



# Planning Focus

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- Amended Distribution of Future Housing Development
- Conservation Area Boundaries set to be Amended
- Mapping Green Infrastructure

Craven District Council is in the process of creating a new 'plan' for the District, known as the Local Development Framework. More information on the Local Development Framework and other planning policy issues is given in this Planning Focus newsletter.

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - THE NEW 'PLAN' FOR CRAVEN

The Local Development Framework consists of a series of documents that are developed with stakeholder and community input. The Framework will set out planning policies and land use designations to guide future development in Craven (outside of the National Park).

The **CORE STRATEGY** is the key document of the Local Development Framework. It will set out the spatial vision, strategic objectives and key planning policies for development, in relation to housing and employment development, energy, transportation, infrastructure, conservation and retail development, in the area of Craven outside the National Park.

Following production of the Core Strategy, a **SITE ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT** will be produced. This document will set out land designations and development allocations for new housing and employment land and will ensure the protection of existing important open spaces, community facilities and employment land.



**YORKSHIRE DALES**  
National Park Authority

Planning Focus does not cover the National Park. The National Park Authority (**0300 4560030**) deals with planning in that area.

## CORE STRATEGY UPDATE AMENDED DISTRIBUTION OF FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Councillors have recently agreed amendments, at the Council's June Policy Committee, to the distribution of housing development across the part of the District outside of the National Park. The Council has to make provision for a minimum of 250 new dwellings a year to be provided across this area. These new dwellings will include conversions and the sub-division of existing large houses as well as the creation of new-build houses, with priority given to the redevelopment of brownfield sites.

Amendments to the distribution of housing development were made on the basis of the consultation responses that the Council received from the public and other consultees on its Preferred Option draft of the Core Strategy and on the basis of the findings of evidence base studies undertaken by the Council.

The recent Policy Committee decision means the Core Strategy will propose that:

- 40% (100 dwellings per year) will be provided in Skipton (Principal Town)
- 17% (43 per year) will be provided in Glusburn/Crosshills/Sutton (Local Service Centre)
- 15% (38 dwellings per year) will be provided in Settle & Giggleswick (Local Service Centre)
- 13% (33 dwellings per year) will be provided in High Bentham (Local Service Centre)

The remaining percentage, 15% (38 per year), will be focused on other settlements with good access to the transport network.

**New houses on a brownfield site in Sutton**



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## IMPACT OF RECESSION ON HOUSING COMPLETIONS

The impact of the recession on the development industry has become evident in the first quarter of 2009/10. Only 8 new dwellings between April - June 2009 have been completed in the District, outside of the National Park. 6 of these dwellings came from building conversions.

Any annual shortfall (or overprovision) in the 250 dwellings the Council is required to provide per year will lead to an adjustment in the numbers that need to be delivered over future years. As indicated in the May edition of Planning Focus, 293 new dwellings were completed last year (2008/09).

**This document is available in large print, Braille and languages other than English on request**

## CORE STRATEGY UPDATE (continued)

## REVISED TIMESCALES PUBLISHED FOR PRODUCTION OF CORE STRATEGY

The Council is currently reviewing the Local Development Scheme 2007 - 2010, which is the timetable for preparation of the Core Strategy and Site Allocations Development Plan Document. In terms of the Core Strategy, work has been progressing on reviewing the consultation responses to the Preferred Option draft Core Strategy consultation and gathering further evidence to support our planning policies. As a result a new draft will be published for the public and stakeholders to comment on in early summer 2010.

Following that, the Publication Core Strategy is likely to be issued later in 2010. This will be the final draft Core Strategy that the Council wishes to submit to the Secretary of State so that it can be independently examined. At this stage the public will have an opportunity to submit formal representations on the soundness of the Core Strategy.

It is likely that the Core Strategy will be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination in early 2011. Representations on the Publication Core Strategy will be considered by an Inspector during an examination in public in mid-2011. Following the examination it is hoped that the Core Strategy will be adopted in Spring 2012.

Work on progressing the draft Site Allocations Development Plan Document, which will set out future land allocations, will start later this year and will be subject to extensive consultation. The Site Allocations Development Plan Document will not be finalised before the Core Strategy has been adopted.

## GREEN ENERGY IN NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS



Solar panels are one way to meet new energy requirements

Many new housing developments in Craven will generate 10% of the energy they use from on-site (or close to site) renewable or low-carbon energy sources. Since May 2008 all developments of 10 or more dwellings in the Yorkshire and Humber region (and non-residential developments with floor space of more than 1000m<sup>2</sup>) need to provide 10% of the energy they use from decentralised - or 'off-grid' - sources.

The Council has to date secured commitments to provide decentralised energy on new housing schemes in Ingleton and Coniston Cold. More information about the energy requirement, including a toolkit for implementation, can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

## CONSERVATION AREA BOUNDARIES SET TO BE AMENDED

Conservation area appraisals were carried out last year for Skipton, Settle and Giggleswick's conservation areas. The appraisals aim to define the special architectural and historical features of these Conservation Areas, identify areas for enhancement, highlight areas for discussion and put forward proposals for their management over the next 5 years.

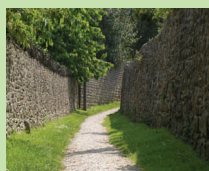
The appraisals recommended that amendments be made to the boundaries of the conservation areas with extensions and exclusions made where appropriate. The Planning Policy Team has recently undertaken a consultation to canvass people's views on these changes to their local conservation area. For further details of the amendments to the conservation areas that the Council is proposing to make and the consultation undertaken please [click here](#).



Image from Skipton's Conservation Area Appraisal

## GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE MAPPING

The Planning Policy Team has been working with Natural England and other North Yorkshire authorities to create up to date maps of green infrastructure in Craven District and the wider region.



[Green infrastructure](#), which can include nature reserves, greenspaces, footpaths and cycle ways, wildlife corridors and flood risk areas, can have a multi-functional use, for example for wildlife and recreational purposes, as well as providing ecological services such as flood protection and micro climate control. Up to date green infrastructure maps will allow important areas to be protected, enhanced and added to by Local Development Framework documents. The [Leeds City Region](#) is planning to produce a Green Infrastructure Strategy for the sub-region later this year.

## DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES WITH DEPARTMENT STAFF IN SKIPTON & GLUSBURN

Planning staff will be on hand to discuss planning policy and development issues at Area Forums organised by Craven District Council to give local residents the opportunity to meet public service providers. For information about Area Forums [click here](#).

Airedale & South Craven Area Forum -  
Glusburn Institute **22 Oct 3-8pm**

Skipton & West Craven Area Forum -  
Skipton Town Hall **12 Nov 3-8pm**



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