

Craven District Council

Strategic Policies for the Purposes of Neighbourhood Planning

Introduction

Paragraphs 29 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2019 (the Framework) states that:

“Neighbourhood planning gives communities the power to develop a shared vision for their area. Neighbourhood plans can shape, direct and help to deliver sustainable development, by influencing local planning decisions as part of the statutory development plan.”

Neighbourhood planning provides a set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community. The ambition of the neighbourhood should be aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area. Neighbourhood plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. To facilitate this, local planning authorities should set out clearly their strategic policies for the area and ensure that an up-to-date Local Plan is in place as quickly as possible. Neighbourhood plans should reflect these policies and neighbourhoods should plan positively to support them. Neighbourhood plans and orders should not promote less development than set out in the Local Plan or undermine its strategic policies.

Outside these strategic elements, neighbourhood plans will be able to shape and direct sustainable development in their area. Once a neighbourhood plan is brought into force, or adopted, the policies it contains take precedence over existing non-strategic policies in the Local Plan for that neighbourhood, where they are in conflict; unless they are superseded by strategic or non-strategic policies that are adopted subsequently.

What is meant by Strategic Policies?

Paragraph 20 of the Framework states that:

“Strategic policies should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development, and make sufficient provision for:

a) housing (including affordable housing), employment, retail, leisure and other commercial development;

b) infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, security, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);

c) community facilities (such as health, education and cultural infrastructure); and

d) conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment, including landscapes and green infrastructure, and planning measures to address climate change mitigation and adaptation.”

Paragraph 21 of the Framework sets out the requirement that plans should make explicit which policies are strategic policies and that where a single local plan is prepared the non-strategic policies should be clearly distinguished from the strategic policies.

How is a Strategic Policy determined?

DCLG Planning Practice Guidance (paragraph 076) states that “*strategic policies will be different in each local planning authority area and when reaching a view on whether a policy is a strategic policy the following are useful considerations:*

- *whether the policy sets out an overarching direction or objective*
- *whether the policy seeks to shape the broad characteristics of development*
- *the scale at which the policy is intended to operate*
- *whether the policy sets a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced*
- *whether the policy sets a standard or other requirement that is essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the local plan or spatial development strategy*
- *in the case of site allocations, whether bringing the site forward is central to achieving the vision and aspirations of the local plan or spatial development strategy*
- *whether the local plan or spatial development strategy identifies the policy as being strategic.”*

The Development Plan

The current Development Plan for the area of Craven outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park is:

- The Craven Local Plan (2012-2032) (adopted Nov 2019)
- Saved Policies from the North Yorkshire Council (NYCC) Minerals Local Plan (1997)
- Saved policies from the NYCC Waste Local Plan (1997)
- The Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan (July 2019)

The adopted Craven Local Plan (2012-2032) policies have been assessed against the seven considerations set out above to determine which policies are considered to be strategic.

Each adopted Craven District Local Plan policies, an assessment of whether they are considered to be strategic, and the reasons for that judgement, are set out in Table 1 below.

The saved policies from the Minerals and Waste Local Plans are generally considered strategic in nature. Any further advice however should be sought from North Yorkshire County Council, the planning authority for minerals and waste.

Policies contained in the Gargrave Neighbourhood Plan are not considered to be strategic in nature.

Table 1 – Strategic Policies within the Adopted Craven Local Plan (Nov 2019)

	<i>(i) whether the policy sets out an overarching direction or objective?</i>	<i>(ii) whether the policy seeks to shape the broad characteristics of development?</i>	<i>(iii) the scale at which the policy is intended to operate</i>	<i>(iv) whether the policy sets a framework for decisions on how competing priorities should be balanced?</i>	<i>(v) whether the policy sets a standard or other requirement that is essential to achieving the wider vision and aspirations in the Local Plan?</i>	<i>(vi) in the case of site allocations, whether bringing the site forward is central to achieving the vision and aspirations of the Local Plan</i>	<i>(vii) whether the Local Plan identifies the policy as being strategic</i>	Is the policy classed as strategic?
Adopted Craven Local Plan (Nov 2019)								
SECTION 3: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT								
POLICY SD1: THE PRESUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
POLICY SD2: MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y
SECTION 4: STRATEGIC POLICIES AND SPATIAL STRATEGY								
POLICY SP1: MEETING HOUSING NEED	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
POLICY SP2: ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND BUSINESS GROWTH	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
POLICY SP3: HOUSING MIX AND DENSITY	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
POLICY SP4: SPATIAL STRATEGY AND HOUSING GROWTH	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y

POLICY SP5: STRATEGY FOR SKIPTON – TIER 1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
POLICY SP6: STRATEGY FOR SETTLE – TIER 2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
POLICY SP7: STRATEGY FOR BENTHAM – TIER 2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
POLICY SP8: STRATEGY FOR GLUSBURN/CROSSHILLS – TIER 3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
POLICY SP9: STRATEGY FOR INGLETON – TIER 3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
POLICY SP10: STRATEGY FOR GARGRAVE – TIER 3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
POLICY SP11: STRATEGY FOR TIER 4A AND 4B VILLAGES WITH BASIC SERVICES AND BISECTED VILLAGES WITH BASIC SERVICES	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
POLICY SP12: INFRASTRUCTURE, STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT DELIVERY	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y
SECTION 5: ENVIRONMENT								
POLICY ENV1: COUNTRYSIDE AND LANDSCAPE	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
POLICY ENV2: HERITAGE	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
POLICY ENV3: GOOD DESIGN	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
POLICY ENV4: BIODIVERSITY	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
POLICY ENV5: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
POLICY ENV6: FLOOD RISK	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
POLICY ENV7: LAND AND AIR QUALITY	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
POLICY ENV8: WATER RESOURCES, WATER QUALITY AND GROUNDWATER	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
POLICY ENV9: RENEWABLE AND LOW CARBON ENERGY	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
POLICY ENV10: LOCAL GREEN SPACE	Y		Y	Y	Y			Y

POLICY ENV11: THE LEEDS & LIVERPOOL CANAL	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
POLICY ENV12: FOOTPATHS, BRIDLEWAYS, BYWAYS AND CYCLE ROUTES	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
POLICY ENV13: GREEN WEDGES	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
SECTION 6: HOUSING								
POLICY H1: SPECIALIST HOUSING FOR OLDER PEOPLE	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
POLICY H2: AFFORDABLE HOUSING	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
POLICY H3: GYPSIES, TRAVELLERS, SHOWMEN AND ROMA	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
SECTION 7: ECONOMY								
POLICY EC1: EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y
POLICY EC2: SAFEGUARDING EXISTING EMPLOYMENT AREAS	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
POLICY EC3: RURAL ECONOMY	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
POLICY EC4: TOURISM	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y
POLICY EC4A: TOURISM LED DEVELOPMENT AT BOLTON ABBEY	Y	Y		Y		Y		Y
POLICY EC4B: TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COMMITMENT AT HELLIFIELD	Y	Y		Y		Y		Y
POLICY EC5: TOWN, DISTRICT AND LOCAL CENTRES	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y		Y
POLICY EC5A: RESIDENTIAL USE IN TOWN AND VILLAGE CENTRES	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y
SECTION 8: INFRASTRUCTURE, SERVICES AND FACILITIES								
POLICY INF1: PLANNING OBLIGATIONS	Y		Y	Y				Y
POLICY INF2: COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SOCIAL SPACES	Y	Y	Y	Y				Y

POLICY INF3: SPORT, OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
POLICY INF4: PARKING PROVISION	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
POLICY INF5: COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE	Y		Y					Y
POLICY INF6: EDUCATION PROVISION	Y		Y		Y			Y
POLICY INF7: SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y