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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Consultation on Identification and Review of Visually Important Undeveloped Areas**

As part of the production of the Ryedale Plan-Local Plan Sites Document the Council is undertaking a review of existing Visually Important Undeveloped Areas, and this has lead to a select number of VIUAs to be removed; and some VIUA designations to be amended in their extent.

Furthermore, as a result of evaluating responses received in the 2009 Consultation; consideration of new evidence; and work undertaken to assess sites submitted for consideration as potential development sites, the Council proposes a series of VIUAs in: Amotherby, Ampleforth, Hovingham, Old Malton, Norton, Pickering, Slingsby and Welburn.

Helmsley is not part of this review, it is covered by the Helmsley Plan, and the VIUAs were considered as part of the production of that document.

This consultation is not about the principle of Visually Important Undeveloped Areas; they are an established policy approach of the Development Plan: The Local Plan Strategy. We seek your views on the whether these changes to existing VIUAs, and proposed new VIUAs, are appropriate.

Members will consider the responses to this consultation as part of work leading up to further consultation on the Local Plan Sites Document early next year.

This consultation is running for six weeks. Please provide a response to the address below by **5pm 9 November 2016**. The report can viewed at Ryedale District Council Offices within normal opening hours 9-4.30 Monday - Friday.

Alternatively it can be viewed on line at: <http://www.ryedaleplan.org.uk/> following the link in the 'Latest News'.

Yours faithfully,

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