

## Kirkbymoorside Town Council

### Information for the Planning Committee meeting on Monday 20 February 2023

With Local Government Reorganisation taking place, and the need to prepare a new local plan for the new Council area, we (Ryedale District Council) are awaiting a decision from the emerging new council (in terms of Members and now Senior Management Officers) about how the review of the Ryedale Plan is progressed. Whether it is subsumed into the new plan for North Yorkshire, or it kept as a standalone project, with links to the new local plan. It is likely that we may have an indication by the time of the meeting, as to what the direction will be but I cannot give a firm guarantee on that.

Central government is also making changes to the NPPF very soon, and consulting on wider changes which it seeks to implement in the coming years. So there is considerable change coming with regards to the development of planning policy. In the meantime, the Ryedale Plan, and its constituent parts (Helmsley Plan/Local Plan Sites Document) remain the Development Plan for considering applications until a new plan supersedes them.

The Key Decisions consultation represents where we have got to with the review to date. It has looked at some key themes and issues, but not the sites. We are interested in getting the views and perspectives of Kirkbymoorside Town Council on the range of matters covered in the consultation in summary:

- In terms of Kirkbymoorside, the relative position of the settlement in the settlement hierarchy is proposed not to change, it is recognised as a local service centre. The distribution strategy still has the market towns as a focus for development, with less emphasis at Malton and Norton, and a greater number of service villages (with a new policy approach of a criteria based policy for small sites which would apply to the non-service villages.
- There is an exploration to increase the number of service villages- where we could in principle make allocations, do you agree with the approach we have proposed to identify them? Based on having a regular bus route and either a school or shop (Terrington is an exception with the doctor's surgery)
- Whether you are happy with the 200 homes per year figure for the plan- or that we stick to the 186 homes a year figure from the Government's standard calculation.
- We have not, as part of the consultation, attributed amounts of development to settlements, as that would be eventually demonstrated through the sites chosen, how do you feel about this?
- The matter of the Local Needs Occupancy condition (LNOC) is not directly applicable to Kirkbymoorside, but I would be interested to have the Town Council's views on the LNOC and whether they think a primary residence condition would be welcomed.

- Whether the council supports the approach to seek a higher standard of building accessibility for our new bungalows that are specified on larger sites.
- To propose to seek higher sustainable building standards through the allocations we make, and in relation to other types of development reduce energy usage, and build to higher sustainable building standards.
- To look at application of a small sites policy- with criteria to assess the suitability of sites that are a) outside of development limits b) at the other villages. Such sites will be windfalls and not factored in the land supply we have to demonstrate of new housing sites.

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