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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Neighbourhood Planning Regulation 16 Public Consultation – Church Fenton Neighbourhood Development Plan

Thank you for consulting North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) on the submission draft Church Fenton Neighbourhood Development Plan.

As an upper-tier authority NYCC's principal interest is in relation to strategic issues and infrastructure, including Schools and Highways. Officers from our service areas have reviewed the documentation and have the following comments to make.

Strategic Policy and Economic Growth

The council supports and welcomes the preparation of the neighbourhood plan and considers this as one way that communities in North Yorkshire can have greater collective control of their own well-being, as promoted by the Council's Stronger Community Programme. For more information please visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/stronger-communities>.

The County Council has a number of Plans and Strategies that are relevant to the preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The North Yorkshire County Council's [Council Plan](#) sets out a shared vision for the area *"We want North Yorkshire to be a thriving county which adapts to a changing world and remains a special place for everyone to live, work and visit."*

Furthermore the Plan sets out the Council's key ambitions up to 2024. These are: Leading for North Yorkshire;

- Every child and young person has the best possible start in life;
- Every adult has a longer, healthier and independent life;
- North Yorkshire is a place with a strong economy and a commitment to sustainable growth, and an
- Innovative and forward thinking Council

The County Council has developed [a plan to deliver economic growth](#). The three main aims seek to achieve:

- Larger business base and increased number of jobs
- Equal access to economic opportunity
- Increase the median average wage

A number of key enablers have been identified, including:

- Creating high quality places and increased housing provision and green infrastructure
- Delivering a modern integrated transport network
- Enhancing the environment and developing tourism & the green economy
- Delivering a modern communication network

Whilst the Neighbourhood Development Plan provides communities with a greater say in the development of their areas, they also provide a vital role in contributing to the shared vision and ambitions of the County Council.

It is recognised that the neighbourhood area is facing a number of larger development opportunities, including the proposed HS2 rail and the potential for development at the Church Fenton airfield. Paragraph 29 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) advises that;

Neighbourhood planning gives communities the power to develop a shared vision for their area. Neighbourhood plans can shape, direct and help to deliver sustainable development, by influencing local planning decisions as part of the statutory development plan. Neighbourhood plans should not promote less development than set out in the strategic policies for the area, or undermine those strategic policies.

It will be important that any policies within the neighbourhood Development Plan therefore do not conflict with national Policy and Policies within the Selby Local Plan, but instead supports appropriate sustainable development, which is essential to creating and maintaining healthy sustainable places and communities.

Policy H1 of the draft Neighbourhood Plan should ensure that it enables a scale of development that is consistent with the settlement's Designated Service Village role in the Selby District Core Strategy, and is of an appropriate scale to continue to support the essential services within the community.

North Yorkshire recognises the role that small business play in the supporting the local Economy and creating sustainable communities. Policy BE1- Supporting the Small Economy

recognises this role and is therefore welcomed. The policy should not prevent growth of larger scale businesses where this is appropriate to do so.

Areas with an adopted neighbourhood plan receive 25% of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions generated within their areas. In times of increasing pressure on the Council's own budgets, the use of CIL received by the Parish to deliver identified improvements and projects would be supported.

It would therefore be helpful for the plan to set out how the Parish council propose to use the Developer Contributions received to support the objectives of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Heritage Services

Archaeology

We have no specific comments to make; the built heritage appears quite well represented.

Children and Young People's Services

The future need to expand the primary school should be taken into account when determining any other policies (Conservation and Heritage: Development in the historic core; Proposed Plan Community Actions) that affect this area of the village. Any consideration of this site should consider the operational needs of the school at the time, and should the school and its playing fields need to relocate in future, the ongoing need for the existing school playing fields should be re-considered.

There is already extensive legislation and guidance to protect playing fields and school land and it is not felt necessary to introduce new policies as part of this neighbourhood plan.

The local component of the CIL could be a potential funding source to help support the expansion of the education and early years' infrastructure in the neighbourhood.

Planning Services (Minerals and Waste)

The 'Neighbourhood Area' identified on the 'Church Fenton Neighbourhood Plan Area' map on page 7 includes land outside the village area of Church Fenton. The whole area is within a Mineral Safeguarding Area/Mineral Consultation Area within the emerging Minerals and Waste Joint Plan (MWJP) being produced by North Yorkshire County Council, City of York Council and North York Moors National Park Authority. The relevant policies in this case are Policy S02: Developments proposed within Minerals Safeguarding Areas and Policy S06: Consideration of applications in Consultation Areas. The emerging MWJP can be accessed via

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/fileroot/Planning%20and%20development/Minerals%20and%20waste%20planning/Examination%20Library/Core%20Documents/CD17%20Publication%20main%20Plan%20document%20Nov%202016.pdf> . The Minerals Safeguarding Areas can also be viewed on the interactive Policies Map at <https://maps.northyorks.gov.uk/connect/analyst/mobile/#/main?mapcfg=mwjp>.

If development is to be undertaken on land within the Neighbourhood Area these policies will need to be taken into account.

Closing Comments

We trust you find these comments helpful. We would like to ensure that the County Council is consulted as the Neighbourhood Plan as progresses. These comments have been endorsed by North Yorkshire County Council Business and Environmental Services Portfolio Holders.

Yours sincerely,

