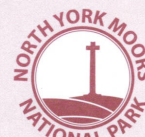


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Dear Mrs Bolland

New Local Plan – First Steps

The North York Moors National Park is nationally recognised as a special place. It contains a unique mix of special qualities that make them unique, and something to be protected, celebrated and enjoyed.

It is our duty to make sure that they remain a valuable national asset. We must also recognise that they are somewhere where people live, work and visit, and that we must plan to support these needs.

To this end we have just started work on a new Local Plan for the North York Moors. It will be a development plan, meaning that it will be the main factor in how we decide planning applications for new development in the future. It will also look to identify new locations for housing, employment and open space in the future.

As it will have a big influence over the future of the North York Moors, it needs to be informed by as many views and opinions as possible. We are now asking everyone to let us know their thoughts on what should be in it, and how it should protect and enhance what's special about the North York Moors.

Our 'First Steps' document contains a list of questions which we would value your opinion on. Please do not feel that you have to answer all or only these questions or keep to the structure of the questions – the important thing is that you let us know:

- What do you particularly value about the North York Moors?
- Are there any features or areas that you would like to see altered or improved?
- What approach do you think should be taken to new development in the National Park?
- If you were writing a new Local Plan what do you think are the main issues it needs to address?

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For Parishes within the National Park boundary, if there are any particular sites you would like to see developed, or any areas of open space you want to see protected we would also like to know. Forms to help let us know are attached. Details on how to submit sites are also in the First Steps document and are on the planning pages our website. We have also included maps of villages in your Parish – if you have any sites in mind please mark them on the map and return it to us. If part of your Parish falls outside the National Park boundary please bear in mind that responsibility for planning in that area does not rest with us.

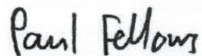
If there are any particular issues you would like to talk to us about please let us know and we can come along to a Parish Meeting to discuss them.

All the documents are available to download at www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/planning - there are also links to online forms. The deadline for comments is **5.00 p.m. on Friday 18 November**. Please let us know if this deadline causes you any difficulties.

Finally – we'd like as many people to respond as possible and any help you can give us in spreading the word about the Local Plan would be appreciated. I'd be grateful if you could publicise this consultation through any newsletters you have or on your website. I also enclose a couple of flyers for your notice board or to put in any local shops. Let us know if you need any more.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely



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