

This newsletter provides information on progress with the Harrogate district Local Development Framework (LDF) and associated planning policy issues. For further information on any aspect of the LDF or to view any documents referred to in this newsletter visit www.harrogate.gov.uk/ldf

August 2011

Major Public Consultation

9 September to 4 November 2011



In 2010 we asked for views on preferred sites for new homes and jobs in the rural areas of the district. You can read the summary of the consultation responses at www.harrogate.gov.uk/Pages/harrogate-6695.aspx

From 9 September to 4 November 2011 we will be asking for views on:

- preferred sites for growth in the main urban areas of the district to meet the Core Strategy requirement for 2,434 new homes in Harrogate, 712 in Knaresborough and 150 in Ripon.
- three potential new sites for employment in Harrogate and Knaresborough and an option to extend Barker Business Park, Melmerby.
- options for new sports pitch provision in Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon
- district-wide policies to manage development
- two draft supplementary planning documents that provide more guidance for applicants on homes for local people policies and proposals for renewable and low carbon energy.

At this stage, no decisions have been made and this will be your opportunity to let us know your views.

A consultation newspaper will be delivered to households and businesses in Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon setting out the preferred sites, response form, details of public exhibitions and information on draft policies.

Across the rest of the district a leaflet will be delivered to households and businesses setting out information on draft policies and how to respond to the consultation.

To find out more from 9 September:

- go to www.harrogate.gov.uk/ldfconsult to find detailed information on sites, full policy wording, the Proposals Map and Response Forms
- visit one of the Council's main offices or any library in the district
- talk to a planner on 01423 556586 or at one of the following exhibitions:

Harrogate		
Wed 21 Sept	Harrogate Library, Victoria Room	2.00pm - 7.00pm
Sat 1 Oct	Harrogate Library, Victoria Room	10.00am - 3.00pm
Knaresborough		
Thurs 29 Sept	Knaresborough House, Committee Room	2.00pm - 7.30pm
Sat 8 Oct	Knaresborough House, Committee Room	10.00am - 3.00pm
Ripon		
Sat 24 Sept	Ripon Town Hall	10.00am - 3.00pm
Thurs 6 Oct	Ripon Town Hall	2.00pm - 7.30pm



Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment - 2nd review

National planning policy, requires local authorities to carry out a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) to identify future sources of land for housing.

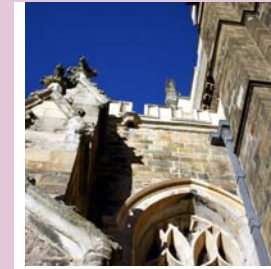
In accordance with PPS3 (to ensure that land availability is not a constraint on the delivery of more homes) the preparation of the SHLAA should identify:

- deliverable sites for the first five years of the plan period that are ready for development
- developable sites for years 6 - 10 and, ideally, years 11 - 15
- broad locations for future growth where it is not possible to identify specific sites for years 11 - 15 of the plan

Harrogate Borough Council published a comprehensive SHLAA in 2008 and a first review in December 2009. A second review will build upon the earlier work and focus on reviewing the methodology (and checking information relating to existing identified sites) as well as assessing new sites which may have come forward.

The SHLAA Working Group will prepare the review, aiming to publish alongside publication of the Sites and Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) in 2012. As work on the review progresses details will be published on our website.

For further information on this, please contact Simon Hartley on 01423 556584 or simon.hartley@harrogate.gov.uk



Greater Ripon Improvement Partnership Consultation Event

On 15 June 2011, we held an informal workshop with the Greater Ripon Improvement Partnership to discuss ideas for areas of the City centre that could benefit from improvement. The outcome of this workshop has fed into the development of a key policy of the Sites and Policies DPD covering the urban centres of Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon.

Working in groups, the Partnership members commented on initial work undertaken by council officers and identified new areas for further investigation. Despite wet weather, the groups went on site to carry out survey work and then fed ideas back to the wider workshop.

Ongoing community involvement is an important part of the preparation of the Sites and Policies DPD and events like this provide council officers with valuable information.

If you would like to know more about the outcome of this event, please contact Gill Ritchie on 01423 556587 or via gill.ritchie@harrogate.gov.uk

Want more information?

To contact the Planning Policy team: telephone: 01423 556586 or email: ldf@harrogate.gov.uk

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