

Resident update on the next steps in the proposal to build a new town adjacent to our village

North Yorkshire Council (NYC) have now decided to put **the** former Selby District Council (SDC) Local Plan forward for area consultation with the proposed Heronby new town removed. This u-turn is a great success for all those in our community who opposed this proposal. The developer plans to try again to insert the new town of 4,000 houses into the new NYC Local Plan that is being formulated from this point on. This plan when complete will replace the SDC plan in 2028.

Firstly, SDC will have a consultation for their revised Local Plan with Heronby removed, this takes place between 8th March and 19th April 2024. We ask residents who are concerned about the future impact of a large town on our doorstep to respond to SDC's latest consultation, a suggested comment would be :- 'I'm in favour of the revised SDC Local Plan now that the proposed Heronby development has been removed. The fact-based reasons to remove this proposed development were clearly stated by the local community and City of York Council in the feedback given during the original consultation.'

NYC Local Plan process and the next steps after the area SDC Local Plan consultation has ended.

NYC will issue a "call for sites" from March 2024 which is the opportunity for landowners to submit sites for consideration for development under the new North Yorkshire Local Plan.

A Local Plan is a mechanism by which planning authorities set the vision and framework for future development to ensure needs and opportunities in relation to housing, environment, economy, community facilities and infrastructure are met. Local Plans are second only to national planning policy in their influence over what is built, where, and how in England.

NYC has committed to developing the new plan which will cover all parts of North Yorkshire apart from York (City of York Council), the North York Moors National Park and the Yorkshire Dales National Park – they will have their own development plans.

The new plan will set out where development will take place across the county over the next 15 to 20 years and the policies that planning applications will be considered against to shape the development of North Yorkshire.

The "call for sites" is expected to run for around six weeks. The stated aim for NYC is to assess the availability and suitability of development land with a view to earmarking certain sites for future development.

Sites for residential, commercial, infrastructure, and environmental enhancement projects can be put forward. Those sites deemed suitable for development in principle will be "allocated". This does not guarantee planning permission will be granted as all sites must prove they are viable for development, but allocation does give sites a better chance of securing planning consent in the future.

Opposition to the declared position of the local landowner to resubmit the proposed Heronby new town will continue. New homes are needed for the future, but they should be located in an appropriate location, ideally on 'brownfield' sites, with adequate road and rail links to employment hubs and without destroying good quality agricultural land and local woodland.