

## **Ryedale Liberals response to the invitation to comment on the HCLG select committee report of 5 Jul 2018**

Similar to our response to the Written Ministerial Statement 2018, having examined the HCLG report in detail, we believe that it will not directly impact the final draft of the MWJP as it currently stands. While both have the potential to affect national policy, we can find nothing that should alter the final draft of the MWJP.

We believe the EIP of the MWJP adequately addressed the needs and concerns of all relevant parties and reached a compromise in terms of the **specific** needs of North Yorkshire to effectively regulate the novel unconventional hydrocarbon industry. We believe this complies with both government and industry claims of a commitment to safe and effective regulation, and also to the government's stated commitment to localism and local democracy.

If the government is successful in its aim to bring fracking under PD and NSIP, it will be all the more important that sound, legally compliant local plans are in place to reflect and inform specific local requirements and protections that should underpin the whole planning process.

In common with the MWJP, the HCLG report took evidence from the full range of stakeholders and after due questioning, came to very similar conclusions. The MWJP is quoted as an exemplar and could end up informing national policy.