

MALTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Mrs Thompson

Site Allocation Consultation. Response from Norton and Malton Town Councils.

Norton Town Council and Malton Town Council jointly submit the following response to the draft Site Allocation Document consultation process.

At this stage the Norton and Malton Town Councils are still to conclude their consideration of a jointly agreed response to the consultation. There remains outstanding information very relevant to the consideration covering such as assessment of traffic impact resulting from already approved developments, the latest position from the air quality monitoring programme, and landowner intentions on certain significant sites.

While it is regretted that the Councils have been unable as yet to conclude their consideration, it is noted that consultation on the matter will not cease at this point, and that there will be the opportunity for later submissions to be considered. The Councils will together continue to consider the issue, hopefully in the light of the further information expected, with a view preferably to submitting a joint response, but if that is not possible, separate responses from each.

In their consideration to date it is evident, both from public and member input, that there is great concern specifically at the failure of Highways North Yorkshire to implement the agreed complementary measures to derive full effect from the investment at Brambling Fields in terms of congestion relief and improvement of air quality in the town centre. There is also disquiet that Ryedale District Council as the monitoring authority, and with responsibility for the Air Quality Management Plan, is not being seen as sufficiently pressing the case for implementation of the complementary measures. The Town Councils will continue to press this matter in other avenues, but would emphasise here the importance of ensuring that consideration of land/development allocations should include, at its core, an assessment of whether development would hinder or counter efforts to reduce and prevent congestion and poor or even dangerous air quality, whether by traffic impact or sewage infrastructure deficiency.

Yours sincerely

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