

**RESPONSE FROM ROECLIFFE & WESTWICK STEERING GROUP TO HBC'S
REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION AND COMMENTS FROM AGENCIES WHO
RESPONDED TO OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)**

Our overall feeling was that most Agencies, either had no comment, or were supportive to our NDP.

There were several suggestions to tweak our Plan which is not possible at this stage.

We would like to make the following comments:

Environment Agency: Very constructive comments on flooding. When one of our Steering Group members wrote a report on emergency assessment following a training day in 2018, he identified flooding as a main potential problem within the entire Parish including Bar Lane together with a response programme. The NDP Steering Group should probably have been copied into the programme. However we do have the framework of a flood plan on record with the Parish Council.

Harrogate Borough Council: Obviously as the Local Plan has moved on, some of the descriptions and wording need changing. We are a little uneasy about the description of Roecliffe being a service village and would not want to see our NP slavishly mirror the HBC Local Plan or adhere to the Local Plan Policy HS1 regarding housing density. We think that our Policy E2 regarding Green Infrastructure is quite important in that it ensures a definite gap between the Bar Lane industrial development and the village boundary, the word "disruption" has more strength than "significant impact".

Roecliffe Farms: A Group of our Steering Group had a meeting with the agent of Roecliffe Farms, which was minuted. There was discussion about Green Gaps, PROWs and agricultural land which may be available for development at some time. We don't think that there was a conclusive response but we did get the impression that Roecliffe Farms are very concerned about any unauthorised access across their land and are in present disagreement with NYCC about the designation of Thornes Lane.

NYCC: Basically seem quite supportive of the NDP but are very protective of their rights over the highway and what is hung near to it.

We would be grateful if HBC could forward these comments to the Examiner, and look forward to hearing his comments.

Roecliffe & Westwick NDP Steering Group.