

Craven Spatial Planning Sub-Committee – 27 November 2017



CRAVEN LOCAL PLAN - Evidence Base Updates: Demographic Forecasting, Strategic Housing Market Assessment , Employment Land Review.

Report of the Strategic Manager (Planning and Regeneration)

Ward(s) affected: All

1. **Purpose of Report** – To make Members aware of the latest evidence required to support the Craven Local Plan.
2. **Recommendations** – Members are recommended to:
 - 2.1 To note and accept the November 2017 evidence base updates on Demographic Forecasting (DFU), Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and Employment Land Review (ELR) into the evidence base of the Craven Local Plan.
3. **Report**
 - 3.1 During the Summer 2017 Pre-Publication Draft Plan Consultation representations were made regarding the approach taken in the Council’s SHMA and about the alignment between the SHMA and the ELR. These representations sought higher FOAN figures in the SHMA:
 - to reflect the government’s policy to address the issue of providing more housing opportunities for newly forming households in the young adult population, and
 - by amending when the SHMA’s uplift for affordable housing takes place within the OAN calculation process.
 - 3.2 A combination of the above objections and the publication of more recent national statistics on population and economic activity rates, and more recent regional economic data have resulted in the need to update the plan’s evidence base. The key differences to the earlier evidence relevant to the Local Plan Policy are as follows:
 - The full objectively assessed need for housing (**FOAN**) in the plan area has increased from 182 (SHMA 2016) to **206 dpa**

- The full objectively assessed need for housing (**FOAN**) in **Craven District as a whole, including part of the YDNP** has increased from 214 (SHMA 2016) to **242 dpa**.
- The annualised **need for affordable housing** has decreased from 145 to **126 dpa**
- The **proportion of the District's FOAN estimated to be attributed to the National Park** has remained at 15%.
- The range of **employment land requirements for B class uses** to align with the latest evidence on housing and jobs growth has gone up from 26 to 29 hectares to **27 to 32 hectares**.

- 3.3 These differences are a result of minor changes in the approach to calculating the FOAN which reflect the representations received, the most recent increases in estimated population in the Office for National Statistics Mid-Year Estimates, and a March 2017 Regional Econometric Modelling.
- 3.4 It is therefore considered that these figures within the updated evidence represent the most robust position for the Council to adopt as the plan moves forward to Publication and submission to the Secretary of State early next year.
- 3.5 Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to this report are respectively: - the November 2017 Updates for Demographic Forecasting; Strategic Housing Market Assessment, and the Employment Land Review. The Demographic Forecasting and Employment Land Review updates are to be read alongside the earlier versions of this evidence. The Strategic Housing Market Assessment will supersede the 2016 version.
- 3.6 The implications of the new evidence for the Craven Local Plan is set out for members in other reports on this Sub Committee's agenda.

4.0 Implications

- 4.1 **Financial and Value for Money (vfm) Implications** – There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
- 4.2 **Legal Implications** – The preparation of the Local Plan is a statutory obligation under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- 4.3 **Contribution to Council Priorities** – Adoption of the Craven Local Plan will provide a spatial strategy, development policies and land allocations for housing and employment in the area which will directly or indirectly contribute to all the Council's priorities.
- 4.4 **Risk Management** – Preparation of the local plan is a statutory obligation under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and is the key mechanism for delivering development in the District to meet future community needs and demands. Significant delays in adoption of the plan may affect future New Homes Bonus payments. In addition the plan is a key corporate document that will be the spatial expression of numerous other corporate strategies, such as the Housing Strategy, Economic Strategy and Council Plan. Failure to deliver the plan will also result in these strategies not being fully realised.

4.5 **Equality Analysis** – No new policy or procedure is proposed in this report which would give rise to a requirement for an Equality Analysis.

5. **Consultations with Others** – Legal and Financial Services

6. **Access to Information : Background Documents** – Craven Local Plan Demographic Forecasting Addendum Update, November 2017 (Edge Analytics); Craven Local Plan Strategic Housing Market Assessment November 2017 (Arc4); Craven Local Plan Employment Land Review Addendum, November 2017 (Nathaniel Lichfields)

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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** –

Appendix 1: Craven Local Plan: Demographic Forecasting, Addendum: November 2017

Appendix 2: Craven Local Plan: Strategic Housing Market Assessment: Update: November 2017

Appendix 3: Craven Local Plan: Employment Land Review: Addendum November 2017.