

Planning Focus is out now – Read all about the latest work on Craven District Council's Local Development Plan and planning policy work. Subscribe at [www.cravencd.gov.uk/latestplanningpolicynews](http://www.cravencd.gov.uk/latestplanningpolicynews)

[View this email in your browser](#)



### Issue 19, June 2015

The latest edition of [Planning Focus](#) is set out below. Planning Focus is intended to keep people informed about progress on Craven District Council's Local Development Plan and other planning policy matters. Paper copies of this newsletter are also sent to local libraries and parish councils.

If you know of anyone that might be interested in Planning Focus, please ask them to subscribe to our [online consultation database](#) or e-mail [localplan@cravencd.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@cravencd.gov.uk) and we'll ensure they're notified about future newsletters.

### Top stories for June 2015:

- [Housing land supply](#) – annual report and trajectory
- [Draft local plan](#) – detailed summaries of all comments
- [Neighbourhood planning](#) – new Planning Aid toolkit
- [Planning studies](#) – recent commissions



[Facebook](#)



[Twitter](#)



[Website](#)

## Housing Land Supply

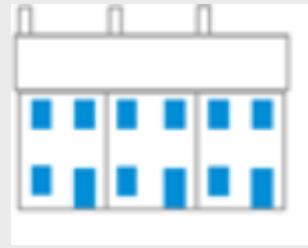
Readers may recall that we published our final Housing Position Statement in November 2013, with the intention of moving to a new system of annual reporting on housing land supply.

The first annual Five Year Housing Land Supply Methodology and Report (May 2015) has now been published on our [Policy Facts & Figures web-page](#), together with a Housing Trajectory. The report and trajectory provide a lot of background information to the headline conclusion – that there's currently sufficient land available to meet local housing requirements for 6.23 years.



## Draft Local Plan

Since the last issue of Planning Focus, we've finished compiling detailed summaries of all the response forms, emails, letters and written statements we received during last autumn's consultation on the draft local plan. The summaries are available on our [New Local Plan web-page](#) and are split into two downloads: one covers the various sections of the draft local plan document and the other covers individual settlements. This means that everyone can see all of the comments made and people who responded can begin to see how their comments are being taken into account. At the moment, we're in the process of identifying and analysing the main issues raised and what changes need to be made in the next version of the plan.



## Neighbourhood Planning

The Royal Town Planning Institute's free community planning service, Planning Aid England, has produced a comprehensive, up-to-date and easy-to-read toolkit for creating a neighbourhood plan. Explanations, guidance, examples and practical tools are provided in a set of short publications, which break the process down and organise it into logical, manageable steps. Combined with Locality's Neighbourhood Planning Roadmap Guide, it could prove to be a definitive and essential handbook for parish councils looking to produce their own plan. There are links to both the roadmap and toolkit on our [Planning for Parishes web-page](#).



## Planning Studies

Following consultation on the first draft of our new local plan, we published a [report](#) on progress and areas for further action, which gave some details about forthcoming evidence-base work. Progress has now been made on several evidence-base studies, which are due for completion this summer and will support the next draft of the new local plan:

- **Historic environment study:** In partnership with Historic England

(formerly part of English Heritage) we've commissioned a study to review conservation areas in the plan area (except those in Skipton, Settle and Giggleswick, which have up-to-date appraisals). The study will help guide the Council's future management of the local historic environment and will help to identify local plan sites for new homes and businesses.

- **Retail study:** This comprehensive study will help us to plan for the area's five largest centres – Skipton, Cross Hills, Settle, Bentham and Ingleton – and will help us to ensure the “vitality of town centres” in line with the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance.
- **Employment land review:** This will advise on local requirements for employment land over the forthcoming plan period.
- **Strategic housing market assessment:** A new SHMA is being prepared based on updated government guidance which will replace the 2011 version and provide a fresh analysis of the objectively assessed need (or demand) for both market and affordable housing in Craven's housing market area.
- **Open spaces, playing fields and built facilities assessment:** This fresh assessment is being prepared jointly with the council's sports development officer and with advice from Sport England. It looks into the quantity and quality of sites and involves consultation with users and owners, including parish councils.

In addition, we're currently organising a commission to carry out highway modelling in Skipton and South Craven. This will involve traffic surveys and computer modelling of the results to assess potential capacity issues on roads and at junctions. The modelling will provide useful data on local infrastructure and will help in the assessment of potential local plan sites for new homes and businesses.

Copyright © 2015 Craven District Council, All rights reserved.

**Our mailing address is:**

Craven District Council  
Craven District Council  
1 Belle Vue Square, Broughton Road  
Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 1FJ  
United Kingdom

[Add us to your address book](#)

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

