

Latest Planning Policy News - Older News Bulletins: 2012

DECEMBER 2012

An update and progress report on the Local Plan of Action has now been published

The Local Plan of Action was published in December 2011 and provides a timetable and programme of work for producing a new local plan. One year on, we've provided an update and progress report, which is now available to download from the web page.

NOVEMBER 2012

The Annual Monitoring Report for 2011-2012 has now been published

The report includes key facts and statistics relating to development in the area over the 12 month period 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012. To view the report please visit the web page. A hard copy of the report is also available to view at the Belle Vue Square Council Office reception, Skipton.

OCTOBER 2012

Shaping a Spatial Strategy and Housing Target - New Web-Page Launched

We've created a new web-page dedicated to our current work on shaping a spatial strategy, housing target and site allocations for the emerging local plan. The page provides information on what's been happening recently, documents to download and links to committee reports and minutes. We'll be adding new items to the page and giving you regular updates on progress. Please follow the link to visit the new web-page.

SEPTEMBER 2012

Start of Discussions on New Housing Target for Craven

A new local housing figure and spatial strategy for Craven (outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park) moved a step closer in August with the approval of a draft discussion paper - "Shaping a Spatial Strategy and Housing Figure for Craven" by the Craven Spatial Planning Sub-Committee. The draft discussion paper formed the basis of consultation exercises held with parishes, elected members and a wide range of stakeholders in September.

4 Workshops were held across the district to gather local views on the amount of housing needed over the next fifteen years and where the houses should go.

This feedback will be considered by Craven Spatial Planning Sub- Committee on 8th October so members can agree on a draft housing target and spatial strategy. Work can then begin on site allocations and these draft housing site allocations will be considered by Craven Spatial Planning Sub- Committee in December.

Wider public consultation on the draft housing target, spatial strategy and site allocations will take place in the New Year.

JUNE 2012

Government offer financial assistance to stalled building sites - The Government's 'Get Britain Building' funding scheme has now been opened up to smaller, family-run companies. The Get Britain Building scheme was originally only available for larger developments of 25 houses or more. This threshold has now been lowered to allow smaller builders, planning for 15 houses or more on their sites, to bid for a share of more than £100 million to get their stalled developments back on track.

The fund will provide commercial loans to builders who have planning consent on a site and are all ready to move ahead with the building work.

To read the Government's full press release on the Get Britain Building scheme please visit the .

For further details and information on submitting a bid for funding please see the .

New affordable housing guidance - The Affordable Housing Guide (2008) has been withdrawn and replaced with an . Planning applications for housing development should now be prepared in line with this new guidance.

APRIL 2012

Population Projections - A new report prepared for us by Edge Analytics Ltd is now available on the page. The report provides detailed and up-to-date population estimates and projections for Craven and will support the formulation of an overall development strategy and housing target for the district.

Free advice on scrubbing up wildlife havens - The Craven Biodiversity Action Group, chaired by North Yorkshire County Council are offering free advice to anyone who owns a plot of 'scrub' land. Scrub land is often considered to be unsightly, but actually forms an important habitat for many plants and animals. The Craven Biodiversity Action Group can offer advice to owners who are unsure what can be done with their land, and want to make the most out of it. For full details please visit the webpage or contact North Yorkshire County Council's Biodiversity Officer on 0845 8727374, or by email to countryside@northyorks.gov.uk.

MARCH 2012

Release of National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) - The NPPF was published on the 27th March 2012. The NPPF will form part of the Council's Local Development Plan, against which planning applications are assessed, and replaces the existing Planning Policy Statements and Guidance. For further information and to download a copy of the NPPF please visit the .

FEBRUARY 2012

The Planning Policy Team is trying to gather information on sites with planning permission for housing which have not been started or are being built. We want to get an idea of how many houses could possibly be built over the next few years. The Council must be able to show that there are enough sites ready for development across the District (outside the Yorkshire Dales

National Park), to meet house building targets for the next five years. Sites with planning permission will help us hit this five-year target, and gathering information on when these sites are likely to be finished will help us to work out many new houses will be needed over the next few years. We have sent a letter to everyone with planning permission for housing asking them to fill in a short questionnaire to say when they think building work will be finished on their site. The questionnaire can be filled in online by using the following link: