

**CRAVEN SPATIAL PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

8<sup>th</sup> October 2012

**Present** – Councillors Barrett, Barrington, Paul English, Foster, Lis (substitute for Councillor Knowles-Fitton), Turner and Welch.

**Officers** – Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration, Spatial Planning Manager and Committee Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Knowles-Fitton.

Start: 6.37pm

Finish: 8.15pm

Councillor Turner arrived at 6.45pm

The minutes of the Sub-Committee's meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**Minutes for Report**

CSP.58

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

In addressing the Sub-Committee David Walsh of Skipton Town Council highlighted the need for the Council to adopt a housing allocation figure which was realistic and which provided a five year land supply throughout the Development Plan period. He pointed out that the adopted housing allocation figure ( 160 dwellings per annum had been presented for discussion at the parish workshops ) would in reality be exceeded when taking into account windfall developments.

In also addressing the Sub-Committee, Verner Wheelock, Chairman of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England's (CPRE) Craven Branch, stated that CPRE Craven had written to Councillors regarding the proposed housing allocation and expressed the opinion that the Council should be setting a target viewed as the minimum required to comply with Government Policy. He also stated that the Council should be seeking to minimise damage to the environment and advocated allocating small sites in smaller villages, an approach which had the potential to provide new housing right across the District. The Council should also be establishing an approach which accommodated the needs of elderly and young persons.

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**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – SHAPING A SPATIAL STRATEGY AND HOUSING FIGURE FOR CRAVEN**

Further to Minute CSP.57/12-13, the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration submitted a report presenting feedback from the parish / town council and stakeholder workshops held to discuss ideas presented in the discussion paper "Shaping a Spatial Strategy and Housing Figure", and seeking agreement on guidelines for progressing work on a draft housing figure, spatial strategy and approach to site allocations for Craven (outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park).

During the course of the ensuing discussion the Spatial Planning Manager, whilst acknowledging the current economic situation, reminded Members that the Development Plan covered a 15 year period, and it was therefore important to plan for the longer term. She advised against including windfall developments within the minimum annual allocation figure, indicating that such an approach could be found unsound at the examination stage. Actual site allocations would be based

on delivering the minimum housing target in each five year period, and the agreed annual housing figure would be subject to periodic review.

**Resolved** – (1) That a housing figure of 160 dwellings (minimum) per annum for that part of the Craven District outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park is adopted as the draft housing figure for purposes of consultation.

(2) That the proposed sub area approach and proportions outlined in the discussion paper for the distribution of the housing figure is adopted for purposes of consultation.

(3) That the proposed inclusion of additional settlements in each sub-area, to those shown in the discussion paper, to be considered to receive site allocations is agreed in principle.

(4) That the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration is authorised to prepare a report on potential additional settlements to be identified in each sub area for consideration by this Sub-Committee before the end of October 2012.

(5) That the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration is authorised to develop supporting policies for the recommended draft housing figure and spatial strategy taking into account outcomes from the parish and stakeholder workshops, including policy approaches to closely manage windfall development in settlements; address local housing needs in smaller settlements; manage the phasing of sites and policies to achieve the right mix of housing on sites.

(6) That the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration is asked to submit to this Sub-Committee's next meeting, details of the criteria to be used for the process of allocating sites within the emerging Development Plan.

**Next Meeting** – To be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

Chairman.