

Local Plan

Cabinet and Council approved the production of a new Local Plan to replace the existing Local Development Framework in 2015 and work subsequently took place to develop the Local Plan using a robust and comprehensive evidence base, community and stakeholder involvement and two rounds of public consultation. Part of this preparation has included a number of Duty to Cooperate obligations with Local Authorities in York, North Yorkshire and the Tees Valley; there has also been consultation with other key stakeholders.

The Members' Local Plan Working Group has been involved throughout the development of the Hambleton Local Plan, which sets out a vision and framework for future development across the district up to 2035. The policies and proposals within the Local Plan address the district's needs and opportunities in relation to housing, economic growth, community facilities and infrastructure as well as providing a basis for safeguarding the environment, adapting to climate change and securing good design.

The Local Plan is a key enabler for the Council to deliver its vision of Hambleton as 'A Place to Grow' and includes the provision of 77.6ha of employment land and 6615 new homes to be delivered between 2014 and 2035, whilst facilitating the provision of new infrastructure to ensure that development is sustainable; it will also protect important local green spaces and the District's high quality natural and built environment.

As Members will hear, later in the agenda, the Publication Draft Local Plan represents the Plan that the Council wishes to submit for independent examination and considers ready for adoption and following a period of representations will be submitted to the Secretary of State for public examination.

Members will be pleased to hear that although the Local Plan looks forward to 2035 it will be kept under review and formally amended when necessary.

Development Management

Improvements to the Planning Service continue, with the most recent piece of work being to engage in a review of processes, procedures and core systems.

Investment in the service to date has enabled significant improvements in Planning Enforcement; this has included consideration of all open and historic cases and increased activity in managing Planning Enforcement issues:

- Since June 2018
 - All historic cases have been fully reviewed with 765 authorised for closure
 - 130 historic cases are pending, 45 of which served with notices
- June status
 - Cases closed since 1st April – 159
 - 99 of these were received prior to 1st April
 - 60 of these were received on or after 1st April
 - Cases opened on or after 1st April – 126, of these
 - 14 cases have applications received
 - Two sites have stopped work whilst resolution reached.
 - 38 cases of a breach of planning control rectified through negotiation
 - 20 cases regularised through a grant of planning permission

- Since 1st April 2019
 - 3 enforcement notices served
 - 2 Breach of conditions notices served
 - 1 listed building enforcement notice served and complied with
 - 1 planning contravention notice served
 - Emergency TPO served
 - Two enforcement notices which were up held on appeal have recently been complied with

The Planning Enforcement area of the Council website has been updated, a draft online enforcement register has been designed which will shortly go live and work continues to engage with stakeholders to improve the management and communication of Planning Enforcement.

As an update to the ongoing issues at Ings Lane, Great Broughton, the occupier gave a formal undertaking to the Court to comply with the terms the Council is seeking in the injunction and is now required to move all chattels from the site within 6 months.

Housing

Recent feedback to the Housing Options Team from the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Directorate of MHCLG was very positive, commenting on their excellent working relationship with DWP on Duty to Refer, low overall use of temporary accommodation and that advice regarding Homelessness has been updated on the Council's website to provide much more comprehensive and relevant advice to customers.

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