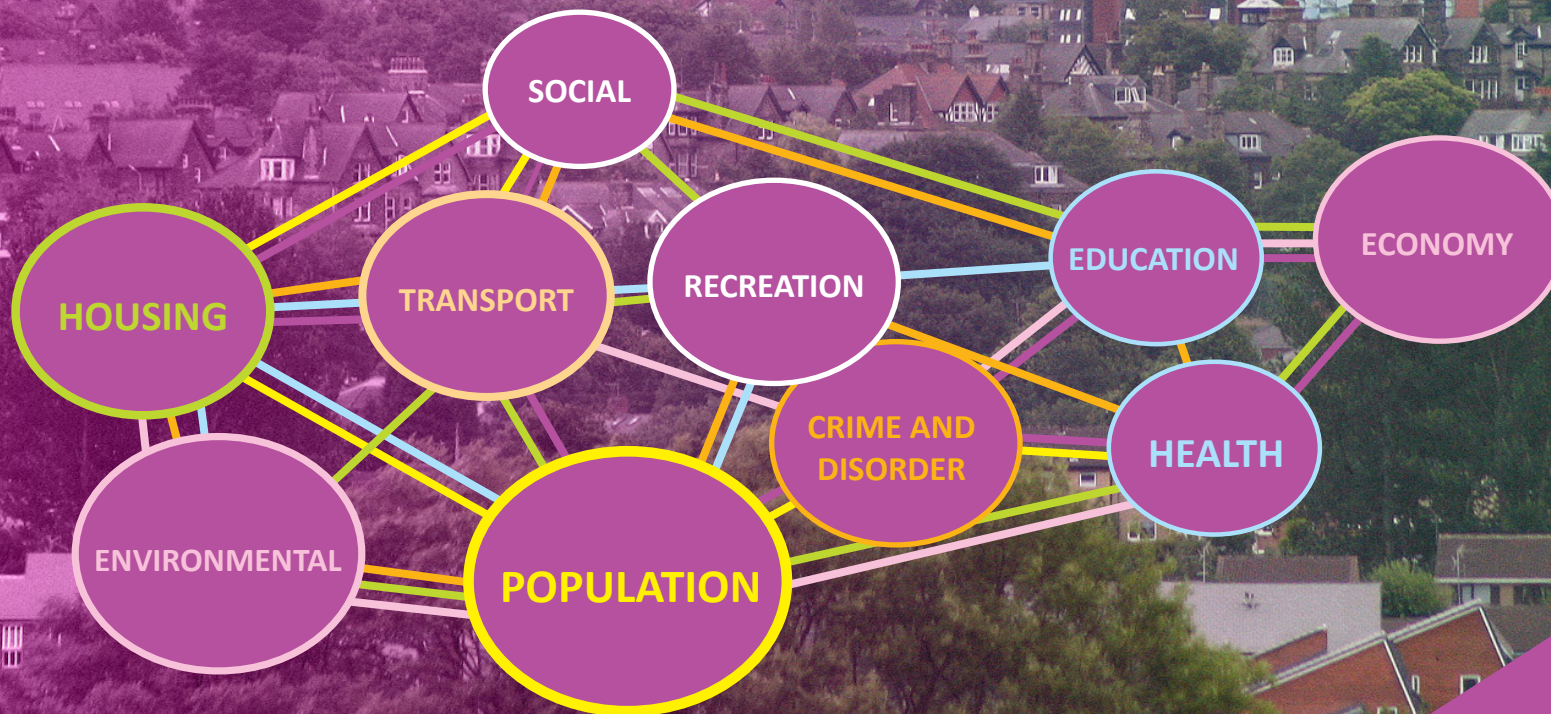


SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL (SA)

Addendum 3: Main Modifications

July 2019



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Sustainability Appraisal Addendum

Non-Technical Summary 1

1 Non-Technical Summary

Why has further Sustainability Work been undertaken?

- 1.1** Sustainability Appraisal (SA) has been undertaken at each stage of the preparation of the Harrogate District Local Plan in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2014. Following the examination hearing sessions for the Local Plan held in January 2019 a number of changes are now proposed to the Publication Draft Harrogate District Local Plan which are called the Proposed Main Modifications and the Proposed Main Modifications: Changes to Site Details. (Hereafter referred to as Main Modifications). It has therefore been necessary to undertake further SA Assessment and the outcome from this work is included in this Addendum.
- 1.2** The Addendum should be read in conjunction with the Proposed Main Modifications, June 2019 and associated documents, together with previous SA assessment work carried out throughout the preparation of the Local Plan. A list of all previous SA documents can be found at Appendix 1.
- 1.3** In order to undertake the assessment the modifications have first been 'screened' in order to consider whether the change may require an alteration to the original SA scoring and results. Where it is shown that this may be the case a detailed assessment has been undertaken identifying if there is a need to revise the results of the SA and if this is the case whether this also alters other SA conclusions already reached.
- 1.4** The results and conclusions from this work are summarised below.

Results of the Sustainability Appraisal of Proposed Modifications

- 1.5** The screening exercise included in section 3.0 indicates that most of the Main Modifications provide changes to site requirements, clarity to policy wording and improvements to effectiveness, or an update of information. It was not considered that these Modifications required Sustainability Assessment as they do not affect the outcome of the SA assessments already undertaken. However, the following Proposed Modifications were identified as needing further assessment:
- Policy GS2: Growth Strategy - change to village definition.
 - Policy GS3: Development Limits - amended approach.
 - Policy TI5: Telecommunications - amended wording.
 - Policy HP2: Heritage Assets - revised policy.
 - Site R24: this modification revises the boundary of the site allocation to include a sports pitch.
 - Site R27: Laver Banks, Ripon - site now lies within a larger area of land in MOD ownership.
 - Site PN18: Pannal - subject to significant boundary changes which have been assessed.
- 1.6** When the cumulative impacts of the Harrogate District Local Plan are considered, the findings of the SA which accompanied the Submission Draft Local Plan remain generally unchanged as a result of the Proposed Main Modifications, however the reduction in housing numbers and the deletion of a number of housing sites, in particular in the Nidderdale AONB, will result in reduced impact on those SA objectives relating to landscape, loss of greenfield sites, local distinctiveness and impact on the historic environment.
- 1.7** The Proposed Main Modifications were also not found to have any adverse impact under the Habitats Regulations as there were no negative impacts identified.

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Modifications to the Submission Draft Sustainability Appraisal

- 1.8** This Addendum also includes a number of amendments to the Sustainability Appraisal which were agreed at the Examination. These relate to site FX3: Flaxby in Examination document EXOTH 022 (Appendix 3). These are included in Appendix 2 to this document.

2 Main Report

Introduction

- 2.1** This Addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) has been produced to accompany the Proposed Main Modifications, June 2019 and the Main Modifications: Changes to Site Details (hereafter referred to as Main Modifications) following the examination hearing sessions held in relation to the Harrogate District Local Plan during January and February 2019. These relate to modifications which arose as part of discussion at the hearing sessions or which were proposed in response to the Inspector's post examination letter dated 11 March 2019.
- 2.2** The Addendum should be read in conjunction with the Main Modifications and other SA documents produced as part of the preparation of the local plan. It has been prepared in order to assess whether the Main Modifications affect the outcomes of the Sustainability Appraisal process. The first stage in this process has involved the 'screening' of the Main Modifications in order to identify whether or not they have the potential to change the SA outcome and the reasoning behind this conclusion. Those sites and policies where modification indicates that this may be the case have been subject to further assessment in section 4.0.
- 2.3** SA is an iterative process undertaken at every stage in the development of the local plan. Appendix 1 lists SA documents produced and provides a link to where the reports can be found.
- 2.4** Appendix 2 includes a number of amendments to the SA which were agreed at the examination. These relate to site FX3: Flaxby and are included in examination document EXOTH022 (Appendix3).

3 Screening Assessment of Proposed Main Modifications

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3.1 The table below identifies each Main Modification by its reference number, together with the policy number or site reference in the Harrogate District Local Plan. This table should be read in conjunction with these documents. The screening process identifies whether or not the modification has the potential to change the SA outcome and the reasoning behind this.

Ref. No	Policy/ Paragraph/ Site	Local Plan Page	Potential Change to SA outcome	Reasoning
Chapter 3 : Harrogate District Growth Strategy				
MM1	Policy GS1: Providing New Homes and Jobs	27	No	Revision to policy to reflect a reduction in the number of new homes being planned for and a small increase in the amount of new employment land. The policy is not site specific so the extent of any effects and whether they are cumulative are dependent on specific site allocations and other local plan policies. Therefore there is no effect on SA outcomes.
MM2	Justification to Policy GS1: Providing New Homes and Jobs	27	No	This revision relates to the update of the evidence base. The HEDNA concludes that the objectively assessed housing need in the district is reduced to 637 dwellings per year. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM3	Policy GS2: Growth Strategy to 2035	32	Yes	Revision of policy. The growth strategy continues to focus the majority of new development in Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon and through the development of a new broad location for growth at Cattal/Green Hammerton. No distinction is made between service villages. See section 4.0 for SA Assessment.
MM4	Justification to Policy GS2: Growth Strategy to 2035	32	Yes	Revision to delete Key Public Transport Corridors between Harrogate and Boroughbridge and Harrogate and Pateley Bridge following changes in bus service provision and to provide clarity in relation to the settlement hierarchy for villages. See section 4.0 for SA Assessment.
MM5	Policy GS3: Development Limits	33	Yes	Revision to policy to amend approach to Development Limits. See section 4.0 for SA Assessment.
MM6	Justification to Policy GS3: Development Limits	33	Yes	Revision to justification to amended policy. See section 4.0 for SA Assessment.
MM7	Policy GS4: Green Belt	36	No	Modification provides for the inclusion of the green belt on the policies map and improves clarity and effectiveness of policy wording. As such there are no effects on SA outcomes.
MM8	Justification to Policy GS4: Green Belt	36	No	Improves clarity and effectiveness and has been brought in to line with NPPF (2018). As such it does not effect SA outcomes.
MM9	Policy GS5: Supporting the District's Economy	38	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness of policy wording. No effect on SA outcomes.

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MM10	Policy GS6: Sustainable Development	43	No	Policy deleted as the issue is adequately dealt with in national policy and delivered through other local plan policies. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM11	Policy GS7: Health and Wellbeing	46	No	Policy deleted as the issue is adequately dealt with in national policy and delivered through other local plan policies. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM12	Policy GS8: Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	48	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. In particular, amendments make clear that the 'proposal will only be supported', criteria A and B are made more emphatic, clarity is provided that applications for major development will only be approved in exceptional circumstances in line with NPPF; deletion of the get out clause in para 2 about demonstrating outweighing benefits, provides more emphasis on harm caused by amending criteria D and E and tightens up wording in relation to dark skies. No effect on SA outcomes.
Chapter 4 : Economy				
MM13	Policy EC1: Protection and Enhancement of Existing Employment Areas	54	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. Policy amended to provide greater clarity on assessing non employment sites not classed as key employment sites. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM14	Policy EC2: Expansion of Existing Businesses	59	No	Policy title changed to better reflect policy scope. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM15	Policy EC3: Employment Development in the Countryside	61	No	Policy title changed to better reflect policy scope. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM16	Policy EC4: Farm Diversification	61	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM17	Justification to Policy EC4 : Farm Diversification	64	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM18	Policy EC5: Town and Local Centre Management	66	No	Deletion of criteria Bii that relates to adverse impact on retail character and amenity of frontage and deletion of caveat that council can request an Impact Assessment for applications below the policy thresholds. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM19	Justification to Policy EC5: Town and Local Centre Management	67 - 69	No	Modification of justification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM20	Policy EC7: Sustainable Rural Tourism	81	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM21	Policy EC7: Sustainable Rural Tourism	81	No	Deletion of para 4.49 to improve effectiveness of policy. No effect on SA outcome.

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Chapter 5 : Housing				
MM22	Policy HS1: Housing Mix and Density	86	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM23	Policy HS2: Affordable Housing,	89	No	Policy amended to provide clarity about what 'qualifying sites' are and amend thresholds in line with new NPPF. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM24	Policy HS3: Self and Custom Build Housing	93	No	Deletion of introductory paragraph and reference to Neighbourhood Plans and additional wording to reference Council's Self and Custom Build Register. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM25	Justification to Policy HS3: Self and Custom Build Housing	94	No	Revision to justification to provide clarity. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM26	Policy HS4: Older People's Specialist Housing,	96	No	Deletion of criterion A requiring developments to meet an identified need. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM27	Policy HS6: Conversion of Rural Buildings for Housing,	99	No	Modification to clarify that all criteria should be met. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM28	Policy HS7: Replacement Dwellings in the Countryside	101	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM29	Policy HS8: Extensions to Dwellings	103	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM30	Justification to Policy HS8: Extensions to Dwellings,	103	No	Amendments to justification for clarity. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM31	Policy HS9: Rural Workers Dwellings	105	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM32	Policy HS10: Providing for the Needs of Gypsies and Travellers	107	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
Chapter 6 : Transport and Infrastructure				
MM33	Policy T11: Sustainable Transport	118	No	Minor wording changes. Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM34	Policy T12: Protection of Transport Sites and Routes	121	No	Minor wording changes. Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.

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MM35	Policy T13: Parking Provision	123	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM36	Policy T14: Delivery of New Infrastructure,	126	No	Minor wording changes. Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM37 MM38	Policy T15: Telecommunications	130	Yes	Policy wording amended significantly but the general thrust of the policy remains unchanged. See section 4.0 for SA assessment.
MM39	Policy T16: Provision of Educational Facilities	133	No	Reference to site KL20 removed from policy and wording included to reference to local policy and site requirements. Site no longer available for education purposes. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM40	Policy T16: Provision of Educational Facilities	135	No	Additional wording to confirm proposed use of site B22 as playing fields. No effect on SA outcomes.
Chapter 7 : Climate Change				
MM41	Policy CC1: Flood Risk and Sustainable Drainage	145	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM42	Policy CC2: Rivers	149	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM43	Policy CC3: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy	151	No	Clarification that small scale turbines have a maximum height to tip of 25 metres; that wind turbines must satisfy criteria A and B and other minor changes to wording. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM44	Policy CC4: Sustainable Design	156	No	Amalgamation of criteria B1 and B2 to reduce repetition and other minor changes to wording to improve effectiveness. No effect on SA outcome.
Chapter 8 : Heritage and Placemaking				
MM45	Policy HP1: Harrogate Town Centre Improvements	163	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM46 MM47	Policy HP2: Heritage Assets	173	Yes	Policy amended to bring more into line with national policy. See section 4.0 for SA assessment.
MM48	Policy HP3: Local Distinctiveness	176	No	Additional criterion F to retain and repair traditional shopfronts and other minor wording for clarification. No effect on SA outcome.
MM49	Justification to Policy HP3: Local Distinctiveness	176	No	Modification of justification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.

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MM50	Policy HP4: Protecting Amenity	183	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM51	Policy HP6: Protection of Existing Sport, Open Space and Recreation Facilities	187	No	Deletion of criteria B and replacement with criterion Av. in regards to the impact of loss and minor changes to wording. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM52	Policy HP7: New Sports, Open Space and Recreation Development	190	No	Deletion of criteria A.ii - vii (open space standards) and replaced with reference to the Provision for Open Space in Connection with New Housing Development Supplementary Planning Document which sets the open space standards. Deletion of the requirement to be accessible by bus /rail services in criterion C and minor changes to wording. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM53	Policy HP8: Protection and Enhancement of Community Facilities	194	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM54	Policy HP9: Provision of New Community Facilities	198	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
Chapter 9 : Natural Environment				
MM55	Policy NE1: Air Quality,	202	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM56	Policy NE2: Water Quality	205	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM57	Policy NE3: Protecting the Natural Environment	208	No	Modifications provide clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM58	Justification to Policy NE3: Protecting the Natural Environment	209	No	Modifications to provide clarity and improve effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM59	Policy NE4: Landscape Character	214	No	Amend Locally Valued Landscapes to Special Landscape Areas and amendments to criterion G. No effect on SA outcome.
MM60	Justification to Policy NE4: Landscape Character	216	No	Justification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM61	Justification to Policy NE6: Local Green Space	220	No	Justification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.

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MM62	Policy NE7: Trees and Woodland	246	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM63	Policy NE8: Protection of Agricultural Land	248	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
MM64	Policy NE9: Unstable and Contaminated Land	250	No	Modification provides clarity and improves effectiveness. No effect on SA outcomes.
Chapter 10 : Delivery and Monitoring				
MM65	Site Requirements and Masterplanning, Para 10.1 - 10.5	259	No	Modification removes duplication of planning policy requirements. No effect on SA outcomes.
Policy DM1 : Housing Allocations				
MM66	Policy DM1: Housing Allocations	261	No	<p>The following sites have been deleted from the plan and are no longer available for housing. No effect on SA outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● H17 – Heath Lodge Care Home, Harrogate ● B21 – Land at Aldborough Gate, Boroughbridge ● M13 – Land at Thorpe Road, Masham ● P1 – Land south of Ashfield Court, Pateley Bridge ● P5 – Grassfield Court, Pateley Bridge ● P10 – Grassfield House, Pateley Bridge ● DB5 – Land to the west of Dacre Banks ● DR14 – Land at Shepcote Lane, Darley ● GH9 – Land west of B6265 and north of A59, Green Hammerton ● HM9 – Land to the north of Meadow Close, Hampsthwaite ● PN17 – Land adjoining Spring Lane, Pannal ● PN19 – Land to the west of Leeds Road, Pannal ● SB1 – Clough House Farm, Summerbridge <p>The following sites have commenced work on site and are now listed as commitments. No effect on SA outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● H36 - Former Police Training Centre, Harrogate ● K23 - Land north of Bar Lane and east of Boroughbridge Road, Knaresborough ● R8 - Land at West Lane, Ripon

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MM67 - MM142	DM1, Site Boxes (Map, Site Details and Site Requirements)	265 - 426	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B18 - Old Poultry Farm, Leeming Lane, Langthorpe BW9 - Land to the south of Clint Bank, Birstwith DR1 - Land at Stumps Lane, Darley GB2 - Land at Low Farm, Goldsborough HM7 - Land off Brookfield Garth, Hampsthwaite KL6 - Land at Manor Farm, Killinghall KM4 - Land south of Richmond Garth, Kirby Malzeard KM5 - Land east of Richmond Garth, Kirby Malzeard <p>All site box amendments under DM1 are addressed in the separate 'Changes to Site Details' document. These Modifications have been undertaken to provide clarity and improve effectiveness. They relate to the following and have no effect on SA outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> movement of sites from allocations to commitments deletion of site boxes amendments to site details (name, proposed use, site area, yield) map alterations amendments to wording of site requirements. In particular, this includes the tightening up of wording to be more effective in relation to site requirements for SUDS, the Historic Environment, archaeological investigation, provision of green infrastructure. deletion of site requirements when site has full planning permission
MM85	Development Limit Change	307	Yes	<p>Development Limit amendment to reflect MOD ownership. This includes sports pitch/openspace.</p> <p>See section 4.0 for SA assessment.</p>
Policy DM2 : Employment Allocations				
MM143	Policy DM2, Employment Allocations	427	Yes PN18 only	<p>Policy DM2 to be amended as follows:</p> <p>The sites at table 40-210.80 shown on the Policies Map are allocated for industrial/business development. they will be developed in accordance with relevant Local Plan policy requirements, and the development requirements in respect of each site. Modifications have been undertaken to provide clarity and improve effectiveness. Potential effect on SA outcomes in relation to PN18. See section 4.0 for SA Assessment.</p>

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MM144 - MM150	DM2, Site Boxes (Map, Site Details and Site Requirements)		No	<p>All site box amendments under DM2 are addressed in the separate 'Changes to Site Details' document. These Modifications have been undertaken to provide clarity and improve effectiveness. They relate to the following and have no effect on SA outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● movement of sites from allocations to commitments ● deletion of site boxes ● amendments to site details (name, proposed use, site area, yield) ● map alterations ● amendments to the wording of site requirements. In particular, this includes the tightening up of wording to be more effective in relation to site requirements for SUDS, the Historic Environment, archaeological investigation, provision of green infrastructure. ● deletion of site requirements when site has full planning permission 																
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MM151	Policy DM3: Mixed Use Allocations, Table 10.89	443	Yes R25 only	<p>Policy DM3 to be amended as follows:</p> <p>The sites at table 10.89 and shown on the Policies map are allocated for a mix of housing and industrial/business development and associated uses. They will be developed in accordance with relevant Local Plan policy requirements, and the development requirements identified in respect of each site. The approximate employment floor space for H51 and R25 has been reduced to reflect further work undertaken/evidence produced in relation to these sites. Potential effect on SA outcomes in relation to R25.</p> <p>See section 4.0 for SA Assessment.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Site Ref</th> <th>Settlement</th> <th>Site Name</th> <th>Number of dwellings/approximate employment floorspace</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>H37</td> <td>Harrogate</td> <td>Land at Station Parade, Harrogate</td> <td>To be determined</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H51</td> <td>Harrogate</td> <td>Land east of Lady Lane, Harrogate</td> <td>690/8ha-3.28ha (gross)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H63</td> <td>Harrogate</td> <td>Dragon Road car park, Harrogate</td> <td>To be determined</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Site Ref	Settlement	Site Name	Number of dwellings/approximate employment floorspace	H37	Harrogate	Land at Station Parade, Harrogate	To be determined	H51	Harrogate	Land east of Lady Lane, Harrogate	690/8ha-3.28ha (gross)	H63	Harrogate	Dragon Road car park, Harrogate	To be determined
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MM152 - MM160			No	<p>All site box amendments under DM3 are addressed in the separate 'Changes to Site Details' document. They relate to the following and have no effects on SA outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> movement of site from allocations to commitments 																																

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● deletion of site boxes ● amendments to site details (name, proposed use, site area, yield) ● map alterations ● amendments to the wording of site requirements. In particular, this includes the tightening up of wording to be more effective in relation to site requirements for SUDS, the Historic Environment, archaeological investigation, provision of green infrastructure. ● deletion of site requirements when site has full planning permission
Phasing and Delivery				
MM161	Phasing and Delivery	461/462	No	Amend paragraphs 10.30, 10.31 and 10.32 to reflect a reduced local plan housing requirement. No effect on SA outcomes. However, given the reduced scale of housing growth there will be reduced impact on SA objectives especially in relation to environmental impacts.

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4 Potential Change to SA Outcomes and Assessments

4.1 This chapter provides a more detailed assessment of those modifications where the screening assessment highlighted that the modification may alter the SA scoring and assessment in relation to the following site allocations and policies:

- Draft Policy GS2: Growth Strategy 2035
- Draft Policy GS3: Development Limits
- Draft Policy TI5: Telecommunications - modifications to policy wording to improve effectiveness and clarity, including addition additional criteria.
- Draft Policy HP2: Heritage Assets - modifications to policy wording to improve effectiveness and clarity.
- Draft Allocation R24 - this modification revises the boundary of the site allocation to include a sports pitch.
- Draft Allocation R27, Laver Banks, Ripon (Housing) - this modification revises the boundary of the site allocation and development limit and incorporates a larger area of land to ensure future management of the area.
- Draft Allocation PN18, Employment site south of Almsford Bridge, Pannal - the modification reduces the size of this employment site.

Methodology for site allocations

4.2 For the three sites identified the site assessment table from the Sustainability Appraisal 2018 which accompanied the Draft Local Plan has been included. This charts the progression of the site through the SA process and has been updated to include further assessment in relation to the proposed modifications. The further assessment undertaken identifies whether a change to the SA outcome is identified.

Methodology for policies

4.3 The assessment of policy tables which were also included in the Sustainability Appraisal 2018 which accompanied the draft plan are also included. They chart the development of the policies through the local plan process and have been updated to include further assessment of the proposed modifications. The further assessment undertaken identifies whether a change to the SA outcome is identified.

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Draft Policy GS2: Growth Strategy to 2035

The need for new homes and jobs will be met as far as possible in those settlements that are well related to the key public transport corridor. The scale of development will reflect:

- A. The settlement's role and character.
- B. Its relationship to the public transport corridor.
- C. The need to deliver new homes and jobs.
- D. The need to maintain or enhance services and facilities in rural villages.

and have regard to the capacity of infrastructure within the settlement and the time frame for any necessary investment and improvement:

New development will be located as follows:

- E. **Main Settlements:** Major allocations of land will be provided to deliver new homes, employment land and other uses where necessary in Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon or on land specifically identified for employment purposes outside of the main settlement.
- F. **Local Service Centres:** Allocations of land will be provided for new homes and local job opportunities in Boroughbridge, Masham and Pateley Bridge.
- G. **Primary and Secondary Service Villages:** Allocations of land for new homes; with new village shops and businesses encouraged to support their continued sustainability.
- H. **Smaller Villages:** Small scale windfall and rounding off in accordance with Policy GS3

A broad location for growth is identified in the Green Hammerton/Cattal area, as shown on the key diagram. Within this area a site for a new settlement will be allocated through the adoption of a separate Development Plan Document (DPD). The DPD will be brought forward in accordance with the development principles outlined in Policy DM4.

Main Settlements are: Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon

Local Service Centres are: Boroughbridge, Masham and Pateley Bridge

Primary Service Villages are: Green Hammerton, Hampsthwaite, Killinghall, Kirkby Malzeard, Pannal, Ripley, Spofforth, Summerbridge, Tockwith

Secondary Service Villages are: Askwith, Beckwithshaw, Birstwith, Bishop Monkton, Bishop Thornton, Burnt Yates, Burton Leonard, Dacre/Dacre Banks, Darley, Dishforth, Follifoot, Glasshouses, Goldsborough, Grantley, Great Ouseburn, Grewelthorpe, Huby, Kettlesing Bottom, Kirby Hill, Kirk Hammerton, Kirkby Overblow, Lofthouse, Long Marston, Markington, Marton cum Grafton, North Ripton, North Stainley, Nun Monkton, Roecliffe, Sharow, Sicklinghall, Skelton on Ure, Staveley

Smaller Villages are: Arkendale, Baldersby, Bewerley, Brearton, Copgrove, Copt Hewick, Cowthorpe, Farnham, Galphay, Hunsingore, Kirk Deighton, Little Ouseburn, Little Ribston, Littlethorpe, Marton le Moor, Melmerby, Middlesmoor, Minskip, Rainton, Ramsgill, Sawley, Scofton, South Stainley, Studley Roger, Weeton, Whixley, Winkley

Policy Background

The policy sets out the locational strategy to be adopted when allocating land for development and considering development proposals. It identifies a settlement hierarchy and the scale and type of development appropriate to each level of the hierarchy. The strategy focuses the majority of new development in Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon and through the identification and development of a new broad location for growth in the Green Hammerton/Cattal area. Within this area a site for a new settlement will be allocated through the adoption of a separate Development Plan Document (DPD). It also allows for growth to maintain and support the local service centres and larger villages where facilities are available to meet the daily needs of residents. This policy has been amended following the Draft Plan 2016 consultation and the Additional Sites Consultation 2017 to identify a broad location for growth in the Green Hammerton/Cattal area, as shown on the key diagram. Within this area a site for a new settlement will be allocated through the adoption of a separate Development Plan Document (DPD).

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Draft Policy GS2: Growth Strategy to 2035	
Initial SA Assessment	The policy should have significant positive effects on all social objectives. The policy largely reflects the district's existing settlement pattern and this approach should have a positive effect by reducing the need to travel and helping to ensure the identified housing and employment needs of the district are met in the most sustainable locations. A broad location for growth, within which a site for a new settlement will be identified, provides the opportunity to create a sustainable community from the outset. This will be developed further through preparation of a Development Plan Document (DPD). Permitting development on sites within primary and secondary service villages may support existing services, enabling the settlement to remain self sufficient. There is the potential for negative effects on the natural and built environment but these are addressed by the site requirements accompanying each allocation.
Short/ medium/ long term effects	The effects are anticipated to extend over the medium to long term, reflecting the likely delivery timescale for site allocations and the new settlement.
Assessment of Proposed Main Modification MM3	The modification amends the hierarchy so that there is no longer a distinction made between service villages, provides greater clarity about what is meant by 'rounding off', introduces a need to consider 'setting' as well as character and make it clear that the policy relates to a settlement hierarchy. It is considered that the policy continues to have significant positive effects on all social objectives. The growth strategy continues to focus the majority of new development in Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon and through the development of a new broad location for growth at Cattal/Green Hammerton, reducing the need to travel and helping to ensure the identified housing and employment needs of the district are met in the most sustainable locations. A broad location for growth, within which a site for a new settlement will be identified, provides the opportunity to create a sustainable community from the outset. Permitting development on sites in villages may support existing services, enabling the settlement to remain self sufficient. The potential for negative effects on the natural and built environment were previously identified but site requirements accompanying each allocation were identified to address negative impacts. The SA outcome therefore remains the same.

Table 4.1

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Draft Policy GS3: Development Limits	<p>Development limits have been drawn around those settlements listed in policy GS2: Growth Strategy to 2035, and as shown on the Policies Map. Within development limits, proposals for new development will be supported provided it accords with other policies in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Proposals for new development on sites outside the development limit of a settlement will be supported where it is consistent with the role of the settlement in the growth hierarchy set out in policy GS2: Growth Strategy to 2035, does not result in a disproportionate level of development compared to the existing settlement and meets the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The site is well related to the existing built form of the settlement; B. There is either no suitable and available site for the proposed use within the settlement development limit or site allocated under policies DM1: Housing Allocations, DM2: Employment Allocations and DM3: Mixed Use Allocations; C. It would not result in coalescence with an adjoining settlement; D. It would not have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of the surrounding countryside or heritage assets; E. The proposal is of a scale and nature that is in keeping with the core shape and form of the settlement and will not adversely harm its character and appearance; and F. It would not result in ribbon development. <p>In settlements where there is an allocation(s), development proposals on sites outside the development limit and for the same proposed use, will not be supported in advance of the development of that allocation(s) unless it can be demonstrated that the allocation will not come forward within the plan period or, in the case of housing, there is no five year supply of housing land. In settlements within the Green Belt, proposals for new development will be limited to infill sites within the development limit and the redevelopment of brownfield sites where the openness of the Green Belt or the purposes of including land in the Green Belt is not harmed.</p>
Policy Background	<p>The policy provides for the definition of Development Limits around settlements and sets out criteria against which proposals for development on sites which are well related to the existing built form of the settlement can be assessed.</p>
Initial SA Assessment	<p>The definition of a settlement Development Limit is unlikely in itself to have any significant effects although the policy provides for sites outside a settlement Development Limit to come forward for development. There may be the potential for development of such sites to impact negatively on the built and natural environment, although any effects, and whether these are cumulative, would be dependant on which and how many sites come forward in a particular settlement. However, the policy seeks to address this by setting out criteria to be met relating to the built and natural environment.</p>
Short/medium/long term effects	<p>The effects are anticipated to extend over the short to long term.</p>
Assessment of Proposed Main Modification: MM5	<p>The modification amends the policy to provide clarity on how proposals within the countryside outside development limits will be determined. The previous flexibility allowing sites to come forward for development outside the development limit in certain circumstances has been strengthened. The potential for development of such sites to impact negatively on the built and natural environment was previously identified, including the potential cumulative effects, if a number of sites came forward for development within a particular settlement. The modification addresses the potential for adverse effects on the built and natural environment. The SA outcome is therefore considered to be more positive in relation to environmental impacts.</p>

Table 4.2 Draft Policy GS3: Development Limits

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Draft Policy T15: Telecommunications
<p>The expansion of communications infrastructure including Full Fibre to the Premise, Next Generation broadband and mobile connectivity will be supported. This will be achieved by:</p> <p>A. Supporting the expansion of communications networks which use existing infrastructure, including masts and structures;</p> <p>B. Supporting the provision of new communications infrastructure where it can be demonstrated that using existing infrastructure or equipment would not be feasible and provided the proposal does not have a significant adverse impact on the character or appearance of the surrounding area. Where apparatus or associated infrastructure is proposed to be located on a building, the proposal will be supported provided the siting scale and design of the apparatus or associated infrastructure does not have a significant adverse impact on the external appearance of the building;</p> <p>C. Ensuring the location and design of proposals avoid harm to sensitive areas or buildings/structures and accord with local plan policies HP2: Heritage Assets, NE3: Protecting the Natural Environment and NE4: Landscape Character.</p> <p>Broadband access in new developments:</p> <p>D. New employment and housing development proposals will be required to demonstrate the anticipated connectivity requirements of the proposed use and how the development will contribute to, and be compatible with, Fibre to the Premise or Next Generation Access broadband;</p> <p>E. All new development will be required to enable Fibre to the Premise where viable. Where it cannot be demonstrated that the provision of Fibre to the Premise is viable, proposals should provide a minimum download connection of 24Mbps and incorporate suitable infrastructure to support delivery of Fibre to the Premise at a future date;</p> <p>F. Applicants proposing major development schemes should engage with communication providers and local broadband groups to explore how Fibre to the Premise or Next Generation Access broadband can be provided and how the development may contribute to and integrate with active broadband projects within the local area.</p> <p>Policy background</p> <p>This was a new policy, included in the 2016 Draft Plan, which has minor amendments following consultation. The potential scope of a policy was included in the Draft Development Management Policies (November 2015), as Policy EC6. The draft policy reflects the consultation comments received to this.</p> <p>Initial SA Assessment</p> <p>Requiring development of all new properties to provide a connection to a superfast broadband network or seeking developer contributions towards future access will have positive economic effects through supporting the growth of the local economy and potentially home based employment opportunities. It will also enable people to access information technologies giving them increased opportunities to access education, training and employment. The provision of communications infrastructure may have negative effects on the built and natural environment but the policy seeks to address this by setting out criteria to be followed.</p> <p>Short/medium/long term effects</p> <p>The effects are anticipated to extend over the short to long term.</p> <p>Assessment of Proposed Main Modification: MM37</p> <p>The proposed modifications to this policy reword the requirements for mast or site sharing to provide clarity and improve the effectiveness of the policy. Whilst significant changes have been made to policy wording the trust of the policy remains the same. A new criterion is included to address situations where installations have become redundant. This will have positive effects on the environment. The policy also includes a requirement to enable the provision for broadband access to all new housing and employment developments, including making provision for the future where such access is currently unavailable. This will have positive social and environmental effects enabling more people to access information, enable working at home and potentially reducing the need to travel. The SA outcome is therefore considered to be more positive in relation to social and environmental effects.</p>

Table 4.3 Draft Policy T15: Telecommunications

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<p>Draft Policy HP2: Heritage Assets</p>	<p><i>This policy applies to designated and non-designated heritage assets and their setting.</i></p> <p><i>Proposals for development should protect and, where appropriate, enhance those elements that contribute to the significance of the district's heritage assets. Special regard will be had to those aspects of the historic environment which are of particular importance to the distinctive character of the District.</i></p> <p><i>Development proposals will be permitted where they:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>A. demonstrate a thorough understanding of the significance of the heritage asset and its setting, how this has informed the proposed development, and how the proposal would impact on the asset's significance. This will be proportionate to the importance of the heritage asset and the potential impact of the proposal;</i> <i>B. ensure that proposals affecting a Listed Building or its setting protect or enhance those features which contribute to its special architectural or historic interest.</i> <i>C. ensure that any development that would have an impact on the World Heritage Site or its setting will conserve, and where appropriate, enhance those elements that contribute towards its Outstanding Universal Value. Particular attention will be paid to the protection of key views and vistas from the Georgian Pleasure Grounds and there will be a strong presumption against tall or very large buildings within the World Heritage Site or its visual setting. Within the World Heritage Site Buffer Zone applicants will be required to demonstrate that their scheme will not harm those elements which contribute to the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site;</i> <i>D. ensure that proposals affecting a conservation area protect and, where appropriate, enhance those elements that have been identified as making a positive contribution to the character and special architectural or historic interest of the area and its setting;</i> <i>E. ensure that any development that would affect a Registered Historic Park and Garden should not harm those elements which contribute to its layout, design, character, appearance or setting (including any key views from or towards the landscape) or prejudice its future restoration</i> <i>F. ensure proposals affecting a registered historic battlefield would not harm its historic, archaeological or landscape interest or prejudice any potential for interpretation;</i> <i>G. ensure that proposals affecting a Scheduled Monument or other archaeological site of national importance conserve those elements which contribute to their archaeological interest and their setting.</i> <i>H. Development affecting archaeological sites of less than national importance should conserve those elements which contribute to their significance in line with the importance of the remains</i> <p><i>Harm to elements which contribute to the significance of a designated heritage asset or archaeological site of national importance will be permitted only where this is clearly justified and outweighed by the public benefits of the proposal. Substantial harm or total loss to the significance of such assets will be permitted only in exceptional circumstances.</i></p> <p><i>Proposals which would remove, harm or undermine the significance of a non-designated heritage asset will be permitted only where the benefits are considered sufficient to outweigh the harm.</i></p> <p><i>Schemes that help to ensure a sustainable future for the district's heritage assets, especially those identified as being at greatest risk of loss or decay will be supported.</i></p>
<p>Policy background</p>	<p>The policy included in the 2016 Draft Plan has been amended following consultation and discussion with Historic England. The amended policy sets out in greater detail the designated and non-designated heritage assets and their setting which must be protected and where appropriate enhanced. The policy included in the 2016 Draft Plan was an amended version of Policy HP1 in the Draft Development Management Policies (November 2015).</p>
<p>Initial SA Assessment</p>	

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<p>Draft Policy HP2: Heritage Assets</p> <p>As the policy relates directly to the protection and enhancement of the district's designated and non-designated heritage assets a significant positive effect on cultural heritage might be expected. However, as the policy (in line with national planning policy) allows for some level of harm, if this is outweighed by other benefits, this may be uncertain.</p>
<p>Short/medium/long term effects</p> <p>The effects are anticipated to extend over the short to long term.</p>
<p>Assessment of Proposed Main Modification: MM46</p> <p>The policy has been amended further in order to bring it into line with national policy. The policy objective to protect heritage assets from harm remains unchanged. The SA outcome is therefore considered to remain the same.</p>

Table 4.4 Draft Policy HP2: Heritage Assets

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Site Ref: R24 (Housing): Deverell Barracks, Ripon		Ratings					Analysis
SA objective		DG	LG				
1. Quality housing available to everyone.		DG	LG				Site size capable of delivering 30 plus affordable houses. All housing should meet nationally set standards for energy efficiency and sustainability.
2. Conditions and services to engender good health.		DG	DG	R			Accessible to play area/amenity open space/outdoor sports. Large enough to accommodate new outdoor sports facility to help meet identified need. Would affect existing sporting facility.
3. Safety and security for people and property.		?					Dependent on application of design policies and community policing.
4. Vibrant communities that participate in decision making.		DG	DG	R			Provision of affordable housing will help reduce social isolation. Potential for mixed use including community facilities. Local school at or near capacity and likely to require expansion.
5. Culture, leisure and recreation activities available to all.		DG	R				Can meet recreation needs of the area. Contains features of recreation or amenity value.
6. Local needs met locally.		R	R	R	O	R	Some accessibility to local services: but poor accessibility to bus service, rail station, primary school, GP, local shopping facilities and major area of employment.
7. Education and training opportunities which build on the skills and capacity of the population.		R					Local primary school at or near capacity and likely to require expansion.
8. Biodiversity and importance of the natural environment.		O	LG	DG	N	?	Some potential adverse effects - mitigation should be possible. Need not lead to loss of woodland or trees. Site large enough to incorporate new natural green space and add to green infrastructure. Environment Agency- impacts cannot be predicted at this stage. Medium/low landscape sensitivity: - area capable of accommodating development with mitigation and enhancement.
9. Minimal pollution levels.		N	R	O	?	DG	Potential to affect a designated Air Quality Management Area. Some adverse effects on water courses but can be mitigated. Yorkshire Water - impacts in relation to waste water and water infrastructure cannot be predicted at this stage. 75-100% previously developed land.
10. A transport network which maximises access whilst minimising detrimental impacts.		O	?	O	DG	O	Significant transport/and or accessibility/cumulative impact problems requiring substantial mitigation. Increased public transport provision and extension of services cannot be predicted at this stage. Poor connectivity to cycling routes. Some pedestrian access issues- mitigation possible.. Severence can be overcome.
11. Minimise greenhouse gas emissions and a managed response to climate change.		DG	na	DG			Bus stop within 400m . Wholly within Flood Zone 1.

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Site Ref: R24 (Housing): Deverell Barracks, Ripon						
12. Prudent and efficient use of energy and natural resources with minimal production of waste.	R	R	R			All new development will increase use of primary resources and increase energy and water consumption and waste. Would involve loss of Grade 3 agricultural land.
13. Protect and enhance the historic environment.	N					There is no Conservation area, designated or local heritage asset.
14. A quality built environment and efficient land use patterns.	na	na	N	R	DG DG	Demolition of buildings would be required but site redevelopment provides an opportunity for high quality design. Mixed use development can be accommodated.
15. Good quality employment opportunities available to all	R	na				Loss of employment site.
16. Conditions for business success, economic growth and investment	LG					Provision of affordable housing will help support existing businesses.
<p>Summary: This is the site of the former Deverell Barracks currently being disposed of by the MOD together with the adjacent Claro Barracks (Site R 25). A brownfield site with some adverse environmental effects but mitigation is possible. Negative environmental effects relate to the site's potential to affect a designated Air Quality Management Area and this will need to be investigated further in association with the need to address significant transport impacts. In relation to social effects the site is capable of delivering significant affordable housing reducing social isolation, but will have an adverse effect on primary school provision and may require expansion of the local primary school. The site is accessible to a play area/amenity open space/outdoor sports and is large enough to accommodate a new outdoor sports facility to help meet identified need in the city. In this respect there is the opportunity to retain existing sports facilities on the site. There is poor accessibility to local services. Provision of affordable housing as part of the scheme will have positive economic effects providing an opportunity for high quality design. Development of this site in association with the adjacent Claro Barracks provides the opportunity to bring forward wider environmental, social and economic effects and provide the opportunity for high quality design.</p>						
<p>Recommendation: Draft allocation in association with R25. This site was selected as no significant harm was identified in respect of landscape impact, heritage impact or ecology. This is a brownfield re-development opportunity within the City development limit.</p>						
<p>Key mitigation requirements in relation to : sporting facilities, biodiversity, loss of employment site, air quality, transport, Master planning with R24 and R27.</p>						
<p>Site specific requirements included in the Harrogate District Local Plan: Publication Draft 2018 in Chapter 10 under Site Requirements and Policy DM1: Housing Allocations</p>						
<p>Assessment of Proposed Main Modification MM84: The site boundary has been amended to reflect the MOD's landownership and now includes a sports ground. This is reflected in the ratings for objectives 2 and 5 above which also identify that the site is large enough to provide new facilities. The site requirements include preparation of a comprehensive masterplan for the site in combination with sites R25: Claro Barracks and R27: Laver Banks. The SA outcome is therefore considered to remain the same.</p>						

Table 4.5 Site R24

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Site Ref: R27 (Housing): Laver Banks, Clothholme Road, Ripon		Ratings		Analysis				
SA objective		DG	LG					
1. Quality housing available to everyone.		DG	LG		Site size capable of delivering 30 plus affordable houses. All housing should meet nationally set standards for energy efficiency and sustainability.			
2. Conditions and services to engender good health.		DG			Accessible to play area/amenity open space/outdoor sports.			
3. Safety and security for people and property.		?			Dependent on application of design policies and community policing.			
4. Vibrant communities that participate in decision making.		DG	R		Provision of affordable housing will help reduce social isolation. Local school at or near capacity and may require expansion.			
5. Culture, leisure and recreation activities available to all.		DG	N		Can meet recreation needs of the area. Does not contain features of recreation or amenity value.			
6. Local needs met locally.		R	R	O	R	Some accessibility to local services but poor accessibility to rail, primary school, GP, shopping and employment		
7. Education and training opportunities which build on the skills and capacity of the population.		R				Local school at or near capacity and may require expansion.		
8. Biodiversity and importance of the natural environment.		R	LG	DG	N	Y	Significant adverse effects on biodiversity. Need not result in loss of woodland or trees. Large enough to incorporate natural / semi-natural greenspace and green infrastructure. Environment Agency - impacts cannot be predicted at this stage. High/medium landscape sensitivity - characteristics vulnerable to change. Medium landscape capacity - able to accommodate some development proposed - mitigation in part.	
9. Minimal pollution levels.		DG	R	O	?	LG	N	Clean up of contaminated land. Potential to adversely affect a designated Air Quality Management Area. Some adverse effects of additional surface water on nearby watercourses - mitigation possible. Yorkshire Water - impacts in relation to waste water and water infrastructure cannot be predicted at this stage. Utilises brownfield land.
10. A transport network which maximises access whilst minimising detrimental impacts.		O	?	O	O	O	N	Significant transport/and or accessibility/cumulative impact problems requiring substantial mitigation. Increased public transport provision and extension of services cannot be predicted at this stage. Poor connectivity to cycling routes. Some pedestrian access issues - mitigation possible. Severance can be overcome.
11. Minimise greenhouse gas emissions and a managed response to climate change.		O	n/a	O				Bus stop not within 400m. 50% or more within flood zone 2.

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Site Ref: R27 (Housing): Laver Banks, Clotherholme Road, Ripon						
12. Prudent and efficient use of energy and natural resources with minimal production of waste.	R	DG	R			All new development will increase use of primary resources and increases energy and water consumption and waste. Utilises brownfield land.
13. Protect and enhance the historic environment.	N					No conservation are or designated or local heritage asset.
14. A quality built environment and efficient land use patterns.	n/a	n/a	DG	R	DG	Will enable regeneration of unattractive site. Demolition required. Will enable high quality design.
15. Good quality employment opportunities available to all	n/a	n/a				Site only being proposed for residential use.
16. Conditions for business success, economic growth and investment	LG					Provision of affordable housing will encourage investment and support local business expansion.
<p>Summary: There are positive social effects in that the site is large enough to deliver significant affordable housing which in turn has positive economic effects as provision of affordable housing will help support existing businesses. Further positive effects are that the site is accessible to a play area/amenity open space/outdoor sports and can meet the recreational needs of the area. The site has some accessibility to local services although this is poor to rail services, primary school, and GP and shopping facilities and employment. The local primary school is likely to be at or near capacity. Significant transport/accessibility problems have been identified and would require substantial mitigation. The landscape has the capacity to accommodate some development with mitigation and development would provide the opportunity to regenerate an unattractive site. Negative environmental effects arise from the loss of Grade 3 agricultural land, adverse effects on biodiversity, impact on air quality and development within an area at risk of flooding.</p>						
Recommendation October 2016 consultation: Not to allocate						
<p>Amendment to Recommendation: Draft allocation. Significant harm has been identified in respect of impact on ecology. The site supports important semi-natural habitats, including locally and nationally priority habitat. To mitigate this impact the net developable area is reduced in order that key areas of the site remain undeveloped as green infrastructure. A masterplan is being prepared for this site and the adjoining barracks sites (R24/R25). The level of harm identified has been balanced against the wider benefits that new development would bring, taking into account mitigation measures and in light of the need to identify additional sites to meet a revised housing figure.</p>						
Key mitigation requirements in relation to: primary education, biodiversity, landscape, air quality, transport and accessibility, Master Planning with R24 and R25.						
Site Requirements: included in the Harrogate District Local Plan: Publication Draft 2018 in Chapter 10 under Site Requirements and Policy DM1: Housing Allocations						
<p>Assessment of Proposed Main Modification MM85 The boundary of the site is amended to reflect the landownership, indicate the area where development will occur and include within the development limit. The area is of ecological value, including species rich grassland of local and national importance, woodland and the riparian habitats which contribute significantly to the River Laver green/blue infrastructure and its associated ecological network. As set out in the Statement of Common Ground: Ripon Barracks (EX/SOCCG/01) in paragraph 4.23 development of the barracks sites will be 'informed by an ecological constraints and opportunities plan. Proposals will also be established for the future management of the green/blue infrastructure and its associated funding in perpetuity'. As a result it is considered that the red score for biodiversity in relation to objective 8 should be amended to orange ie some potential effects on biodiversity but mitigation should enable development. The SA outcome is therefore considered to be more positive with significant positive long term effects in relation to the environment.</p>						

Table 4.6 Site R27

Site Ref: PN18 (Employment): Employment site south of Almsford Bridge, Pannal	
SA objective	Analysis

4 Potential Change to SA Outcomes and Assessments

Site Ref: PN18 (Employment): Employment site south of Almsford Bridge, Pannal									
	n/a	n/a							
1. Quality housing available to everyone.	n/a	n/a							Site is proposed for employment use.
2. Conditions and services to engender good health.	n/a	n/a							Site is proposed for employment use.
3. Safety and security for people and property.	?								Dependent on application of design policies and community policing.
4. Vibrant communities that participate in decision making.	n/a	n/a							Site is proposed for employment use.
5. Culture, leisure and recreation activities available to all.	n/a	N							Does not contain features of recreation or amenity value.
6. Local needs met locally.	Y	O	R	R	O	Y	Y		Good accessibility to local services but poor accessibility to primary and secondary schools.
7. Education and training opportunities which build on the skills and capacity of the population.	LG								Proposed for employment- may bring opportunities for apprenticeships and training.
8. Biodiversity and importance of the natural environment.	R	DG	DG	LG	?	R	R		<p>Significant adverse effects on biodiversity.</p> <p>Need not involve loss of woodlands/trees and potential for significant woodland creation.</p> <p>The site is large enough to incorporate new natural green space and add to green infrastructure.</p> <p>Public right of way within or close to the site.</p> <p>Environment Agency - impacts cannot be predicted at this stage.</p> <p>Landscape sensitivity rating: high</p> <p>Landscape capacity: limited or no capacity to accommodate development or mitigate impacts.</p>
9. Minimal pollution levels.	N	DG	O	?	R	Y	R		<p>Unlikely to have impact on air quality.</p> <p>Some adverse effect on surface water and watercourses - mitigation may not be possible.</p> <p>Yorkshire Water - impacts in relation to waste water and water infrastructure cannot be predicted at this stage.</p> <p>Loss of grade 3 agricultural land.</p> <p>A major road, the A61, lies close to the site.</p>
10. A transport network which maximises access whilst minimising detrimental impacts.	O	?	O	O	O	DG			<p>Significant transport and/or accessibility problems although developer funded mitigation can address.</p> <p>Increased public transport provision and extension of services cannot be predicted at this stage.</p> <p>Poor connectivity to cycling routes.</p> <p>Some pedestrian access and safety issues.</p> <p>Severance can be overcome.</p> <p>Opportunity to provide new rail station.</p>
11. Minimise greenhouse gas emissions and a managed response to climate change.	R	n/a	DG						<p>Site is not within 400m of a bus stop.</p> <p>Site is wholly within flood zone 1.</p>
12. Prudent and efficient use of energy and natural resources with minimal production of waste.	R	R	R						<p>All new development will increase use of primary resources and increases energy and water consumption and waste.</p> <p>Would involve the loss of Grade 1, 2 or 3 agricultural land.</p>
13. Protect and enhance the historic environment.	R								Likely to result in harm to significance of heritage asset.

Potential Change to SA Outcomes and Assessments 4

Site Ref: PN18 (Employment): Employment site south of Almsford Bridge, Pannal						
	nā	nā	nā	N	R	DG
14. A quality built environment and efficient land use patterns.	nā	nā	nā	N	R	DG
15. Good quality employment opportunities available to all	LG	?				
16. Conditions for business success, economic growth and investment	DG					
<p>Summary: The site is located to the north of Pannal. To the west the site is bounded by the A61 and along the western boundary runs the railway line. There are positive economic effects as the provision of employment land will encourage investment, support local business expansion and may bring opportunities for apprenticeships and training. Positive social affects arise from good accessibility to local services (with the exception of schools). There are significant adverse effects on biodiversity however, there are also positive effects as the site has potential for significant woodland creation and is large enough to incorporate new natural green space and add to green infrastructure. Negative landscape impacts are identified and mitigation opportunities are limited. Further negative environmental impacts arise in relation to the historic environment, where likely harm to the significance of a heritage asset is identified, and in relation to impact on local distinctiveness.</p>						
Recommendation: Draft allocation						
Key mitigation requirements in relation to: biodiversity, public right of way, landscape, proximity to major road, transport, harm to significance of heritage asset, impact on local distinctiveness						
Site Requirements: included in the Harrogate District Local Plan: Publication Draft 2018 in Chapter 10 under Site Requirements and Policy DM2: Employment Allocations.						
Assessment of Proposed Main Modification: MM 118						
<p>The site boundary has been amended to significantly reduce the size of the site, deleting land to the north. This seeks to reduce the harm to the high quality landscape of the Crimble Valley, impact on the Special Landscape Area, the landscape and historic setting of the Listed Crimble Valley Viaduct and significant adverse impacts on biodiversity. The revised boundary creates a buffer between the site and the River Crimble. The deletion of site PN19: Land to the west of Leeds Road, Pannal (MOD MM 66) could also be considered to reduce negative cumulative impacts on the landscape in this area. However, whilst these modifications reduce the level of harm this was not considered to alter the SA scoring. The SA outcome therefore remains the same.</p>						

Table 4.7 Site PN18

Appendix

Appendix 1 List of SA Documents

1.1 This is an iterative process undertaken at every stage in the development of the local plan. Previous reports produced are:⁽¹⁾

- [Harrogate District Local Plan: Draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report 2014](#)
- [Harrogate District Local Plan: Draft Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report July 2015](#)
- [Harrogate District Local Plan: Draft Development Management Policies Consultation Sustainability Appraisal November 2015](#)
- [Harrogate District Draft Local Plan: Sustainability Appraisal October 2016](#)
- [Harrogate District Draft Local Plan: Sustainability Appraisal Addendum July 2017](#)
- [Harrogate District Local Plan Publication Draft: Sustainability Appraisal 2018](#)
- Harrogate District Local Plan Submission Draft 2018: Sustainability Appraisal [Non Technical Summary, Part 1, Part 2](#)
- [Harrogate District Draft Local Plan: Sustainability Appraisal Addendum 2019](#)

1 Details of all previous Sustainability Appraisal reports can be found at <https://www.harrogate.gov.uk/sa>

2 Proposed amendments to the SA report to improve clarity

Appendix 2 Proposed amendments to the SA report to improve clarity

- 2.1** A number of amendments to the Sustainability Appraisal were agreed at the Local Plan Examination. These relate to site FX3: Flaxby and are included in Examination document EXOTH 022, in Appendix 3, which is included below;

Proposed amendments to the Sustainability Appraisal report to improve clarity

Consultation Responses

At para 2.22 **add** at the end of the paragraph 'and within the key issues report'.

At appendix 5 of the Sustainability Appraisal **add** a new paragraph before para 5.1 to read: 'A summary of the main issues in respect of the Sustainability Appraisal made at the Additional Sites consultation (2017) can be found in Harrogate District Local Plan: Draft Local Plan Statement of Consultation and Key Issues. Similarly a summary of the main issues raised at Publication Draft consultation (2018) can be found at Harrogate District Local Plan (Publication version): Key Issues at Regulation 19. (Hyperlinks will be provided).

Add to section 13 of the Key issues at Regulation 19 report the summary of comments made by JAM Consult Ltd on behalf of Flaxby Park Ltd as set out in table 1 of Examination document reference EXOTH002.

Assessment of New Settlement Options

In Chapter 7 amend the score FX3 in respect of agricultural land from orange to N/A to reflect the fact that a greater proportion of the site does not fall within any agricultural land classification.

Add into Chapter 7 information from the New Settlement Paper and New Settlement Report to better explain the chronology of and reasons for the choice of a broad location for growth in the Green Hammerton/Cattal area above all other options considered. **Replace paras 7.7 & 7.8** with:

7.7 The Draft Sustainability Appraisal report, 2016 to accompany the Draft Local Plan included identified two potential options for a new settlement, one at Flaxby (FX3) and one at Green Hammerton (GH11). Both of these were to the east of Knaresborough, within the public transport corridor. These were identified for the purposes of consultation, with only one proposed to be taken forward.

7.8 All of the sites, with the exception of Sites DF7 and OC5 'fitted' with the Local Plan growth strategy being located in a key public transport corridor. DF7 and OC5 were both discounted in 2017 on that basis, and in the case of DF7 also because it would not be available until the end of the plan period ⁽²⁾.

7.9 Sites CA5, FX3 and GH11 lie within the public transport corridor to the east of Knaresborough. Maximising public transport use is one of the council's objectives for the new settlement and sites CA5 and GH11 are best placed to achieve this with direct access to train stations. Whilst the promoters of site FX3 have indicated that provision of a new station is possible there is no evidence that this could be delivered during the plan period, if at all. Sites CA5 and GH11 also offer a greater opportunity to grow in the longer term, beyond the current plan period and, therefore, have more potential to support a wider range of services and jobs whereas site FX3 is more restricted by virtue of its proximity to the A1(M) and Knaresborough to the west. For these reasons FX3 was discounted in 2017 ⁽³⁾.

2 See New Settlement Report, July 2017

3 See New Settlement Report July 2017

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7.10 Sites CA5 and GH11 share many similarities, indeed part of the site areas overlap. Accessibility to services that can meet the day to day needs of residents, and by sustainable modes, in the early stages of the development was considered to be an advantage of GH11. On balance, it was initially concluded that site GH11 should be the preferred site for a new settlement. However, following the Additional Site Consultation, having reviewed all the very latest evidence (including additional material provided by the various site promoters) alongside wider consultation feedback, the Council considered that the optimum approach to ensure the best possible place making solution for the future would be to continue to focus on the Green Hammerton area, but introduce additional flexibility to consider what the optimum boundary should be for a new settlement by bringing in land at Cattal (Maltkiln) to create a broad location for growth. The key reasons for this are ⁽⁴⁾:

- The area has direct and convenient access to the Leeds Harrogate York rail corridor providing opportunities for sustainable travel via two operational rail stations. The scale of development would support the improvement and enhancement of existing rail facilities and services, realising substantial positive environmental, social and economic benefits.
- The area is also located with convenient access onto the A59 for local bus services as well as providing accessibility to the highways network. It is sufficiently far enough away from the A1(M) to not suffer from noise or disturbance from that corridor.
- The area provides greater scope to deliver funding for infrastructure and wider planning obligations to support the creation of a quality place.
- A large area of land has been promoted for development providing scope to define the best possible site boundary and inclusion of necessary infrastructure through future comprehensive master planning.
- The area is located close to existing village settlements which provide some local services. These could assist in the very early phases of development to provide for day to day needs of new residents (albeit over time the new settlement will be expected to address its needs through the provision of a comprehensive range of new services and facilities).

Cumulative Effects

- Re-name Chapter 9 to read: Cumulative Effects
- Amend the title of the table in Chapter 9 as follows: ~~Local Plan in combination~~ Cumulative and synergistic effects (including short, medium and long term)
- At para 9.4 **delete** the heading Cumulative Effects

