

Appendix A – Appleton Roebuck with Acaster Selby Parish Council Area Application Consultation : Comments and Council Reponses

Q1) Do you think the area proposed by Appleton Roebuck with Acaster Selby Parish Council is a suitable Neighbourhood Area?

No direct answer to the question was received.

Q2) Do you think the boundary of the proposed Neighbourhood Area should be changed?

No direct answer to the question was received.

Q3) Please explain why you think the boundary of the proposed Neighbourhood Area should be changed?

No direct answer to the question was received.

Q4) Please comment why you think the boundary of the proposed Neighbourhood Area should be acceptable?

Comment Number	Consultee	Comment	Council response
3	Roy Wilson	The proposed area should only include parishes which agree and are supportive of the proposals.	Noted

Q5) Any further comments to add about the Neighbourhood Area?

Comment Number	Consultee	Comment	Council response
3	Roy Wilson	Successive Governments have misled communities by claiming their voice will be heard in planning matters. The parish Council are acting in the best interests of their residents by trying to ensure they are involved.	Noted

General Comments – Do you have any other comments on the Area Application?

Comment Number	Consultee	Comment	Council response
1	Sport England	<p>Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process and providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type and in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means positive planning for sport, protection from unnecessary loss of sports facilities and integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land community facilities provision is important.</p> <p>It is important therefore that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects national policy for sport as set out in the above document with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74 of the NPPF to ensure proposals comply with National Planning Policy.</p>	Noted
2	National Farmers Union (NFU)	<p>Our members within the neighbourhood area are no exception and given that the area is largely farmed, it is clear that any form of Neighbourhood Plan must identify the issues and opportunities of farming. Our vision for the area is <i>“A sustainable rural community that is underpinned by an innovative rural economy, and thriving farming and food industry, which is profitable and supports viable livelihoods, underpins sustainable and healthier communities and enhances the environmental assets that are vital to the counties prosperity”</i></p> <p>For the farming community this vision is to be achieved by the following themes: Strengthening our farming business to help them build profitability and respond to new opportunities</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan will need to have regard to the National Planning Policy Framework and be in general conformity with the strategic policies within the Selby District Local Plan and Core Strategy.</p>

		<p>To create thriving localities that meet the needs of their communities, businesses and their environment Realising the value of the region's environmental assets In addition we would see some of the key priorities for farms to include (not in order of priority): The ability for the next generation to take on management of farms and to support this through provision of affordable housing to allow succession Develop farming enterprises that can meet the challenges of food security through modernising and becoming more efficient. Diversifying farming to meet new opportunities such as <i>inter alia</i> business units or tourism Developing renewable energy which meets the needs of the farm and area appropriate to the location and renewable resources available Access to high speed broadband</p> <p>Diversification is in line with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) that provides that local authorities should support development that enables farmers to become more competitive and sustainable and diversify into new opportunities. A key message within the NPPF is the need for economic growth.</p> <p><i>“A positive planning system is essential, because without growth, a sustainable future cannot be achieved. Therefore significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth through the planning system.. the default answer to development proposals is yes.”</i></p> <p>In the NPPF the government makes a number of very important statements related to this the development of renewable energy. Paras 95 to 98 make a number key points including:</p>	
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4	Wakefield Council	<p>Welcomed to be part of the consultation process, however as the proposed area does not abut the boundary with Wakefield it is anticipated that the designation will not have an impact on the Wakefield District, therefore Wakefield Council have no objection to the designation.</p>	Noted
5	Carl Bunnage North Yorkshire County Council Highways	<p>Welcomed to be part of the consultation and as an officers response and from a strategic planning perspective, no comments are made.</p>	Noted
6	Paul Hey York Consort Internal Drainage Board	<p>The Board have responded to a multitude of planning applications over the years and have done so based essentially of the Flood Risk Management remit. It is a matter of record that the area has experienced levels of flooding that have threatened residential properties, closed highways and inundated agricultural land to the detriment of the local economy.</p> <p>It is important to note that when reviewing the broader context of drainage issues impacts of development may not be restricted to the immediate locality or the geographical area of governance and that decisions may have detrimental consequences up or downstream and across borders of responsibility.</p> <p>The Board would be concerned that this might result in inconsistencies within the decision making process and or cohesive working with other authorities such as NYCC and City York Council (CYC).</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The Localism Act 2011 requires local authorities to have a 'duty to cooperate' by applying this duty is aimed to avoid inconsistencies in the decision process. The Council will consult with CYC and NYCC throughout the consultation process of producing this Neighbourhood Plan. Appleton Roebuck with Acaster Selby Parish Council will be provided with representation from consultations for their records and to take note of comments submitted.</p>

		<p>Selby District Council have provided a good policy background on which to evaluate the worth and risk respective planning applications and made decisions accordingly in a cohesive way with other authorities and agencies. Given the fact that all watercourses in this particular area are operating at their maximum capacity this infrastructure needs to be protected via a strong policy background and good governance within the context of the planning process.</p> <p>The Board would therefore seek to protect their assets and the efficiency of the planning process through adherence to a coordinated and regionally based process. The Board have a strong background working with local authorities and agencies and would seek to continue and enhance this regardless of the respective governing authority and will seek to ensure well founded, consistent and cohesive policy decisions are sustained in the interests of the various communities.</p>	
7	Rachael Bust The Coal Authority	<p>As you are aware the Appleton Roebuck with Acaster Selby parish area lies within the current defined coalfield.</p> <p>According to current records the coal resources are at depth. Consequently there are no recorded risks from past mining activity which could present stability problems for new surface development which may be proposed through the Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>The Coal Authority therefore as no comments to make in relation to the designation of the Neighbourhood Plan Area.</p>	Noted

8	Ann Baker Homes and Communities Agency	<p>We help provide funding to deliver affordable housing, bring land back into productive use and improve quality of life by raising standards for the physical and social environment.</p> <p>The HCA support the proposals being put forward but have no specific comments to make at this stage of the consultation process.</p>	Noted
9	Melisa Burnham NYCC Highways	<p>We have no comments to make at this stage, but look forward to viewing details of their proposed plan in the near future.</p>	Noted

<p>10</p>	<p>Craig Broadwith English Heritage</p>	<p>English Heritage has no objection to this proposal however we would like to take this opportunity of your consultation to raise the following issues setting out the support English Heritage is able to offer in relation to Neighbourhood Plans.</p> <p>The area identified by Appleton Roebuck with Acaster Selby Parish Councils Neighbourhood Plan includes the Appleton Roebuck Conservation Area and includes a number of important designated heritage assets.</p> <p>Additionally attention is drawn to the Heritage at Risk Register 2012 for Yorkshire and Humber, which may itemise heritage assets which are 'At Risk' in the Appleton Roebuck and Acaster Selby Parish Neighbourhood Plan area. Specifically three Scheduled Monuments have been identified as being 'At Risk' which fall within the Neighbourhood Plan Area. (St Andrew's College and moat, 440m north east of College Farm, Acaster Selby, Brocket Hall moated site, Appleton Roebuck, Mote Hill: a moated site, two fishponds and part of an adjacent field system 500m west of Nun Appleton Hall, Appleton Roebuck).</p> <p>Research has clearly demonstrated that local people value their heritage and Neighbourhood Plans are a positive way to help them manage it. English Heritage wants to support local authorities in helping communities protect what they care about.</p> <p>English Heritage is expecting that as Appleton Roebuck with Acaster Selby Parish Council come to seek advice on preparing Neighbourhood Plans they will value advice on how best to understand what heritage they have and assistance on preparing appropriate policies.</p>	<p>Comments will be passed onto Appleton Roebuck with Acaster Selby Parish Council. It is envisaged that they will take note of the comments made by English Heritage and ensure English Heritage are included through any consultation process the Parish Council undertake.</p>
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