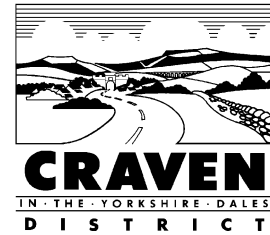


## Craven Spatial Planning Sub Committee - 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017



### CRAVEN LOCAL PLAN- LANDSCAPE VISUAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT 2017 AND HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT 2016

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 acceptance by Members of the Landscape Visual Impact Assessment 2017 and Heritage Impact Assessment 2016 as supporting documents to the Publication Draft Local Plan.
2. **Recommendations** – Members are recommended to:
  - 2.1 To note and accept the Landscape Visual Impact Assessment 2017 produced by the Planning Policy team and the Heritage Impact Assessment 2016 produced by Hinchliffe Heritage into the evidence base as supporting documents to the Publication Draft Local Plan.
- 3 **Report**
  - 3.1 At the request of Natural England the Council has undertaken a Landscape Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) to assist in the assessment of sites for housing and mixed use allocation. The LVIA assesses whether development would have a detrimental visual impact on views into and out of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and/or the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and makes recommendations for site specific LVIA for allocated housing and mixed use sites in the Publication Draft Local Plan, where appropriate.
  - 3.2 In 2016, following Conservation Area Appraisal work, Historic England requested that the Council undertake a Heritage Impact Assessment of a number of specific sites in close proximity to important heritage assets, so that a more detailed and better understanding of potential impact on important heritage assets could be gained to inform the residential site selection process. The Council commissioned consultants Hinchliffe Heritage to undertake this project. The HIA sets out recommendations for mitigation measures to preserve and protect heritage assets where necessary, which have been included into the development principles for sites allocated in the Publication Draft Local Plan.
- 4 **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 Corporate Priorities** – 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. 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 delay 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 Services, Financial Services
6. **Access to Information: Background Documents** – The Council's Landscape Visual Impact Assessment 2017; Heritage Impact Assessment 2016.
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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 A – Landscape Visual Impact Assessment 2017  
Appendix B – Heritage Impact Assessment 2016