

**Core Strategy SA/ SEA Scoping Report
Summary of Consultation Responses**

| Consultee | Summary of Consultation Responses | Proposed Action Outcome |
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| English Heritage | Para 3.4 National – As Craven has no Green Belt it is not clear why reference is made to PPG2 | Omitted from para 3.4 and Appendix 2 |
| English Heritage | Para 3.4 National – a force for our Future was published by ODPM | Amended |
| English Heritage | Para 3.4 Regional – For completeness reference should be made to the Regional Cultural Strategy which was produced by the Regional Cultural Consortium in 2001 | Amended to include reference to the Regional Cultural Strategy in the text and in Appendix 2 |
| English Heritage | Para 4.46 Given that the local planning authority designates Conservation Areas, it should know the exact number within its area | Amended to include reference to 31 Conservation Areas |
| English Heritage | Para 4.47 It might be better to begin this Paragraph by stating “The Sites and Monuments record contains a record of all known archaeological sites in the District. Some of these areas, although not Scheduled, may nonetheless be of national importance | Amended to include this sentence in para 4.47 |
| North Yorkshire County Council | Testing the objectives: The reasons for testing the SA objectives against the objectives of the Community Strategy are unclear. This approach is unnecessary as the objectives of the Community Strategy were taken into account when the SA objectives were developed | Noted and a further explanation of why the Community Strategy objectives were tested is included in the scoping report under Chapter 7 |
| North Yorkshire County Council | At no stage, no appraisal is required as the interim guidance states that Task A5 will be included in Stage B. However Task A3 states; “LPAs will be aware of many sustainability issues or problems which they face when preparing their DPD. They will be able to identify others in conducting the SA of the DPD based on (among other things); Analysis of possible tensions or inconsistencies between the current or future baseline conditions | Testing the Community Strategy was an additional extra, it was used to verify the SA objectives and explain to stakeholders attending the workshop how issues can be appraised. The SA objectives will be fully utilised in testing the Issues and Options papers |

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| | and proposed objectives, targets or obligations | |
| North Yorkshire County Council | Indicators: While the indicators outlined are comprehensive they should directly relate to the SA objectives. The SA should ideally identify specific indicators that assess the impact of the plan against the SA objectives. Therefore, addressing the data and baseline gaps which exist through the iterative SA process. NYCC will soon be undertaking work on indicators for use in SA which will be available for use by the organisations within the county | Recognition is made of the data gaps in the scoping report and where possible additional indicators have been included under Table 6.2 |
| Environment Agency | Sub objective: To maintain and improve water quality Suggested criteria: Will it improve water quality? | Altered |
| Environment Agency | Sub objective: To maintain and improve soil quality Suggested indicator: Area of contaminated land remediated | This indicator has not been included within the SA Framework as Craven District Council will find it difficult to measure this indicator at present: Craven District Council's Environmental Health Department holds registers of existing contaminated land and land that has been remediated via notices served. These registers are currently empty as remediation work is done via an agreement between Environmental Health & developers through the Planning Process. These agreements would be very difficult to identify from existing systems and would therefore be difficult to measure this indicator at |

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| Environment Agency | There appears to be an error for the sub objective To reduce water consumption. The criteria for it read “Will it reduce waste consumption? This presumably should read “Will it reduce water consumption | Amended |
| Environment Agency | There is also an error for the sub objective “To achieve efficient use of energy use”. This should be remediated | Amended |
| Environment Agency | I am uncomfortable with the inclusion of the flooding sub-objective solely under the 'climate change' headline objective. Although flooding is likely to be worsened by climate change, flooding would remain an issue in a climate of stability as it is a naturally occurring residual process. My preference would be that the same objective is also included under the headline objective 'To achieve and promote sustainable land use and built development' as it fits more appropriately under this. | Amended |
| Environment Agency | I would also suggest a re-wording of the sub-objective. It currently reads: Sub-Objective: To reduce the vulnerability to flooding to people, property and the environment. Suggested Sub-Objective: To ensure that development is not at risk of flooding and will not increase flooding elsewhere. | Amended |
| Environment Agency | Suggested Indicator: Number of developments approved/allocated in Flood Zone 3. Suggested Indicator: % of developments approved/allocated in FZ3 which incorporate appropriate flood proofing measures. Suggested Indicator: Number of developments incorporating SuDS techniques. | Amended |
| Environment Agency | I would also recommend the following indicator: Sub-Objective: To maximise the use of PDL and buildings. | See reference to contaminated land above |

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| <p>Environment Agency</p> | <p>Suggested Indicator: Area of contaminated land remediated.</p> <p>SFRA Your authority should be undertaking a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA). This SFRA should act as an informing tool when formulating your subsequent Spatial Strategy and Allocations documents. We would also expect some commitment in the Core Policies to generally encouraging development away from areas at risk from flooding and encouraging any developments which incorporate SuDS techniques which might have wider benefits in respect of flooding. It is important that SFRA plays an integral role and doesn't just act as a 'bolt on'. The Environment Agency will consider objecting to your Core Strategy and Allocations documents where SFRA has not been used to facilitate the use of the sequential test.</p> | <p>Noted and reference included in Para 4.51</p> |
| <p>Countryside Agency</p> | <p>Chapter 3: Include reference to the following publications National: Rural Strategy 2004 The Future of Transport 2004 Regional: Regional Cultural Strategy Regional Environmental Enhancement Strategy for Y&H 2003 Communities Plan Sustainable Communities in Y and H 2003 Northern Way Growth Strategy Countryside Character Areas Volume 3 Y&H Ca 1999 County: Sub Regional Investment Plan for York and North Yorkshire 2004-2009</p> | <p>Included references in Chapter 3 and Appendix 2</p> |

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| | Local Level: Craven Landscape Character Assessment OSYDNP & FOB 2002 | |
| Countryside Agency | Chapter 4: The Countryside Agency is able to provide indicators relating to two main areas, social via the State of the Countryside Report and through the work currently being undertaken on Countryside Quality Counts indicators. We see you have already identified the latter source in Appendix 4; this should also be linked to the Local Landscape Character assessment that CDC has undertaken for their area | Reference is made to the Local Landscape Character Assessment in Appendix 4 |
| Countryside Agency | Chapter 5: The environmental/landscape information seems to be limited and does not identify access to the countryside from towns or links to the countryside via Green Infrastructure Corridors or areas of improvement relating to degraded land on the urban/town fringe. Walking is identified as an indicator however cycling is not, indicator relating to new or improved walking and cycling provision should be included. Linking Green infrastructure Corridors and access to the countryside by walking and cycling will help other indicators such as health and fitness of the resident and attract visitors to undertake sustainable tourism activities | Reference is made under Chapter 5 to links with green infrastructure corridors, access to the countryside from towns and areas of improvement relating to graded land or urban/town fringes |
| Countryside Agency | Chapter 5: Tourism economy will still be a key element of the economy in Craven yet no objective or indicator appears to be included in either Chapter 4 or Appendix 4 in particular green or sustainable tourism objectives and indicators should be included | Reference is made to the tourism economy under the SA framework and additional criteria has been included under the headline objective to develop a strong, diverse economic base “to the encouragement of sustainable tourism activities” |

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| <p>Countryside Agency</p> | <p>Chapter 6: Additional indicators that have already been identified above are: Length of green infrastructure corridors New or improved walking and cycling routes and paths Indicators covering hedgerows and trees that have been lost or planted to improve the natural environment and biodiversity habitats</p> | <p>Included all indicators under the SA framework</p> |
| <p>Countryside Agency</p> | <p>The Objectives are very basic and some local elements need to be attached to them for example:</p> <p>Objective A should have “local distinctiveness” added before landscape</p> <p>Objective B should include “avoid damage to designated sites and protected species through sustainable and appropriate land management techniques</p> <p>Objective L could be improved by adding “To protect and enhance access to key community facilities and services including leisure and recreation services by means which seek to minimise environmental impact on the district and its communities</p> <p>Objective T To support the provision and retention of key facilities and services ensuring that local need are met locally wherever possible</p> | <p>These objectives are not the final SA objectives but ones to consider for inclusion in the final SA framework. Appendix 4 has been revised to make clear the differences between the possible SA objectives and the final version</p> <p>Amendments have been made to the relevant SA objectives and criteria to ensure these points have been take on board</p> |