

Questions and Answers from the Live Public Online Event 14 March 2024

Topic	Question	Answer	Response Type
Local Plan production	Why not just start a completely new North Yorkshire Local Plan?	<p>A new Local Plan for North Yorkshire is being produced. You can see further information on how to be involved in its progress to adoption at this website: https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/planning-policy/north-yorkshire-local-plan.</p> <p>A key driver for progression of the Selby Local Plan is to ensure a continued supply of housing sites. Until the new North Yorkshire Local Plan is adopted for North Yorkshire, housing supply calculations and the housing delivery test will continue to be assessed on a former district boundary basis. Continuing with the Selby Local Plan will ensure that the Council continues to take positive steps to manage housing delivery within the Selby area and will retain a plan led approach. Having an up to date Selby Local Plan in place will give certainty for the community, landowners, developers and service and infrastructure providers on the amount of land needed to provide new developments and where this will take place.</p> <p>Therefore, given the advanced stage that the Selby Local Plan had reached, the Council decided to make a Revised Publication version for consultation reflecting the latest evidence and guidance, including updates to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2023) and which addresses issues raised through the previous consultation, including revisions to policies and site allocations.</p>	Answered by text in Q&A chat during presentation
Comments	<p>How are my comments used?</p> <p>Do they make a difference?</p>	<p>Your formal views are important as the changes that the Selby Local Plan sets out may affect you. The Council has considered all the comments / representations received at previous consultation stages and has made its decision regarding the policies and development proposals in the Revised Publication Plan based on the evidence provided. The Consultation Statement summarises the wide range of issues which have been raised previously and how the Council has responded to the comments. The Council will consider the representations received at this stage too, and outstanding duly made representations, relating to legal compliance, and soundness, will be considered by an independent planning inspector at an examination.</p> <p>Consultation documents are available on the Council's website at: https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/selbylocalplan and the consultation portal at: https://selby-consult.objective.co.uk/kse.</p>	Answered by text in Q&A chat during presentation

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Comments	Will all my comments be made public?	<p>Yes, your comments/representations will be made public in line with the Council's Privacy Notice.</p> <p>The Council's Privacy Notice for Planning Policy Consultations sets out how the Council will use your personal data. For details about how the Planning Policy Team will use your data, please see the privacy notice here: https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/transparency-freedom-information-and-data-protection/privacy-notices/planning-policy-consultations-privacy-notice</p>	Answered by text in Q&A chat during presentation
New Settlement	Why is Heronby dropped?	<p>The new settlement option at Heronby would help to meet the longer-term growth of the area well beyond the end of this Local Plan period. However, there are sufficient other sites in the Local Plan which meet current needs up to 2040 and the plan will be replaced by a new plan for North Yorkshire in 2028.</p> <p>A significant amount of work has been undertaken to understand the implications of the new settlement on the A19/A64 highways network and the improvements which would be necessary. At this stage there are still some issues which have yet to be concluded and in order to progress work on the Selby Local Plan the site has been removed from the Publication Local Plan consultation document. However, it is likely to be submitted as part of a future call for sites for a new plan being prepared for North Yorkshire so is likely to be reconsidered in the future.</p>	Answered by text in Q&A chat during presentation
New Settlement	Why is Heronby not being progressed?	<p>Council has undertaken a lot of work since consultation in 2022 in relation to Heronby. Further technical information has been gathered and the site promoters have submitted further information about how a number of issues would be addressed and the mitigation along the A19.</p> <p>Unfortunately, at this stage we're not in a position where we've got agreement with our highways authorities in terms of taking that site forward however, there is also sufficient supply within the sites already and Heronby was always considered as a longer-term option for growth in the Selby district.</p> <p>We are doing a new local plan for North Yorkshire, but it will take some time to develop a plan, there are various stages of consultation that local plans need to go through, so likely to take around four to five years before we can get a local plan for North Yorkshire.</p>	Answered orally in Q&A session at end of presentation

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		<p>Crucially the Heronby proposal may come back through that the new North Yorkshire Local Plan, so the reason why we're continuing with Selby's local plan because it is at a very advanced stage and will likely get through the examination fairly quickly to allow us to adopt a plan and provide some certainty about where development will take place in the short term in the time before it will take the new local plan to be adopted for North Yorkshire and any sites which are in this local plan for Selby will be rolled forward into the North Yorkshire Local Plan in any case.</p> <p>Essentially, we haven't been able to resolve all the highways issues and in order to make progress on the wider local plan and to ensure certainty about where development happens in the former Selby district area, a decision has been made to continue with the Selby Local Plan without Heronby in it. It is however something that could be considered in a new local plan for North Yorkshire.</p>	
Affordable Housing	Why have you removed the 40% affordable housing target?	<p>Everything within the Local Plan has to be evidenced; that's a crucial part of whether it's a 'sound' Local Plan. We've undertaken significant work in terms of viability of the local plan and that's assessed based on all the other things that sites need to contribute in terms of local infrastructure, biodiversity net gain, new homes standards etc. so these are the new affordable housing thresholds that we need to meet.</p> <p>So, the current target in the existing Local Plan is 'up to 40%' but that is no longer viable in the context of where we are today unfortunately.</p>	Answered orally in Q&A session at end of presentation