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Dear Sirs,

**re: Ryedale Local Plan – Local Plan Sites Document Publication Version: Sustainability Appraisal and SEA**

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the latest Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan Sites Document. Overall, we would broadly agree with the assessment of the likely significant effects which the Policies and allocations in the Plan would be likely to have upon the heritage assets of the District.

We have the following comments to make regarding its contents.

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123	Policies SD 2-SD11 Residential Land Allocations, SA Objective C5	<p>It should be noted that the following Allocations are likely to have a direct physical impact upon non-designated archaeology some of which, potentially, could be of national importance:-</p> <p>SD3; SD6; SD10; SD11;</p> <p>The reasons why it is considered appropriate to allocate a site which will result in the loss of nationally-important archaeology will need to be justified in the Plan. In addition, it is also essential that the Plan sets out how prospective developers would be expected to address this archaeological resource as part of their development proposals.</p> <p>As you will no doubt, be aware, Scarborough Borough Council faced exactly the same challenges in their Local Plan. Given that both Plans are dealing with the same archaeological landscape, it is suggested that the Ryedale Sites Document adopts a similar approach. This approach was endorsed by Scarborough's Local Plan Inspector.</p>
146	Policy SD12	The development of these sites are likely to have a direct physical impact upon

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	- the Allocation south of Thornton Road Industrial Estate, Pickering and the land to the north of the A64/ east of the A169, SA Objective C5	<p>non-designated archaeology some of which, potentially, could be of national importance:-</p> <p>The reasons why it is considered appropriate to allocate a site which will result in the loss of national-important archaeology will need to be justified in the Plan. In addition, it is also essential that the Plan sets out how prospective developers would be expected to manage this archaeological resource.</p> <p>As you will no doubt, be aware, Scarborough Borough Council faced exactly the same challenges in their Local Plan. Given that both Plans are dealing with the same archaeological landscape, it is suggested that the Ryedale Sites Document adopts a similar approach. This approach was endorsed by Scarborough's Local Plan Inspector.</p>

Historic England strongly advises that the conservation staff of the Council and the County Heritage Unit in Northallerton are closely involved throughout the preparation of the SEA/SA of the plan. They are best placed to advise on; local historic environment issues and priorities, including access to data held in the HER (formerly SMR); how the policy or proposal can be tailored to minimise potential adverse impacts on the historic environment; the nature and design of any required mitigation measures; and opportunities for securing wider benefits for the future conservation and management of historic assets.

Finally, we should like to stress that this opinion is based on the information provided by you with your e-mail dated October 2017. To avoid any doubt, this does not affect our obligation to provide further advice and, potentially, object to specific proposals which may subsequently arise (either as a result of this consultation or in later versions of the Plan) where we consider that, despite the SA/SEA, these would have an adverse effect upon the historic environment. If you have any queries about any of the matters raised in this letter or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

**Ian Smith**

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