

Horsforth Neighbourhood Development Plan

Leeds City Council and Horsforth Town Council

Joint Response to Examiner's Questions 4 September 2019

Leeds City Council and Horsforth Town Council have prepared this joint response to the Examiner's Questions, received on 28 August 2019.

- 1. The Plan identifies six housing sites "expected to be confirmed" through the Site Allocations Plan. The Site Allocations Plan has since been adopted. Please confirm that the boundaries of the sites in the adopted Site Allocations Plan are the same as those in the neighbourhood plan.***

Yes – the Council's GIS Team produced the Site Allocations Plan maps and the Horsforth Neighbourhood Plan Policy Map and have checked that the boundaries correspond. Given that the Site Allocations Plan was adopted on 10 July 2019, a modification to update references to the SAP within the NP would be welcomed.

- 2. There are other sites allocated for housing development in the neighbourhood area in the Site Allocations Plan (e.g. HG2-45) on which the neighbourhood plan is silent. Please confirm the silence of the neighbourhood plan on these sites is intentional and how this has been addressed through public consultation***

Status of SAP housing sites and relationships with the Horsforth Neighbourhood Plan:

- HG1-65 Westbrook Lane 1: In the Horsforth NP (Policy H5) as UDP Allocation not yet implemented.
- HG1-66 Westbrook Lane 2: Not in the Horsforth NP as UDP Allocation partially implemented through the development of purpose built student accommodation in accordance with planning permission 27/183/04.
- HG1-69 Low Lane, Woodside Mill: In the Horsforth NP (Policy H6) as previous planning applications not yet implemented. The Examiner should be aware that there is a live planning application on this site (18/04952/FU)
- HG1-98 Victoria Avenue: Not in the Horsforth NP due to UDP Allocation being implemented. Planning application reference: 13/02965/FU.
- HG2-37 Brownberrie Lane: In the Horsforth NP (Policy H1) as new SAP allocation.
- HG2-42 Broadway and Calverley Lane: In the Horsforth NP (Policy H2) as new SAP allocation.
- HG2-43 Horsforth (Park Lane) Campus: In the Horsforth NP (Policy H3) as new SAP allocation.
- HG2-44 Clarence Rd: Not in the Horsforth NP due to planning permission being granted on this site 29/04/2019. Planning application reference: 18/07357/FU.
- HG2-45 St Joseph's: Not in the Horsforth NP due to planning permission being granted on this site 14/12/2017. Planning application reference: 16/07784/FU.
- HG2-46 Horsforth (Former Waste Water Treatment Works): In the Horsforth NP (Policy H4) as new SAP allocation.

In the Statement of Community Consultation Appendices (pages 2 and 81) there are two specific site consultations. The first (page 2) was aimed at trying to identify suitable sites for development in Horsforth. Of the 30 sites listed on page 3, some have ended up as allocations.

The second (page 81) was an additional consultation resulting from the addition of several large sites on one of the revisions of the draft Site Allocations Plan of January 2015. This more than doubled the potential housing that Horsforth would be expected to take in the plan period 2012 to 2028. The Town Council considered this to be a significant point on which it should consult with residents to feed back to LCC.

The six sites covered in the NP were introduced as a result of comments from LCC at the Reg 14 consultation stage. The public consultation on these sites has been at Reg 16 stage. No comments regarding the inclusion or otherwise of detailed housing site policies in the NP were received at any stage of the NP preparation process, except by LCC at Reg 14 stage.

The site specific policies in the NP are aimed at helping to deliver the vision for Horsforth by supporting new housing development to meet the needs and aspirations of the local community. The vision is explicit in that alongside new housing development, infrastructure, facilities and services are expected to keep pace, to provide the right type of homes for people.

The Town Council has analysed the sites (now) allocated for development in the Site Allocations Plan and considered each site's opportunities and constraints. Policies H1 to H6 are the results of that exercise and are grounded in the SAP site requirements or Saved UDP policy requirements. Opportunities for each site to make a contribution to the wider aims and objectives of the plan have been identified, particularly in relation to other policies on the built environment and green environment.

The NP's silence concerning the other sites is intentional. It was felt that where e.g. a site was actually being built, based on a planning application, that the NP could have no impact on that site.

3. *Policy ES1 is supported by a "Survey of units within the shopping centres in 2016" - is there a subset of this survey for Horsforth Town Street and Horsforth New Road Side?*

Yes, this is available from the original data in the form of an Excel spreadsheet. The survey data is split into three shopping centres – New Road Side (107 entries), Town Street (114 entries) and Station Road (72 entries). In the analysis to produce the report, the data was combined. It would be possible to go back to the original data and produce the premises category and activity analysis for each of the shopping areas.