the Skipton Station area to ensure a higher proportion of journeys by train, continue to update Skipton's walking and cycling infrastructure and considering options for park & ride schemes

##### TRT06 A coordinated approach to Public Transport improvement

Implement a District transport plan containing a co-ordinated series of improvements to public transport into and around Skipton & The Dales, using Craven's network of railway stations as local travel hubs.

#### Theme: **Land and Nature**

##### LAN01 Increase Tree Cover across Craven

Supporting the Northern Forest scheme by supporting and accessing investment in tree planting across the District; Supporting large-scale planting by the Environment Agency and by the Woodland Trust

LAN02 Increase Tree Cover across our estate

Identifying opportunities for tree planting and increasing tree cover across Craven District Council's estate

LAN03 DNAire

Complete the DNAire biodiversity scheme

LAN05 Diversify Land Use

With partners, put in place and implement a plan to support land use diversification and impact reduction whilst maximising economic development opportunities for local land-based businesses

LAN06 Woodland Memorial Site

Reducing the environmental impact of our Bereavement Services by offering a Woodland Memorial site

LAN07 Promote native species

Adopt and support planting and land management approaches that support native species and pollinating insects

**Theme: Carbon Neutral Energy**

CNE06 Renewable Energy for CDC Operations

Install renewable energy generation facilities on Council-owned land and buildings

CNE07 Low Carbon Rural Development

Roll out and promote a new low carbon housing model for rural housing development

CNE08 High Planning Standards for Energy

Require highest enforceable standards of energy efficiency in new homes in the district

CNE09 Support and Promote Renewable Energy

Maximise the development of renewable energy in Craven

**Theme: Low Carbon Waste**

LCW05 Anaerobic Digestion Facilities

Build or support the building of anaerobic digestion facilities for food waste and/or agricultural products

**Theme: Use of Materials**

No relevant actions

**Themes: Our Council**

No relevant actions



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## How Craven Local Plan Policies Support the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan

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Craven District Council has declared a Climate Emergency, has pledged to make the District of Craven carbon neutral by 2030 and has produced a Climate Emergency Strategic Plan 2020-2030, which sets out specific actions to address the emergency.

Craven District Council has also adopted the Craven Local Plan 2012-2032. A local plan forms a major part of the statutory development plan for an area and planning law requires that applications for planning permission be determined in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Therefore, policies contained in the Craven Local Plan will be the primary consideration in the determination of all planning applications submitted to the Council. There are 45 policies in total, with supporting text, and they set out many requirements for all types of development.

The following table provides an assessment of how policies contained in the Craven Local Plan support relevant actions set out in the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan. Information and guidance provided in the table should enable the Council to use the Craven Local Plan to its optimum effect in addressing the climate emergency and fulfilling its carbon-neutral pledge. Policies are highlighted according to relevant themes of the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan:

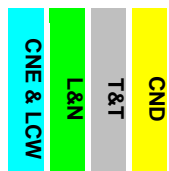
**Yellow** for Carbon Neutral Development

**Grey** for Travel and Transportation

**Green** for Land and Nature

**Blue** for Carbon Neutral Energy or Low Carbon Waste

Whilst the Craven Local Plan is only part of a much bigger equation, the table shows that it can make a significant contribution to the achievement of sustainable development and, therefore, the Council's carbon reduction goals. The full text of the Craven Local Plan can be accessed at [www.cravencd.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.cravencd.gov.uk/localplan).



**Craven Local Plan Policy**

**Relevant Actions of Climate Emergency Strategic Plan**

**Policy Support for Relevant Actions**

**Comments**

**Relevant Planning Application Validation Requirements**

SD1: The Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

Broad relevance / multiple actions

General support for sustainable development

Policy states that the Council will take a proactive approach and will work co-operatively with people and organisations to find solutions to secure sustainable development that meets relevant plan policies

No specific requirement

SD2: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change

Broad relevance / multiple actions

Sets out how the Local Plan will ensure that development contributes to the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change

Includes reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the Spatial Strategy, proposing new development in locations of low flood risk, supporting energy efficiency and renewable technologies, and managing impacts on water supply, biodiversity and landscape

No specific requirement

SP1: Meeting Housing Need

Not applicable

Not applicable

Policy sets out the total number of new homes to be delivered

No specific requirement

SP2: Economic Activity and Business Growth

TRT03, TRT05, TRT06

Supports enhanced walking, cycling and public transport

Direct relevance to action on emissions from travel/transport

No specific requirement

CNE & LCW	LAN	T&T	CND	Craven Local Plan Policy	Relevant Actions of Climate Emergency Strategic Plan	Policy Support for Relevant Actions	Comments	Relevant Planning Application Validation Requirements
				SP3: Housing Mix and Density	CND03	Ensures effective and efficient use of land to meet local housing needs	Minimises urbanisation of land and therefore net carbon emissions	Design and Access Statement
				SP4: Spatial Strategy and Housing Growth	CND03	Ensures a sustainable pattern of development with growth focused on the most sustainable locations	Spatial Strategy was established through the process of Sustainability Appraisal	No specific requirement
				SP5: Strategy for Skipton – Tier 1	CND03, TRT03, LAN01, LAN07	Includes requirements for green infrastructure, enhanced biodiversity, new PROWs, trees/ woodland, walking and cycling	Policy provides land allocations for new housing, employment and regeneration	As appropriate according to the allocation's Development Principles (DPs)
				SP6: Strategy for Settle – Tier 2	CND03, TRT03, LAN01, LAN07	Includes requirements for green infrastructure, enhanced biodiversity, tree planting, PROWs, walking and cycling	Policy provides land allocations for new housing, employment and regeneration	As appropriate according to the allocation's DPs
				SP7: Strategy for Bentham – Tier 2	CND03, TRT03, LAN01, LAN07	Includes requirements for PROWs, green infrastructure, enhanced biodiversity and walking	Policy provides land allocations for new housing	As appropriate according to the allocation's DPs



CNE & LCW	LAN	T&T	CND	Craven Local Plan Policy	Relevant Actions of Climate Emergency Strategic Plan	Policy Support for Relevant Actions	Comments	Relevant Planning Application Validation Requirements
				SP8: Strategy for Glusburn/Cross Hills – Tier 3	CND03, TRT03, LAN01, LAN07	Includes requirements for PROWs, green infrastructure, trees, walking and cycling	Policy provides land allocations for new housing	As appropriate according to the allocation's DPs
				SP9: Strategy for Ingleton – Tier 3	CND03, TRT03, LAN01, LAN07	Includes requirements for enhanced biodiversity, PROWs and walking	Policy provides land allocations for new housing and employment	As appropriate according to the allocation's DPs
				SP10: Strategy for Gargrave – Tier 3	CND03, LAN01, LAN07	Includes requirements for green infrastructure and enhanced biodiversity	Policy provides land allocations for new housing	As appropriate according to the allocation's DPs
				SP11: Strategy for Tier 4a and 4b Villages	CND03, TRT03, LAN01, LAN07	Includes requirements for green infrastructure, trees, walking and cycling	Policy provides land allocations for new housing and some employment	As appropriate according to the allocation's DPs
				SP12: Infrastructure, Strategy and Development Delivery	Not applicable	Not applicable	Policy provides for the delivery of infrastructure to support Local Plan growth, as set out in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)	No specific requirement

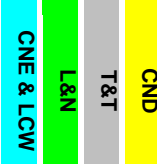
CNE & LCW	LAN	T&T	CND	Craven Local Plan Policy	Relevant Actions of Climate Emergency Strategic Plan	Policy Support for Relevant Actions	Comments	Relevant Planning Application Validation Requirements
				ENV1: Countryside and Landscape	CND03, TRT03, LAN01, LAN07	Supports enhanced PROW network and restoration and enhancement of landscapes	Relevance to tree planting on a landscape scale	Design and Access Statement
				ENV2: Heritage	Not applicable	Not applicable	Policy provides for the conservation of heritage assets, such as listed buildings	No specific requirement
				ENV3: Good Design	CNE06, CNE07, CNE08, CNE09, CND01, CND02, CND03, TRT03, TRT05	Promotes walking, cycling and sustainable design and construction	Policy applies to the design of all developments, including residential, industrial and commercial	Design and Access Statement, Sustainable Design and Construction Statement and BREEAM Pre-Assessment
				ENV4: Biodiversity	CND03, LAN01, LAN03, LAN07	Requires net gain in biodiversity and increase in trees and woodland, wherever possible	Policy identifies specific allocated sites where net gains in biodiversity will be required	Protected Species Survey and Report, Tree/Hedgerow Care Plan, Ecological/ Geological Assessment
				ENV5: Green Infrastructure	CND03, TRT03, LAN01, LAN03, LAN07	Requires improvement and expansion of the GI network wherever possible	Policy identifies specific allocated sites where improvements and growth in GI will be required	Site/Block Plan, Design and Access Statement, Planning Statement

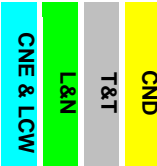
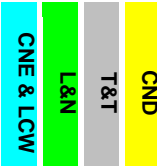
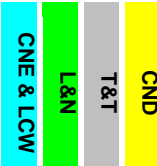
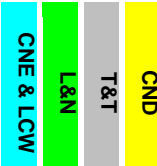
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				ENV6: Flood Risk	CND03, LAN01, LAN07	Protects areas with potential to increase flood resilience and requires natural capacity of soils, vegetation, floodplains, wetland and uplands to be enhanced	Natural flood management supports carbon sequestration in soils and vegetation, including new trees and woodland	Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Drainage Scheme
				ENV7: Land and Air Quality	CNE06, CNE07, CNE08, CNE09, CND01, CND02, CND03, TRT01, TRT02, TRT03, TRT05	Supports brownfield development. Requires development to encourage walking, cycling, public transport, electric vehicles and reduce car-use and emissions.	Re-use of brownfield land reduces need for further urbanisation of greenfield land and therefore reduces net carbon emissions	Contaminated Land Assessment; Transport Assessment, Statement or Travel Plan; Design and Access Statement; Ventilation, Exhaust and Extraction Report
				ENV8: Water Resources, Water Quality and Groundwater	LAN03	Seeks to safeguard and improve water resources, including the River Aire	Also aims to conserve resources, which is generally beneficial in terms of reducing net CO2 emissions	Non-Mains Drainage Assessment, Private Water Supply Assessment, Sustainable Design and Construction Statement, BREEAM Pre-Assessment
				ENV9: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy	CNE06, CNE09, LCW05, LAN05	Supports proposals that offer a good balance of economic, environmental and social benefits	Policy applies to all projects and infrastructure, including wind, biomass and anaerobic digestion	Other Information for Wind Turbine/Wind Farms, Statement of Community Involvement

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	ENV10: Local Green Space	Not applicable	Not applicable	Policy aims to preserve green areas, which is generally beneficial in terms of reducing net CO2 emissions	No specific requirement
	ENV11: The Leeds & Liverpool Canal	CND03, TRT03, TRT05	Requires access to/along/from the canal and towpath to be improved	Policy applies to proposals adjacent to, adjoining or impacting on canal. Towpath used for walking/cycling.	Design and Access Statement
	ENV12: Footpaths, Bridleways, Byways and Cycle Routes	CND03, TRT03, TRT05	Supports proposals that preserve and enhance footpaths, bridleways, byways and cycle routes	Includes preservation of existing, creation of new and securing links to and within the local network	Site/Block Plan, Design and Access Statement, Public Right of Way Statement
	ENV13: Green Wedges	Not applicable	Not applicable	Policy aims to preserve green areas, which is generally beneficial in terms of reducing net CO2 emissions	No specific requirement
	H1: Specialist Housing for Older People	Not applicable	Not applicable	Policy provides for the housing needs of older people	No specific requirement

CNE & LCW	L&N	T&T	CND	Craven Local Plan Policy	Relevant Actions of Climate Emergency Strategic Plan	Policy Support for Relevant Actions	Comments	Relevant Planning Application Validation Requirements
				H2: Affordable Housing	CND03	Supports improvement of existing affordable housing stock and re-use of empty homes	Improvement/re-use of existing stock/homes reduces need for urbanisation of greenfield land and so reduces net CO2 emissions	Legal Agreements – Draft Heads of Terms
				H3: Gypsies, Travellers, Showmen and Roma	CND03	Requires new/extended sites to have access to local services and employment	Reduces need for day-to-day car-use and therefore CO2 emissions	No specific requirement
				EC1: Employment and Economic Development	Not applicable	Not applicable	Policy supports employment and economic development in specific locations and circumstances	No specific requirement
				EC2: Safeguarding Existing Employment Areas	CND03	Safeguards against the avoidable loss of existing employment sites and premises	Reduces need for urbanisation of greenfield land to provide new sites/premises and so reduces net CO2 emissions	No specific requirement
				EC3: Rural Economy	CNE09, CND03, LCW05, LAN01, LAN02, LAN05, LAN06, LAN07	Supports innovation, land-based businesses and the use of farmland/ buildings in new and different ways	Examples include green technology, renewable and low-carbon energy, flood management and research	Agricultural Dwelling Questionnaire, Farm Buildings Questionnaire

CNE & LCW	L&N	T&T	CND	Craven Local Plan Policy	Relevant Actions of Climate Emergency Strategic Plan	Policy Support for Relevant Actions	Comments	Relevant Planning Application Validation Requirements
				EC4: Tourism	CND03, TRT03, TRT05, LAN03	Ensures access to public transport, footpaths and cycle routes and, wherever possible, improvement and expansion of the network	Policy also seeks environmental improvements and acknowledges potential of new activities and wildlife tourism (could include DNAire and new woodlands)	Site/Block Plan; Design and Access Statement; Transport Assessment, Statement or Travel Plan; Public Right of Way Statement
				EC4A: Tourism-Led Development at Bolton Abbey	CNE09, CND03, TRT03, LAN05	Provides for sensitive, sustainable economic development, including improved walking and cycling	Emerging proposals also include improved connections to Bolton Abbey Station, tree planting and a biomass boiler	Site/Block Plan; Design and Access Statement; Transport Assessment, Statement or Travel Plan; Public Right of Way Statement
				EC4B: Tourism Development Commitment at Hellifield	TRT03	Requires preservation and enhancement of PROW network	Also includes biodiversity and LGS requirements (ENV4, ENV10 above)	Site/Block Plan; Design and Access Statement; Public Right of Way Statement
				EC5: Town, District and Local Centres	Not applicable	Not applicable	Policy supports enhancement of and focus on town and village centres as locations for retail, leisure, cultural, commercial and community activity	Retail Impact Assessment and Sequential Test

	Craven Local Plan Policy	Relevant Actions of Climate Emergency Strategic Plan	Policy Support for Relevant Actions	Comments	Relevant Planning Application Validation Requirements
	EC5A: Residential Uses in Town, District and Local Centres	Not applicable	Not applicable	Policy allows for some residential development in town and village centres in line with the aims of EC5	No specific requirement
	INF1: Planning Obligations	Not applicable	Not applicable	Policy is on planning obligations, or section 106 agreements, themselves and sets out how they will be used	No specific requirement
	INF2: Community Facilities and Social Spaces	Not applicable	Not applicable	Policy sets out how community facilities will be protected and improved and new ones created	No specific requirement
	INF3: Sport, Open Space and Recreational Facilities	CND03, TRT03, LAN01, LAN07	Requires open space to be retained and improved and new open space to be created. Promotes access by walking, cycling and public transport.	Policy requirements could include retention, improvement and planting of trees or natural/semi-natural green areas	Site/Block Plan, Legal Agreements – Draft Heads of Terms
	INF4: Parking Provision	CND03, TRT01, TRT02, TRT03, TRT05	Promotes low emission vehicles, electric vehicle charging points and cycle parking	Policy contributes to sustainable transport, minimising congestion and reducing conflict between road users	Transport Assessment, Statement or Travel Plan

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	INF5: Communications Infrastructure	Not applicable	Not applicable	Policy supports expansion of communications infrastructure, including broadband	No specific requirement
	INF6: Education Provision	Not applicable	Not applicable	Policy ensures a sufficient choice of school places to meet the needs of existing and new residents	No specific requirement
	INF7: Sustainable Transport and Highways	CND03, TRT03, TRT05, TRT06	Seeks improvements in public transport, cycling and walking	Policy aims to minimise greenhouse gases and congestion, support safe and accessible travel facilities and maximise sustainable travel	Design and Access Statement; Transport Assessment, Statement or Travel Plan; Legal Agreements – Draft Heads of Terms



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- CNE06 Renewable Energy for CDC Operations
- CNE07 Low Carbon Rural Development
- CNE08 High Planning Standards for Energy
- CNE09 Support and Promote Renewable Energy

### Travel and Transportation

- TRT01 EV Charging Network
- TRT02 EV Charging in Developments
- TRT03 Safer Walking and Cycling Network
- TRT05 Improve Car-free access to Skipton
- TRT06 A coordinated approach to Public Transport improvement

### Carbon Neutral Development

- CND01 Zero Carbon Housing
- CND02 Zero Carbon Regeneration
- CND03 Lower Carbon Planning

### Low Carbon Waste

- LCW05 Anaerobic Digestion Facilities

### Land and Nature

- LAN01 Increase Tree Cover across Craven
- LAN02 Increase Tree Cover across our estate
- LAN03 DNAire
- LAN05 Diversify Land Use
- LAN06 Woodland Memorial Site
- LAN07 Promote native species

## Other (not relevant) Themes and Actions of the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan

### Carbon Neutral Energy

- CNE01 Renewable Energy Contracts [for CDC]
- CNE02 Improve energy use in [CDC] buildings
- CNE03 Low Energy Lighting [for CDC]
- CNE04 Low Energy Appliances [for CDC]
- CNE05 Insulation of Council Buildings
- CNE10 Increase Home Energy Efficiency [advice and funding]
- CNE11 'Close the Door' [campaign]

### Travel and Transportation

- TRT04 Support [CDC] Staff Transition to ULEVs
- TRT07 Incentivise active [CDC] staff travel
- TRT08 Car sharing and car clubs [for CDC staff]
- TRT09 Incentivise Low Emissions Taxis [via licensing]
- TRT10 Low Carbon [CDC] Fleet

### Use of Materials

- UOM01 All actions under this theme are organisational and relate to ending to or reducing the use of plastics by CDC, retailers and across the District.
- UOM03

### Carbon Neutral Development

- None All actions under this theme are relevant to Local Plan policies

### Low Carbon Waste

- LCW01 Efficient Route Planning [for Waste Management fleet]
- LCW02 Electric RCV Components [for WM fleet]
- LCW03 Reduce average fuel consumption [of WM fleet]
- LCW04 ULEV Vans [for CDC fleet]
- LCW06 Workplace Recycling [for CDC staff]
- LCW07 Reduce Waste in the Workplace [campaign]
- LCW08 Retail Waste Reduction [campaign]
- LCW09 Circular Craven [campaign]
- LCW10 Waste reduction advice [campaign]

### Land and Nature

- LAN04 National Park Habitats [outside Local Plan area]

### Our Council

- CDC01 All actions under this theme are organisational and relate to to reducing CDC's carbon impact through procurement, investment and collaboration.
- CDC07

# APPENDIX C

## How policies of the Craven Local Plan could influence actions of the Climate Emergency Strategic Plan

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### Theme: Use of Materials

All current actions under this theme (UOM01 – UOM03) relate to ending or reducing the use of plastics by CDC and retailers and across the District. However, Local Plan policy ENV3 requires the use of locally sourced (building) materials wherever possible.

Suggest a new action: UOM04 Locally Sourced Materials – Reduce transportation miles and therefore CO2 emissions by requiring the use of locally sourced building materials in new developments, including Council projects, wherever possible.

### Theme: Land and Nature

Most existing actions under this theme are supported by Local Plan policies. However, Local Plan policies ENV7, ENV10 and ENV13 also support the reuse of brownfield land and the preservation of greenfield land, which can contribute to reducing net carbon emissions.

Suggest a new action: LAN08 Conserve Greenfield Land – Minimise the urbanisation of greenfield land, which acts as a carbon sink and reduces net CO2 emissions, by encouraging the reuse of brownfield land for new developments, including Council projects, and by preserving areas of natural, semi-natural and cultivated land, including Council land.

### Theme: Land and Nature

Existing action LAN01 is to increase tree Cover across Craven, including through large-scale tree planting by the Environment Agency and Woodland Trust. This action is already supported by several Local Plan policies, but policy ENV6 also supports Natural Flood Management and, therefore, carbon sequestration in soils, trees and other vegetation.

Suggest existing action LAN01 is expanded to promote NFM and the creation or enhancement of carbon sinks in soils and other vegetation.