

Dear Consultee

We are moving the Local Plan discussion forwards and the time has come to start a detailed conversation about housing growth and to invite landowners and communities to submit appropriate sites for new development.

Among other questions, we are asking:

- how ambitious should the annual housing target be?
- how should we distribute development sites between towns, villages and small settlements?
- is there public support for more focused growth in Sedbergh, Hawes and Grassington?

**Consultation No. 3 - Exploring our options: Building new homes** is available to view on the [Local Plan webpage](#), where you will find all relevant documents, maps and contact details.

If you have an interest in future house building and housing strategy in the National Park please take a look at the consultation document.

The consultation document is divided into two sections:

- [Part 1 Spatial and Housing Strategy](#) provides information about the existing pattern of development and suggests options about where new development could go in the National Park.
- [Part 2 Housing Development Capacity](#) is an invitation to landowners and communities to suggest new sites for development and an opportunity to consider the options for reviewing infill policy.

Part 2 is supported by a list of maps of each town and larger village. These provide information about some of the physical constraints and opportunities such as slope angle and flood risk. These may help you in suggesting land that is capable of development.

The maps also identify the current 'Housing Development Boundaries', where these have been adopted. We are asking for your views about widening these boundaries to extend housing opportunity or replacing them with a criteria based policy.

A third element of the paper is inviting consultees to review the current list of important open spaces in the National Park. These are the green areas identified on the maps. Should these or other areas continue to be protected from development over the next 20 years ?

### **How to respond to this consultation**

There are 30 consultation questions embedded in Parts 1 and 2 of the [consultation document](#) and you can submit your answers and comments using the [response form](#), by e-mail or by post. You are invited to respond to some or all of these questions.

Part 2 is accompanied by maps to help you identify development capacity in your town or village. These are listed in alphabetical order at the bottom of the webpage, along with a

map key. Click on any map to view, download and add any annotations either digitally or by hand.

Part 2 also introduces the 'Call for Sites' process and you can nominate sites for development using the [Call for Sites form](#).

We invite you to send your response to us by e-mail to [localplan@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:localplan@yorkshiredales.org.uk) or by post to FREEPOST Yorkshire Dales.

Alternatively you can also leave us a voicemail message by calling 01969 652334 and a member of the Planning Policy team will get back to you.

***Please encourage others with an interest in housing growth in the National Park to respond to this consultation.***

***The closing date for responses is Friday 26th February 2021.***

### **How will my responses be used?**

Your responses will help indicate the level of support for each option. Your comments will influence how these could be implemented through detailed policy.

Your suggestions for sites will be investigated by officers, where they are supported by information on the site questionnaire. A list of site options will be produced and from that list sites will be shortlisted for allocation in the Local Plan. Our objective is to identify sufficient land to meet the plans annual housing target (yet to be determined). For sites to be allocated they must be available, suitable and achievable.

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