

Consultation Paper 4: Environment and Design

Protection and enhancement of Craven's historic places, buildings and landscapes is of utmost important. However, it is also increasingly clear that issues such as global warming, biodiversity, depletion of natural resources and the level of carbon emissions are inseparable from the development process. The options and questions outlined in the Environment and Design Issues and Options Consultation Paper attempt to address all of these issues and present options and questions relating to:

- Protection of the rural landscape;
- Flooding;
- Renewable energy: scale of provision, both from wind and from other technologies;
- Townscape and design: the historic built environment and open space within settlements; and
- Conservation and Design

Please see Consultation Paper 4 to view all of the proposed options and questions relating to Environment and Design and to have your say.

Consultation Paper 5: Transport

It should be noted that North Yorkshire County Council is the Local Transport Authority for the plan area and not Craven District Council. As such the County Council is responsible for delivering the objectives of their Local Transport Plan. However, Transport is clearly an issue that cuts across each theme of the Core Strategy, and with this in mind it was considered that the LDF could provide a response for the following key transport issues:

- The need for investment in rail and road;
- The need for the LDF to address the issue of access to services & employment by sustainable modes of transport; and
- The need for future growth to be located within sustainable locations, close to existing transport links.

Please see Consultation Paper 5 to view all of the proposed issues and questions relating to Transport and to have your say.

The consultation period runs

from:

19th June – 31st July 2006

We encourage you to view all of the Core Strategy Issues and Options Papers, and to have your say. It would be helpful to the Council if you could respond to the consultation papers via the appropriate response forms. The consultation papers and response forms are available at Council Offices, North Yorkshire County Council Libraries and on the website. Please send your response forms to:

**Planning Policy
Craven District Council
Council Offices
Granville Street
Skipton, North Yorkshire
BD23 1PS**

Alternately the response form can be completed online via the Council's website:

www.cravendc.gov.uk

Whilst the use of the response form is encouraged, the Council will also accept comments sent by email to:

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Craven District Council (Outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park) Local Development Framework



Core Strategy Issues & Options Stage

Please take a few minutes to look at this leaflet, which provides an overview on the emerging Issues and Options for the Core Strategy Document of the Local Development Framework. These Issues and Options are the starting point for guiding how Craven District (outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park) should develop its planning policies over the next 15 years. This leaflet can also be found on the Council's website.

If you require a translation or large print version of this leaflet, we will seek to provide it on request.

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BACKGROUND

The Council is preparing a new type of development plan for the District called the **Local Development Framework** (or **LDF**). The Craven District (outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park) LDF will eventually replace the Craven District (outside the YDNP) Local Plan and guide development in the District to 2021. It will comprise a 'folder' of linked **Local Development Documents (LDDs)**, which will be regularly updated. The LDF will also represent the spatial expression of the land use related elements of the Council's Community Strategy.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

We are at an early stage of preparing an important Local Development Document called the **Core Strategy**. This will set the long-term strategy for planning in Craven. In June 2005 the Shaping Places and Spaces conference brought together a wide range of key interests, such as Town and Parish Councils, Statutory Consultees and Developers in order to help the Council identify some major issues facing the District. As a result we have identified a number of **options** on how we could address these issues. These options are set out in the following Issues and Options Consultation Papers:

- **Vision, Strategic Objectives & Settlement Strategy**
- **Housing Strategy and Distribution**
- **Economic Strategy and Distribution**
- **Environment and Design**
- **Transport**

All of the proposed options were subject to a process called '**Sustainability Appraisal**', which ensures that sustainability issues, including the promotion of a better quality of life for everyone are given full consideration in the preparation of plans.

This leaflet summarises the Core Strategy Issues and Options Papers. If you wish to find out more about any of these issues, please refer to the full Issues and Options Papers and Sustainability Appraisal which are available for inspection at Skipton and Settle District Council offices (during normal opening hours), at North Yorkshire County Council libraries throughout the plan area and on our web site at www.cravencd.gov.uk.

We encourage you to view these papers and get involved. **Now is the time to have your say!**

The Council has not decided which options it prefers. **The Council wants your views** on the options in the Issues and Options Papers. All of the comments received will help us to prepare the next stage of the Core Strategy the **Preferred Options** document later this year. To help you, we have produced response forms for the Issues and Options Papers, which set out a series of options and questions based around the themes of each paper. You can answer all of them or just a few of them, in the boxes provided. The response papers are available at Skipton and Settle District Council offices (during normal opening hours) and on our web site at www.cravencd.gov.uk.

SUMMARY OF CORE STRATEGY ISSUES & OPTIONS PAPERS

Consultation Paper 1: Vision, Strategic Objectives and Settlement Strategy: What are we seeking to achieve?

A fundamental aspect of the Local Development Framework is to have an overall goal or Vision for what the plan would seek to achieve over a period of time. This vision would help to inform how the Council's overall Strategic Objectives could be realised. This consultation paper also provides us with the opportunity to agree a Settlement Strategy for future development that reflects the agreed Local Development Framework vision and strategic objectives. The questions and options set out in this Consultation Paper ask:

- Should the LDF Vision be based on the aims and objectives of the Community Strategy and issues raised at the conference?
- Should the new LDF Settlement Strategy be based on the existing Settlement Strategy in the adopted Local Plan; or have an emphasis on one pillar of sustainability (i.e. Economic, Environmental or Social); or be formed from a combination of the three pillars of sustainability; or should a new approach be taken?

Please see Consultation Paper 1 to view full details of the proposed questions and options for the Vision, Strategic Objectives and the Settlement Strategy and to have your say.

Consultation Paper 2: Housing Strategy & Distribution

The broad direction and distribution of growth within the plan area, including new housing, will be determined by the Settlement Strategy (Consultation Document 1). However, it is important to consider issues relating to the location of new housing within settlements and type of new housing that is needed across the plan area. The options outlined in the Housing Strategy and Distribution Issues and Options Consultation Paper, therefore, focus on the following issues:

- The location of new housing development;
- Requiring a provision of affordable housing; and
- Achieving a mix of new housing.

Please see Consultation Paper 2 to view all of the proposed options for Housing Strategy and Distribution and to have your say.

Consultation Paper 3: Economic Strategy & Distribution

The broad direction and distribution of growth within the plan area, including new employment sites, will be determined by the Settlement Strategy (Consultation Document 1). However, it is important to consider the location and type of new employment development that is needed across the plan area. The options outlined in the Economic Strategy and Distribution Issues and Options Consultation Paper, therefore, focus on the following issues:

- The location of economic development;
- Types of employment development; and
- Supporting local economic regeneration.

Please see Consultation Paper 3 to view all of the proposed options for Economic Strategy and Distribution and to have your say.