



Leeds
CITY COUNCIL

Site Allocations Plan Revised Publication Draft: Area Proposals for Outer North East

**Duty to Cooperate Background Paper
Outer North East Addendum**

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For clarity this document should be read alongside the Publication Draft Duty to Cooperate Background Paper (Sept 2015).

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In September 2015, a Duty to Cooperate Background Paper was prepared to accompany the Publication Draft Site Allocations Plan (SAP) and Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan (AVLAAP). Consultation on the plans was undertaken in September to November 2015.
- 1.2. The Publication stage of plan preparation is being re-run for the Outer North East HMCA because of the magnitude of changes resulting from the withdrawal of the Headley Hall new settlement proposal. Regard will need to be had to any further consultation responses before it is determined whether to make further modifications to the SAP.

2. OVERVIEW AND LEEDS CITY REGION GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

- 2.1. No changes are made to the Overview and Leeds City Region Governance Arrangements parts of the Duty to Cooperate Background Paper (2015) in relation to Outer North East HMCA.

3. CHRONOLOGY OF DUTY-TO-COOPERATE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

- 3.1. The chronology of activity set out in the Duty to Cooperate Background Paper (2015) deals with the period up to Publication of the SAP and AVLAAP during the autumn of 2015.
- 3.2. At the 29th March 2016 meeting of the LCR Strategic Planning Duty to Co-operate Group, at the request of Selby, Leeds officers agreed to set up a meeting with officers of Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council to consider the combined effect of development proposed at Aire Valley Leeds and the new settlement proposals emerging for the Outer North East area of Leeds.
- 3.3. In preparing for the meeting material sent to the other local authorities including the SAP schedule of changes (post Development Plan Panel meeting of 19/7), revised SAP Chapter 6 "Outer North East – Revised Consultation Draft" and a colour plan illustrating the sites.
- 3.4. The meeting was arranged for 6th September 2016 but was at the last minute replaced by a number of coordinated phone calls and exchange of emailed comments. These focussed on all of the changes being suggested by Leeds for the Outer North East area consultation. The following three main changes being proposed in Leeds were thought significant:

- i. New Settlement at Parlington MX2-39
- ii. New housing site to the east of Wetherby HG2-226
- iii. New housing site at Wealstun Prison, Wetherby HG2-227

3.5. Of relevance, Harrogate is also proposing a new settlement in its Local Plan which is expected to accommodate approximately 2,000 - 3,000 dwellings. In the forthcoming Regulation 18 consultation October 2016 Harrogate is consulting on two possibilities at either Flaxby or Green Hammerton. These sites are both close to the intersection of the Harrogate – York rail corridor and the A1 motorway corridor and lie approximately 5 miles north of the boundary with Leeds.

4. ISSUES OF CONCERN

Impacts

- 4.1. In the original Background Paper, issues of concern were recorded from a series of meetings held with officers of neighbouring local authorities. For Outer North East, the key issues raised in the telephone conversations and exchange of emails include i) traffic impacts, ii) school places and iii) market catchment area overlap for new settlements
- 4.2. Traffic impact is the biggest concern of Harrogate, Selby and North Yorkshire Councils. The concern focuses on the capacity of the A1(M). The previously proposed new settlement at Headley Hall had impacts on the A64 too, but the replacement proposal at Parlington only raises concern about the A1(M).
- 4.3. Because the Parlington new settlement proposal is situated some distance from the boundaries with Harrogate and Selby, it is anticipated that the numbers of school children seeking school places in Harrogate or Selby will be insignificant.
- 4.4. It was considered that the distance between the location for Harrogate's new settlement and Parlington is large enough so that the new settlements will largely appeal to different housing markets.

Mitigation measures

- 4.5. Traffic impact is the only matter considered to need mitigation. It was agreed that all authorities should work with Highways England to agree an approach to traffic modelling and understand if any infrastructure improvements may be necessary. It is already anticipated that Harrogate's new settlement will require improvements to Junction 47 of the A1(M)

5. OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY DTC BODIES

- 5.1. The following DtC bodies have been notified of the revised proposals for Outer North East:
- i. the Environment Agency
 - ii. the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (known as Historic England)
 - iii. Natural England
 - iv. the Mayor of London
 - v. the Civil Aviation Authority
 - vi. the Homes and Communities Agency
 - vii. each clinical commissioning group established under section 14D of the National Health Service Act 2006
 - viii. the National Health Service Commissioning Board
 - ix. the Office of Rail Regulation
 - x. each Integrated Transport Authority
 - xi. each highway authority within the meaning of section 1 of the Highways Act 1980 (including the Secretary of State, where the Secretary of State is the highways authority)
 - xii. the Marine Management Organisation.
- 5.2. No responses had been received at the date of publication of this Addendum

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