



# Planning Focus

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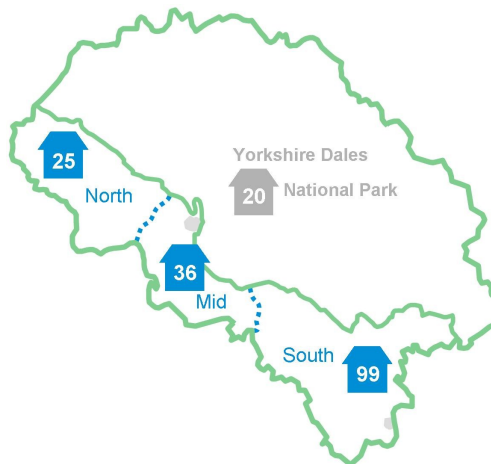
**Planning Focus provides information on Craven District Council's Local Development Plan - the new 'plan' for the area of Craven outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park - and other planning policy issues.**

## Shaping a Spatial strategy and Housing Figure

A new spatial strategy and housing figure for Craven (outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park) has moved a step closer. During September, the Planning Policy Team held four workshops to gather views on the amount of housing the district requires over the next fifteen years and where the houses should go. The workshops were attended by parishes and a mix of other stakeholders, and were based around a discussion paper and supporting technical paper, which were approved by the Council's Spatial Planning Sub-Committee in August.

On 8th October, the Sub-Committee considered the outcome of the workshops and resolved that a draft housing target of **160 dwellings per annum** should be used as a basis for further consultation. Members also resolved that the draft housing target should be split according to the needs of three sub-areas identified in the north, mid and south areas of the district. The Sub-Committee met again

on 30th October, when Members considered which towns and villages within the three sub-areas should be included in the settlement strategy and have land allocated for housing development.



In support of our current work on the spatial strategy and housing figure, we've created a new web-page where you can find out more about what's happening and download committee reports, minutes, background papers

and other relevant information. Follow this link to visit the new web-page:

[Shaping a Spatial Strategy and Housing Figure](#)

Once a draft spatial strategy has been agreed by Members, work can begin on site allocations. Draft housing site allocations will be presented to the Sub-Committee in December and further engagement with stakeholders - on the housing target, spatial strategy and site allocations - will take place in the New Year.

The final draft of the local development plan (known as the "Publication Draft"), will be subject to a formal statutory period of public consultation prior to its examination by an independent Planning Inspector. If the Inspector determines the plan is "sound", it can be adopted by a full meeting of the Council and be brought fully into use.

If you would like to get involved or make an enquiry, please fill out a [Keep me Updated](#) form on our website or get in touch with the Planning Policy Team using the contact information on the reverse on this newsletter.

## Planning Gains for Craven

Over the 2011 - 2012 year, a total of £38,138 was paid towards the provision and improvement of public open space as a result of planning gain at the following locations:

- £20,728 to carry out improvements works and provide new play equipment at Burnside Recreation Ground, Skipton, as a result of the development of Burnside House, Carleton Road.
- £5,000 to carry out improvements works and provide new play equipment at Sutton Park, as a result of the development at Greenroyd Mills.
- £5,846 to deliver renovation and improvement works to Goodenber Play Area, High Bentham as a result of the development at Wesley Close, off Goodenber Road.
- £6,564 towards the professional fees and development costs associated with developing a new recreation ground in Ingleton as a result of the development at Low Demesne.



For further information please see the [Planning Gain Guide](#) on the Council's website. This information will be included in the Council's Annual Monitoring Report for 2011 to 2012, which will soon be published on the Council's website.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING NEWS**

The Government has recently announced that £10m of funding is to be made available to local authorities to help support neighbourhood plans.

This is in recognition of potential demands on local authority officer time in supporting and advising communities in taking forward neighbourhood plans. This is also to contribute to the cost of examinations, local referendums and other further steps that may be needed for a neighbourhood plan to come into force.

### **WHAT IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?**

These are new types of plan, setting out a vision, aims, policies and proposals for the future development of a neighbourhood or parish. If adopted, the neighbourhood plan will be part of the statutory development plan for the area in question.

This means that the local authority and planning inspectors will have to take the plan into account when making planning decisions. This gives the plans more weight than some types of plan, such as parish plans or community plans.

A neighbourhood plan must be in accordance with the local authority's plan, pass an examination undertaken by an independent examiner and be voted for in a local referendum before being adopted by the local authority. More information is available on the [Neighbourhood Planning](#) pages of the Council's website.



## **CRAVEN EMPLOYMENT LAND AND BUSINESS SURVEY**

Craven businesses in the manufacturing, construction, wholesale and distribution sectors are being asked to complete a short survey to identify their needs in terms of future land and property requirements and support services.

The survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete and is available on the [Councils website](#). All responses received will remain confidential. If you would like to discuss any of the content of the questionnaire, please contact Andrew Laycock in the Council's Economic Development team on 01756 706220.

Further questionnaires dedicated to business office space and the tourism sector will follow in the near future.

## **CENSUS 2011**

The first release of statistics from the 2011 Census was published on 16 July 2012.

Figures from this 1st release phase of data put the population of Craven at 55,400. The 2011 census has recorded 24,600 households in Craven giving an average household size of 2.2 people.

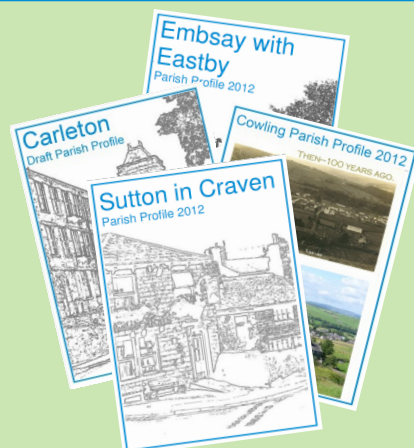
Figures below the district level will be available in the 2nd and 3rd phase releases of the Census data. The 2nd phase including ward data is expected between November and February with the 3rd release phase in March 2013.

To find out more see the [Office for National Statistics 2011](#) Census webpage.

## **PARISH PROFILES AVAILABLE ONLINE**

The Planning Policy Team has been working with Parish Councils with a population of over 1000 in preparing Parish Profiles. A total of 14 Parish Profiles have been prepared and are currently being agreed between each Parish or Town Council and the Planning Policy Team. Each Parish Profile will form an important piece of evidence in terms of preparing any future Neighbourhood or Village Plans, and the Local Development Plan for Craven outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

The Parish Profiles for Bentham, Carleton-in-Craven, Cowling, Embsay with Eastby, Glusburn and Crosshills, Hellifield, Settle and Sutton-in-Craven have been agreed between the District and Town/Parish Council's and are now available to view on the [Parish Profile pages](#) of the Craven District Council website.



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

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