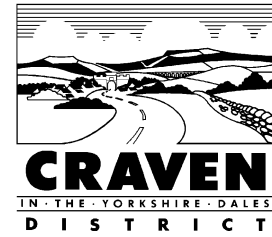


Craven Spatial Planning Sub Committee 14th June 2017



Pre-Publication Draft Craven Local Plan - Consultation Documents

Report of the Strategic Manager for Planning and Regeneration

Ward(s) affected: All wards wholly or partly outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park

1. **Purpose of Report** – To present and seek approval of the pre-publication draft Craven Local Plan to be published for consultation.
2. **Recommendations** – Members are recommended to:
 - 2.1 Approve the publication of the pre-publication draft Craven Local Plan, including appendices A,B and C and the policies and inset maps for consultation for a six week period commencing Monday 19th June 2017 and ending on Monday 31st July 2017.
3. **Report**
 - 3.1 Members will recall that this sub-Committee approved a full draft Local Plan, including draft policies and pool of site allocation options for public consultation on the 30th March 2016. Public consultation ran from 5th April – 31st May 2016.
 - 3.2 Comments received during the April – May 2016 public local plan consultation have been considered. Consultation response papers have been prepared to summarise the comments received, set out the Council's response to each comment, indicate if a change is required to the next draft of the local plan and set out the details of changes to be made to the plan. Where comments have resulted in a change to the plan, these changes have been highlighted in red and underlined in the attached Pre-Publication Draft Craven Local Plan - Consultation Document.
 - 3.3 Other changes have been made to the draft local plan to reflect updated or new legislation, planning policy guidance and evidence, such as the updated Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2016, The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment 2017, Conservation Area Appraisals 2016, Employment Land Review 2017, Craven Local Plan Viability Appraisal 2017 and the Highway Modelling Report for Skipton 2017.

- 3.4 Consideration of the consultation comments received, and new and/or updated evidence and planning guidance has resulted in new draft policies being proposed for inclusion in the local plan or significant changes being made to existing draft policies. These are:-
- SP1: Meeting Housing Need
 - SP2: Economic Activity and Business Growth
 - SP3: Housing Mix & Density (Significant change to existing Policy SP3 to include density considerations, Deletion of Policy H4 Housing Density)
 - ENV10: Local Green Space (approved by the Sub-Committee in January 2017)
 - ENV11: The Leeds & Liverpool Canal (new policy)
 - ENV12: Footpaths, Bridleways & Cycle Routes (new policy)
 - ENV13: Green Wedges (new policy)
 - Policy H2: Affordable Housing
 - EC4A: Tourism-Led Development At Bolton Abbey(new policy)
 - Policy INF6: Education Provision (new policy)
- 3.5 Policies SP5 to SP11 set out the preferred housing, employment and mixed use allocation sites. The preferred sites are recommended following an extensive and robust residential site selection process and Sustainability Appraisal of sites within the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). Members will recall that a Member Workshop on Sustainability of Sites was held on 15th March 2017, where a presentation was given on the Residential Site Selection process methodology.
- 3.6 Members are requested to agree the recommendation set out at paragraph 2.1 of this report, that the pre-publication draft Craven Local Plan with appendices and the policies and inset maps be published for informal consultation purposes in line with the timetable agreed by the Sub-Committee at the meeting of 5th June 2017 ie for a six week period running from 19th June 2017 to 31st July 2017.

4 **Implications**

- 4.2 **Financial and Value for Money (vfm) Implications** – Additional resource has been budgeted for to ensure that there is sufficient capacity within the Planning Policy team to progress the Local Plan to submission within the required timescale.

- 4.3 **Legal Implications** – If the Local Plan is not prepared in accordance with legal requirements, fully justified and supported by evidence, the Local Plan would be found unsound at examination and could not proceed to adoption.
- 4.4 **Contribution to Council Priorities** – The adoption of the Craven Local Plan will contribute to delivering all the Council’s Priorities.
- 4.5 **Risk Management** — If Members do not agree to the recommendation to progress with consultation on the Local Plan it is unlikely that the agreed timetable for Submission of the Plan by December 2017 will be met. Additional resource has been employed to ensure that there is sufficient capacity within the Planning Policy team to progress the Local Plan to submission within the required timescale.
- 4.6 **Equality Analysis** – Draft Policies within the Craven Local Plan have been subject to Sustainability Appraisal which includes objectives on equalities, the Local Plan will also be subject to full Equalities Impact Assessment before submission for examination.
- 5 **Consultations with Others** – . Legal Services, Financial Services
- 6 **Access to Information : Background Documents** – Sustainability Appraisal of Policies and draft Preferred Site Allocations. Consultation Response Papers (from the April –May 2016 local plan public consultation) Site Assessment Sheets. Summary of the Residential Site Selection Process. Approaching Housing Density & Mix: Background Paper .Review of Green Wedge Designations : Background Paper. Published Local Plan Evidence Base documents.
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- Note : Members are invited to contact the author in advance of the meeting with any detailed queries or questions.
8. **Appendices** –
Annex A - Pre-Publication Draft Craven Local Plan - Consultation Document with Appendices A- Sport, Open Space and Built Sports Facilities; B- Education Provision and C - Infrastructure Delivery Plan
Policies & Inset Maps