

Many thanks for consulting the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust on the above documents.

The Trust has been engaged with the consultations on the Ryedale plan for a number of years and has been impressed by the thoroughness of the work on the preparation of the plan.

The Trust does not have any further comments on the soundness of the sites document. The Trust would agree with the conclusions of the HRA on which sites may require Appropriate Assessments to consider Likely Significant Effects on the River Derwent SAC.

The Trust is however concerned that the policies in the full plan for no net loss of biodiversity and net gain of biodiversity as a result of development in Ryedale will mean that land may be required to mitigate or compensate for loss of habitat within development sites. There may be a need for an assessment of whether additional land will be required to ensure biodiversity is protected. For the larger sites a draft masterplan may be required to ensure that there will be sufficient open space or compensation habitat.

Best wishes

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