

TO ALL PARISH COUNCILS

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Date: 9 June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

HARROGATE DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN:

- **UPDATED LOCAL PLAN TIMESCALE**
- **ADDITIONAL SITES CONSULTATION: 14 JULY- 25 AUGUST 2017**

You will be aware that work is progressing on the preparation of a new Harrogate District Local Plan, which will set out policies to guide development and identify locations for new homes and jobs to meet the needs of the district up to 2035. At the end of 2016 the council consulted on a draft plan, including draft site allocations, and sought views on two options for a new settlement, (at Flaxby and Green Hammerton). It was made clear at this time that only one option would be taken forward within the Local Plan.

Since this time a review of both housing need and employment land requirements has been undertaken and this has concluded that an increase in the number of new homes and jobs being planned for is required. Officers will therefore be recommending the inclusion of additional sites in the Draft Local Plan to meet this need.

In view of this officers are recommending a revision to the Local Plan timetable (known as the Local Development Scheme). This will be reported to Cabinet Member for Planning on 15 June 2017 and recommends the following key dates:

- Additional Sites Consultation, July 2017
- Formal Publication, January 2018
- Submission to the Secretary of State, Summer 2018
- Examination, Winter 2018
- Adoption of the Local Plan, Spring 2019

The report can be viewed at:

<https://localdemocracy.harrogate.gov.uk/allBodyMeetings.asp?bodyid=381&bodytitle=Cabinet+Member+for+Planning+Meeting&MeetingYear=2017>

A CONSULTATION ON ADDITIONAL SITES WILL START ON FRIDAY 14 JULY AND CLOSE ON 25 AUGUST 2017. THIS WILL INCLUDE SITES FOR GYPSIES AND TRAVELLERS AND A PREFERRED LOCATION FOR A NEW SETTLEMENT.

All of the consultation documents and other supporting material will be available to view online at: <http://consult.harrogate.gov.uk/portal> and www.harrogate.gov.uk/localplan Copies of the consultation document will be available from the start of the consultation and can be viewed during normal opening hours at all the district's libraries and at the council's Crescent Gardens offices in Harrogate, Ripon Town Hall and Knaresborough House.

A number of exhibitions will be taking place providing the opportunity to talk to officers from the Planning Policy team. Exhibitions will be held at:

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| • Ripon Town Hall | Wednesday | 19 July 2-7pm |
| • Green Hammerton Village Hall | Tuesday | 25 July 2-7pm |
| • Gracious Street Methodist Hall, Knaresborough | Wednesday | 26 July 2-7pm |
| • Boroughbridge Library | Thursday | 27 July 2-7pm |
| • Wesley Centre, Harrogate | Saturday | 29 July 10am-2pm |

All parish councils have already been registered with the council's consultation portal, so there is no need to register again. You will receive notification of the start of the consultation via email and/or letter along with a link to the consultation and how you can respond. If you have forgotten your username or password, or have questions about using the portal please contact the Planning Policy team using the contact details below.

Yours sincerely,



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