

### Knaresborough Town Council: Response to issues raised during the Reg.16 consultation

Following Regulation 16 consultation carried out by North Yorkshire Council, Knaresborough Town Council has been given the opportunity to respond to any, all or none of the consultation comments received. The comments the town council wishes to respond to, and its responses are set out in the table below. These responses will be sent to the examiner and will be considered as part of their independent examination of the plan.

| Aspect of the plan commented on | Consultee                             | Comment  | KTC Response   |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Various                         | Residents/Businesses in Knaresborough | Various  | No response  |
| Economic Development            | North Yorkshire Council               | Policy BE5 (Bullet Point 1)<br><i>Generally supportive but would be keen to ensure that long-term empty properties in the central area are not converted from commercial/retail use into residential without sufficient evidence of appropriate marketing etc. We would want to protect an active ground floor frontage as appropriate.</i>  | This is counter to progress. There have been empty shops on the High Street for many years. There should be more of a mix of residential and shared workshops etc. |
| Estates                         | North Yorkshire Council               | Policy CGE1 – Local Green Corridors<br><i>As owners of land within proposed local green corridors, NYC objects to this policy, which appears to prevent any development at all over large tracts of land.</i><br><br>Policy CGE2 – Neighbourhood Wildlife and Geological Sites<br><i>As a potential owner of land within the areas proposed for designation, NYC objects to this policy as currently worded.</i> | North Yorkshire Council is the custodian of the land referred to, not the owner as stated. The land is under public ownership and should remain green.             |
| Urban Design                    | North Yorkshire Council               | Policy BE3 – Town Centre Parking (Bullet Point 1)<br><i>The policy recognises the need for town parking but must balance this with public realm quality, pedestrian priority and active travel.</i>  | The wording in bullet point 1 - - “.....town parking, but must balance this .....” - - should be amended to replace ‘must’ with ‘consideration should be given’    |

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