

Charlotte Bogg

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I am particularly keen to comment on the proposals for Malton & Norton.

I believe the rest of the housing in this plan should be concentrated on the Malton side of the river and think that the sites either side of Castle Howard Road would be most suitable. If not there, the site south of Westgate Lane. The problem with larger developments in Norton is the rail/river crossing which is already congested and most of the traffic would pass over the level crossing. At least one new school would be required so a large site would help to deliver this.

On the retail side, I would like to see the Northern Arc concept come to fruition soon. As the Tesco store is unlikely to be developed anytime soon, it might be better to try and attract large high street retailers such as Marks & Spencer, Argos, Next, Matalan and Currys. These are the type of stores that Malton & Norton desperately needs to stop the leakage of shoppers. Maybe 6 or 7 large units around WSCP and possibly a budget hotel would help boost the town greatly. How about a B&Q type store along with a petrol station on York Road? I hope to see the redevelopment of the livestock market site soon, but don't think there is enough scope to provide all the retail needs on that site. I am disappointed to see that there has been no progress on the old clothing factory site on Welham Road. I hope this will move forward soon.

New employment sites are very important and a science and technology park close to the A64 will be a big boost. I hope that the Food Enterprise Zone will become a reality soon. Better paid jobs are essential for the future and to stop young people moving away from the area.

I wish to see much better transport and infrastructure. A new road across the river and railway line might help. It would be good to see a footbridge and path between Scarborough Road and Old Malton. The town bus is woefully inadequate and does not encourage usage of public transport.

I would like to see the two town councils merge as Malton & Norton are one community and should be officially recognised as such.

Finally, I would like to see a better mobile reception. It is embarrassing that Malton and Norton does not have 4G and yet some of the surrounding villages do. This must change if the council is serious about progress in the town.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Stewart Frank