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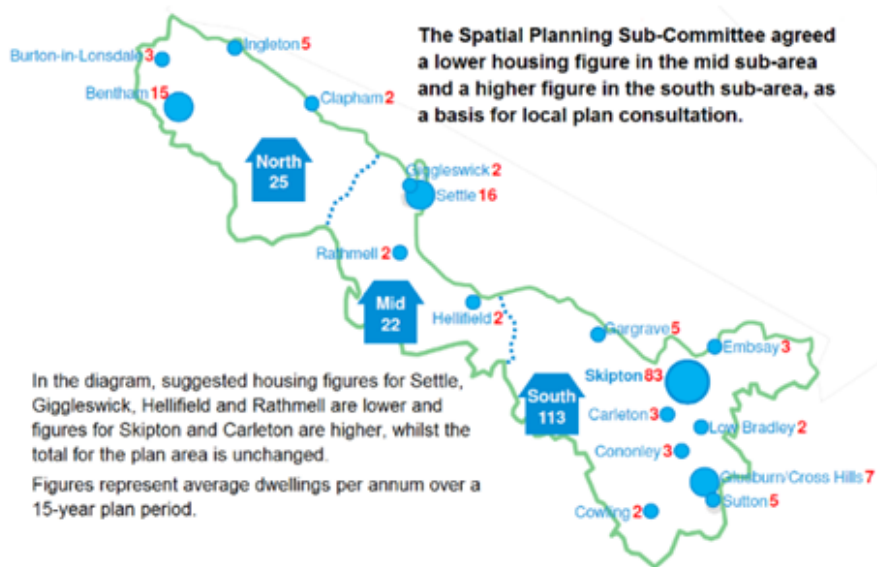
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Progressing the New Local Plan: Update on recent Spatial Planning Sub-Committee decisions

On 14th April 2014, the Spatial Planning Sub-Committee considered the Planning Policy Team's latest work on housing figures for the upcoming draft local plan. It was agreed that a lower figure in the Mid Sub Area (from 36 to 22 per year) and a higher figure in the South Sub Area (from 99 to 113 per year), particularly in Skipton (but also in Carleton) be proposed in the forthcoming draft local plan which will be subject to public consultation later this year.

Subsequently on 3rd June 2014, the Spatial Planning Sub-Committee considered the Planning Policy team's work on identifying a selection of preferred housing and employment sites for the forthcoming draft local plan. This initial selection is based on the outcome of site checklists, feedback from last year's community engagement events and preliminary sustainability appraisals. The Sub-Committee agreed that the sites proposed as preferred sites for employment and housing should be included in the draft local plan for public consultation later this year.

The Committee reports can be viewed by clicking on the link for our web page on the New Local Plan <http://www.cravenc.gov.uk/article/4455/New-Local-Plan>

Consultation on the draft Local Plan

As noted above, on the 3rd June 2014 the Craven's Spatial Planning Sub Committee considered a total of 73 sites, across 16 settlements, which are preferred as potential development sites for housing and/or employment. These preferred sites were approved by the Committee for inclusion in the emerging draft local plan for the purposes of consultation. They will form just one element of the new local plan; it will also contain a draft planning strategy, which was agreed by Spatial Planning Sub-Committee on 14th April, and draft planning policies which are currently being written, for the plan area for the next 15 years.

The draft Local Plan will be released for public consultation over the next few months, at which point we will be ready to receive comments on the preferred sites, the draft strategy and draft planning policies. The consultation will be publicised and submitting comments will be made as easy as possible. Comments received on the draft local plan will then be considered when moving towards more formal publication of the plan.

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Sustainability Appraisal of Sites

The spatial planning system has a fundamental role in delivering sustainable development. Indeed the presumption in favour of sustainable development is identified within the National Planning Policy Framework (2012) as the golden thread running through plan making and decision taking.

As such an essential component of plan making is the consideration of the extent to which plans will achieve the three key elements which define sustainability i.e. social, environmental and economic objectives. This is undertaken through what is called a Sustainability Appraisal.

Sustainability Appraisal is not a separate activity from plan making but is instead an integral part of the preparation of the Local Plan for Craven (outside the Yorkshire Dales National Park). Sustainability appraisal is a way of assessing different planning policies and sites according to how well they might achieve sustainable development.

The Council has now carried out Sustainability Appraisals on all Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) sites above 0.1ha. The findings of the Sustainability Appraisal will be incorporated into a supporting document of the draft Local Plan.

Further information on sustainability appraisal and sustainable development is available on the [sustainability appraisal page](#) of the Council's website.

New Email Consultation Service

You may be aware that we've recently introduced a new email consultation service. If you are reading this edition of Planning Focus electronically then you have already subscribed to the new service and you will benefit from the following additions to the standard consultation service:

- Personal notification of consultation events sent direct to your registered email address
- Your own electronic copy of our Planning Focus newsletter delivered quarterly to your Inbox

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- Notification of consultation events via local newspapers, our website and other general publicity
- Copies of consultation documents & Planning Focus provided via our website, local libraries and the Council's reception desk.

We value your input in the development of the Local Plan and encourage you to [subscribe to the new email consultation service](http://www.cravendc.gov.uk/latestplanningpolicynews) now at <http://www.cravendc.gov.uk/latestplanningpolicynews>.

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