Name of Consultation: Draft Craven Local Plan (5/4/16 version)

Start Date: Tuesday 5th April 2016

End date: Tuesday 31st May 2016 (extended from Tuesday 17th May 2016)

What is the consultation about?

The consultation is about the council's local plan. A local plan is a document containing text and maps, setting out how land should be used for such things as housing, employment, recreation and conservation. The aim of a plan is to achieve economic, environmental and social goals through sustainable development. Policies in a local plan are used to decide planning applications.

What will the consultation achieve? Will the results feed into a larger piece of work?

The consultation relates to a second draft of the local plan and follows consultation on an initial draft during autumn 2014. The council has improved the 2014 version in response to comments made and new evidence provided by recent planning studies. Consultation on the second draft will enable further improvements to be made before a final version is produced and subjected to formal approval procedures, including an Examination in Public.

Who is being consulted?

This is a public consultation and is therefore open to everyone. We are particularly keen to hear from individuals, organisations and companies that have an interest in spatial or land-use planning in the local area, and can provide constructive criticism and positive suggestions for improvement.

What area does the consultation cover?

The council's planning area, which is the part of Craven outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

How can people get involved in the consultation?

Consultation documents, including the draft local plan and comments form, can be downloaded from the council's new local plan web-page. Reference copies of the draft local plan and paper copies of the comments form are also available at the council's reception desk and at local libraries. Comments forms can be submitted by email or by post during the consultation period.

Is the consultation available in other formats?

Other formats can be provided, on request, in line with the council's normal procedure. Please contact us with your requests.

Are there any consultation events?

Yes. We will be holding eight drop-in surgeries to discuss the draft local plan at: Victoria Hall, Settle, 25/4/16 4-8pm and 23/5/16 5-7pm; Glusburn Institute 26/4/16 4-8pm; Skipton Town Hall (annex) 3/5/16 4-8pm and 26/5/16 4-7pm; Bentham Town Hall 4/5/16 4-8pm; Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton, 17/5/16 4-7pm; St Peter's Methodist Church, Cross Hills, 19/5/16, 4-7pm.

Who can people contact for further information about the consultation?

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Consultation webpage: www.cravendc.gov.uk/latestplanningpolicynews

How and when can people receive feedback once the consultation is over?

Feedback will be provided on the new local plan web-page: www.cravendc.gov.uk/newlocalplan.

Bulletins will be issued on the planning policy news web-page and in the Planning Focus newsletter: www.cravendc.gov.uk/latestplanningpolicynews.

It should be possible to provide initial feedback within two months from the end of the consultation period.