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Dear Sir,

Tadcaster Neighbourhood Area

Thank you for consulting North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) on the proposed Tadcaster Neighbourhood Area.

Officers have reviewed the supporting documentation and have the following comments which have been endorsed by the Business and Environmental Service Executive portfolio holders.

As the upper tier authority for the area, NYCC welcomes the opportunity to participate in the development of Neighbourhood Plans. Our principal interest is in relation to strategic matters, including minerals & waste planning, infrastructure and services such as education and highways.

Whilst we have no specific comments on the proposed boundary for the Neighbourhood Area, we have some general comments that should be taken into account as work on a Neighbourhood Plan is progressed.

In the Supporting Statement we note that the emerging Minerals and Waste Joint Plan has not been acknowledged.

Tadcaster is situated on a 'Mineral Safeguarding Area'

Emerging Policy S01 – Safeguarding mineral resources states:

Part 1) - Surface mineral resources:

The following surface minerals resources and associated buffer zones identified on the Policies Map will be safeguarded from other forms of surface development to protect the resource for the future:

- i) All crushed rock and silica sand resources with an additional 500m buffer;*
- ii) All sand and gravel, clay and shallow coal resources with an additional 250m buffer;*
- iii) Building stone resources and active and former building stone quarries with an additional 250m buffer.*

Part 2) - Deep mineral resources:

Potash and polyhalite resources within the Boulby Mine licensed area and Doves Nest Farm indicated and inferred resource area, identified on the Policies Map, will be safeguarded from other forms of surface development to protect the resource for the future.

Reserves and resources of potash and polyhalite identified on the Policies Map, including a 2km buffer zone, will also be protected from sterilisation by other forms of underground minerals extraction, deep drilling and the underground storage of gas or carbon in order to protect the resource for the future.

Emerging Policy S06 – Consideration of applications in Consultation areas

Where development, other than exempt development as defined in the Safeguarding Exemption Criteria list, is proposed in an area safeguarded on the Policies Map for minerals resources, minerals transport infrastructure, minerals ancillary infrastructure and waste infrastructure, and the proposed development site is located outside the City of York and North York Moors National Park areas, consultation with North Yorkshire County Council will be required before permission is granted.

These policies should be taken into account in when preparing the Neighbourhood Plan.

Other matters that may be of relevance to the Neighbourhood Plan are:

The NYCC [Council Plan](#). This sets out our vision and values and identifies four key ambitions for 2023:

- 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 that enables our citizens to fulfil their ambitions and aspirations; and
- we are a modern council which puts our customers at the heart of what we do.

The emerging York & North Yorkshire [Local Industrial Strategy](#) seeks to promote good, inclusive and clean economic growth. The County Council's [Plan for Economic Growth](#) identifies seven key enablers to help achieve the Vision of North Yorkshire being a *place with a strong economy and a commitment to sustainable growth that enables everyone to fulfil their ambitions and aspirations*. It is intended that the NYCC Plan for Economic Growth will be refreshed later this year.

The North Yorkshire [Strategic Transport Prospectus](#) sets out the long term vision (to 2045) for how improved transport in North Yorkshire can contribute towards a thriving northern economy. The Strategic Transport Priorities set out within this document are:

- Improving east-west connectivity (including Trans Pennine links)
- Improving access to High speed and conventional rail
- Improving long distance connectivity to north and south

NYCC has established an aspiration for carbon neutrality by, or as close as possible to, 2030.

Where appropriate we would encourage the Tadcaster Neighbourhood Plan to recognise and align with these strategic objectives and aspirations in order to enable a joined up approach to sustainable development to be achieved.

Yours faithfully,

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