

Ryedale District Council
Ryedale Plan –Local Plan Sites Document (LPSD)
Submission Plan
Main Modifications Guidance Notes

Consultation 4 February – 18 March 2019

The Ryedale Local Plan- Local Plan Sites Document had been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The purpose of the Examination is for an independent Planning Inspector to determine if the LPSD is 'sound', legally compliant and has been produced in accordance with national planning policy and the relevant legislation.

Caroline Mulloy BSc (Hons) Dip TP MRTPI was appointed as the Planning Inspector to undertake the Examination. Public Hearings have taken place at Ryedale District Council between 25 - 27 September 2018 and 2-4 October 2018.

Through the Examination several policies and other contents of the LPSD have been identified where a Main Modification is required to address concerns identified by the Inspector or other representors, or to reflect recent changes to national planning policy.

A schedule of Main Modifications to the Local Plan Sites Document, together with Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment of the Main Modification are being published for public consultation for six weeks between: **4 February 2019 and 5pm 18 March 2019**. Responses must be returned by the date and time referred to above.

In addition the Council has proposed a number of changes, many of which are to improve the clarity of the document or update factual information on the Policies Maps. The Policies Maps (as amended) are also available to view. These are not subject to the consultation, except where it relates to a Main Modification.

These guidance notes are intended to help anyone who wishes to make a representation on the LPSD Main Modifications.

This is a formal stage of consultation and it is important that representations relate to the legal compliance/soundness of the Main Modifications. The Inspector will only consider representations which relate to the proposed changes and which are received during the consultation period.

This consultation is not an opportunity to make or re- state previous comments on other aspects or contents of the Plan.

How to comment

The Ryedale Plan-Local Plan Sites Document Main Modifications Material is available to view at: [Examination of Local Plan Sites Document](#) and follow the link at the top of the page.

The Material consists of:

- Schedule of Main Modifications
- Sustainability Appraisal/ Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Habitat Regulations Assessment

Not part of the consultation, but added for completeness is:

- List of Additional Modification
- Policies Maps and Policies Maps amendments (which is provided for clarification and is not subject to Main Modifications consultation unless it relates to a Main Modification)

The material is also available to view at District Council Offices during normal Office hours Monday - Friday 9am until 4pm.

It can also be viewed at the following libraries during their hours of operation. Please view the website for their opening times <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/local-libraries>.

Or please ring them:

Malton 01609 534565

Norton 01609 534552

Pickering 01609 533624

Kirkbymoorside 01609 534557

Helmsley 01609 534553

Representations should be made using the Main Modifications consultation form.

You can either object or support the proposed modifications, based on whether you consider the changes to be legally compliant or 'sound'. Guidance on what these terms mean is given below. You should:

- Complete a separate form for each Main Modification you are commenting on
- Reference the representation with the Modification number, e.g. MM1

You should cover all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to justify the representation and the suggested change.

'Soundness' and Legal Compliance

The purpose of the Examination is to enable the Inspector to decide whether the plan is 'sound'. These modifications will help the Inspector to decide if the SAD is sound. For the LPSD to be 'sound' it must be:

- **Legally compliant** - This means that the Plan meets the legal requirements under Section 20(5) (a) of the 2004 Act (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- **Positively prepared** - This means that the Plan should seek to meet objectively assessed needs and infrastructure requirements where it is reasonable to do so and where this is consistent with achieving sustainable development.
- **Justified** - This means that the Plan should be the most appropriate strategy, when considered against reasonable alternatives.
- **Effective** - This means that the Plan should be deliverable and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary priorities.

- **Consistent with national policy** - This means that the Plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework 2012

Where to return your form

Please return your response to localplan@ryedale.gov.uk or post it to

Specialist Place Team
Ryedale District Council
Ryedale House
Old Malton Road
Malton
North Yorkshire YO17 7HH

Important

The consultation runs from 4 February until 5pm on 18 March 2019. Please remember that representations received after 5pm on 18 March will not be accepted and will not be considered by the Inspector.

Whilst representations about the proposed modifications should be sent to the Council, copies of all will be forwarded to the Programme Officer along with a report listing all of the representations made about each of the proposed main modifications and changes to the policies map (as a result of the Main Modification); a summary of the main issues raised; and a brief response to those main issues.

The Inspector will then consider all of the representations about the proposed main modifications before finalising her report. As is normal practice, the Inspector expects that all issues arising from the consultation on the proposed main modifications should be capable of being considered through the 'written representations' procedure. Exceptionally, however, the Inspector may decide that it is necessary to hold a further hearing session or sessions to clarify and resolve any substantive outstanding issues relating to the proposed main modifications.

The examination website will be updated as appropriate and all those making representations will be informed of the next steps by the Programme Officer in due course.