

**Green Infrastructure SPD (Draft) -
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GIG_01 - Draft Green Infrastructure SPD

Total Responses Received: 96

GIG1 - Opportunities plan / case studies

Respondents 45 47%

Reference	Site	Document Name	Comment	Council Response	Cons.	
0200_9683 / 61543		GI SPD	Duchy Residents Association	<p>The opportunities plan/case studies require the developer to deliver 'off-site' opportunities to be funded by the CIL policy, which is considered to be unreasonable and unacceptable since the process allows HBC to spend these funds without public input or consultation since these 'off-site' works would not fall within the Regulation 123 list as attached at Appendix A;</p>	<p>NOTED</p> <p>Green infrastructure promotes the benefits of taking an integrated approach and is intended to work at all levels national, regional and local. Proposals are intended to 'knit' development together and to help sites integrate into to the wider area and this may involve areas 'off site'. The SPD identifies potential green infrastructure projects outside of the site but the projects are aspirational, which may be delivered when an appropriate opportunity arises.</p> <p>Once adopted, the CIL will replace the Council's current policy of requiring developers to pay commuted sums towards off-site green infrastructure and open space requirements resulting from a residential development. The Council's Regulation 123 list will enable pooled CIL funds collected across the District to be used to provide and/or enhance off-site open space. In addition Parish and Town Council's will receive a proportion of CIL funds to be spent on infrastructure in line with local community priorities. In Harrogate, where no local Council exists, HBC will consult with residents on how to spend the neighbourhood funds collected in the town. On-site open space requirements directly related to the development will continue to be delivered by way of planning obligations.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

0200_9683 / 61544	GI SPD	Duchy Residents Association	The creation and preservation of "the balance between mature landscape and buildings" is part of the main objectives of the Duchy Conservation Area Designation Statement. The DRA have been involved in the process of seeking "opportunities" for what is now termed green infrastructure since 1974. This has been within the existing design control policies, principally HD20. The design guide which is an SPD under HD20 sets limits and identifies adverse effects in general but does not include any prescriptive solutions.	NOTED: The SPD is intended as an aspirational document setting out broad principles and the plans and case studies help demonstrate different opportunities dependent on a wide range of site characteristics. Matters of detail relating to site design and layout will be addressed at the planning stage where the development will be assessed against design control policies such as HD20.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0200_9683 / 61578	GI SPD	Duchy Residents Association	The Opportunities Plan for Penny Pot Lane H3(1) does not prescribe the positions of the road, cycle and foot access points, the housing, school, centres or recreational facilities.	AGREE: The opportunities plan for Penny Pot Lane focusses on masterplanning and sets out the broad land use planning principles that may be embedded into the design development. The plan is aspirational and is intended to raise awareness at the start of the project on matters that will require specific consideration when the project develops in more detail.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0200_9683 / 61579	GI SPD	Duchy Residents Association	Case studies should illustrate success and past good practice so that lessons can be learnt.	DISAGREE: Whilst there are many examples around the district where the application of green infrastructure has already proven to be a success it was not considered appropriate for the SPD to include details.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0200_9683 / 61608	GI SPD	Duchy Residents Association	The use of the term "site specific assessments" is too prescriptive.	DISAGREE: The term "site specific assessments" refers to assessment undertaken at the early site survey stage. The survey work includes an analysis of the site character and the sensitivity and value of the existing site features to the impacts of any development.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0200_9683 / 61635	GI SPD	Duchy Residents Association	Principles to be applied during the development of planning applications should not be set out within the opportunities plan/case studies, they should form part of a separate green policy document.	DISAGREE: The principles within the SPD are to help applicants and developers deliver proposals for development that make the most of opportunities to improve existing and create new green infrastructure. A separate green document is not considered necessary.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0200_9683 / 61637	GI SPD	Duchy Residents Association	The details included on the "Opportunities Maps" are not covered by the supporting text which covers a prescribed set of topics.	DISAGREE: The details on the opportunities maps are described in broader detail under the prescribed set of topics otherwise referred to as the main benefits of green infrastructure.	<input type="checkbox"/>

0221_9687 / 61546	GI SPD	Commercial Estates Projects	The Opportunities Plan for Skipton Road H3012 (1) should be extended northwards to form a more appropriate boundary in topographical and landscape terms.	DISAGREE: The opportunities plan for Skipton Road accords with the details set out for the site when it was identified as an allocation in the Sites and Policies DPD (SP DPD) Submission Draft. Although the SP DPD is now withdrawn, the site selection was supported by detailed survey assessment work as part of the evidence base. An extension to the site will present a different development scenario that will require further detailed sites assessment and survey work which is not possible at this stage.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0221_9687 / 61580	GI SPD	Commercial Estates Projects	The case study for Manse Farm does not match the approved masterplan for the site that has outline planning approval. In the context of the outline permission it is not necessary to have a section within the SPD on the Manse farm site and this section should be removed from the document. The Opportunities Plan should be replaced with the outline Masterplan Parameters and the text on pages 44, 46-47 should be updated. Comments at paras 5.10 to 5.18 and 5.20 to 5.23 clarify where text should be amended. It would be prudent to update all of the draft urban extension allocations given that planning applications have been submitted.	DISAGREE: The case study presents an analysis of the site and its potential contribution to green infrastructure. The opportunities plan focusses on masterplanning and sets out the broad land use planning principles that may be embedded into the design development. The plan is aspirational and is intended to raise awareness at the start of the project and on matters that will require specific consideration when the highway design and built form develop in more detail. The Manse Farm Case Study will remain in the document since the council expect plans for all sites and case studies to evolve during the design development. It would not be possible to update the plans each time they change.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0221_9687 / 61581	GI SPD	Commercial Estates Projects	The "opportunities" extend well beyond the allocated site boundary, it is not clear how the developer would or should deliver the opportunities identified. To reflect better the aspirational intent of the document all text which states "There are opportunities to..." should be replaced with "Opportunities should be sought to, where feasible and viable,...";	AGREE: Delete "There are opportunities" and replace with "Opportunities should be sought to, where feasible and viable,..." in connection with the Case Studies for H3(1) and K2b.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0221_9687 / 61583	GI SPD	Commercial Estates Projects	The comments on the Manse farm Urban Extension Case Study within the May 2013 'Draft Green Infrastructure Guide' appear to have been disregarded and should be incorporated. Refer to consultation paras 5.10 to 5.18.	DISAGREE: The comments on the May 2013 consultation of the draft guide were received by the council and responses provided.	<input type="checkbox"/>

0221_9687 / 61584	GI SPD	Commercial Estates Projects	<p>Skipton Road allocation is approximately 17.4ha, not 14.05ha. The site should accommodate more housing than the Council are currently proposing since NPPF para 58 requires efficient use of land. The areas of green space and development on the Opportunities Plan would not achieve the Council's allocation of 290 dwellings unless development was at a higher density. There is no evidence which justifies the need for new outdoor sports of the scale proposed. The quarry is offsite and outside of allocation. Woodland corridor will not be required to provide an appropriate backdrop as this will be provided by the rising topography.</p>	<p>AGREE: The SPD is an aspirational document and the opportunities plan is broadly prescriptive that allows for some aspects of flexibility. The SPD focusses on masterplanning which sets out the wider land use planning principles for each of the sites. The council accepts that development plans may depart from the conceptual plans shown in the SPD as the design evolves. The SPD is intended primarily to raise awareness on design matters that will require specific consideration at the later stages of the project. Planning permission has been granted on part of this site and the opportunities plan amended to reflect this in this instance.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0310_9675 / 61613	GI SPD	Harlow and Pannal Ash Residents Association	<p>Section 7 refers to urban extension sites, which are still subject to consultation and which our association is seriously challenging. This part of the document is therefore premature.</p>	<p>NOTED. Sites can come forward for development in advance of the Local Plan. The SPD is intended as an aspirational document to help applicants deliver proposals for development that make the most of opportunities to improve existing and create new green</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
0336_9678 / 61549	GI SPD	Natural England	<p>With regard to Manse Farm case study in order to maximise the potential of the former gravel pit sites at Knaresborough (page 66), the SPD should ensure that increased recreational activity is directed to less ecologically sensitive lakes. Recreational activities within Hay-a-Park SSSI and Farnham South Lake should be focused on appreciating wildlife (bird watching etc...).</p>	<p>NOTED In relation to Knaresborough Lakes (p.66) the document highlights varied recreational and educational opportunities that lend themselves to different priorities and emphases for different sites.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

0336_9678 / 61585	GI SPD	Natural England	<p>With regard to the Manse Farm case study explain further how the site will provide improved links to Knaresborough Lakes and how nature conservation interests will be protected. Improved linkages and subsequent visitors to Hay-a-Park SSSI must be managed through the promotion of alternative lakes for formal (more disturbing) recreation and provision of on-site recreational space. Opportunities may exist to improve/alter the legal right of way around the lake, reduce permissive routes and creation of new paths, screen sensitive areas from disturbance through fencing and natural planting, provide viewing areas and informing visitors of nature conservation interest and behaviour that is likely to disturb/damage it. These should be examined with the landowner and set out in a management plan for the SSSI.</p>	<p>AGREE IN PART</p> <p>In relation to Manse farm, the opportunity to access the green infrastructure network to the north east of Knaresborough depends on access to the PROW network north of the railway line. Hay-a-Park SSSI (and the other Knaresborough lakes) are in separate private ownership but opportunities for controlled public access could be developed in partnership with Natural England and the land-owner and HBC and the developers of various potential sites in the area, including at Manse Farm.</p> <p>As there are no development plans currently anticipated on the landownership of Hay-a-Park SSSI, NE as the organisation charged with responsibility for maintaining the condition status of the SSSI, may be in the best position to initiate discussions with the land-owner.</p>	□
0474_9662 / 61550	GI SPD	Mr D H Howland	<p>With regard to Manse Farm case study links to existing Eastfield Estate are mentioned, however none shown on plan. Linking the two estates by road is not necessary, but consider a bus route as new residents will require bus link to town centre. Avoid disturbance to Frogmire Dyke and trees lining it. Ensure equal attention is given to 'Quality of place' since Eastfield residents currently have an outlook over Frogmire Dyke with the green fields beyond.</p>	<p>AGREE IN PART:</p> <p>Links to Eastfield Estate are promoted in the SPD but are not shown in detail on the plans since this initiative is aspirational to be addressed at the planning application stage in tandem with other matters such as open space, sports provision, off site contributions and landscape mitigation.</p> <p>A condition attached to the outline planning consent for the development makes provision for the access through Eastfield to be restricted to use by pedestrians, cyclists and buses only, once the roundabouts which create the main access to the site are completed.</p> <p>The aim of the SPD is to protect and enhance the wildlife and conservation value of Frogmire Dyke in order to provide a buffer along the western boundary between Eastfield Estate and the new development.</p>	□

1736_9670 / 61553	GI SPD	Mr M Cryer	With regard to Skipton Road case study the western area of the site should be set back from Skipton Road to mirror the building line on the south side of Skipton Road to retain the wooded character on approach to Harrogate. The large area to the north west of the site set aside for proposed open space and pedestrian/cycle route could be better utilised as residential development and cycle path as it is furthest from the A59. With the demand for 50% affordable housing and constraints of open space on my land it has become an uneconomic proposition for dwellings.	AGREE IN PART: The aim of the SPD is to set the development back from the road frontage in order to retain the open character on approach to the settlement. The SPD is an aspirational document and the opportunities plan is broadly prescriptive that allows for some aspects of flexibility. The SPD focusses on masterplanning which sets out the wider land use planning principles for each of the sites. The council accepts that development plans may depart from the conceptual plans shown in the SPD as the design evolves. The SPD is intended primarily to raise awareness on design matters that will require specific consideration at the later stages of the project. Affordable housing matters will be addressed at the planning application stages in tandem with other matters such as open space, sports provision and pedestrian/cycle routes .	<input type="checkbox"/>
1843_9679 / 61620	GI SPD	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Page 70 and pages following concerning GI around Ripon could include the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust reserve at Ripon Loop which is on the map but not mentioned.	NOTED	<input type="checkbox"/>
2164_9686 / 61558	GI SPD	Little Ouseburn Combined Parish Council	With regard to the Boroughbridge case study the suggestions read very well and propose potentially very attractive features within the development.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>

2209_9685 / 61559	GI SPD	Residents Against Spoiling Harrogate	The opportunities plan/case studies require the developer to deliver 'off-site' opportunities to be funded by the CIL policy, which is considered to be unreasonable and unacceptable since the process allows HBC to spend these funds without public input or consultation since these 'off-site' works would not fall within the Regulation 123 list as attached at Appendix A.	<p>NOTED</p> <p>Green infrastructure promotes the benefits of taking an integrated approach and is intended to work at all levels national, regional and local. Proposals are intended to 'knit' development together and to help sites integrate into the wider area and this may involve areas 'off site'. The SPD identifies potential green infrastructure projects outside of the site but the projects are aspirational, which may be delivered when an appropriate opportunity arises.</p> <p>Once adopted, the CIL will replace the Council's current policy of requiring developers to pay commuted sums towards off-site green infrastructure and open space requirements resulting from a residential development. The Council's Regulation 123 list will enable pooled CIL funds collected across the District to be used to provide and/or enhance off-site open space. In addition Parish and Town Council's will receive a proportion of CIL funds to be spent on infrastructure in line with local community priorities. In Harrogate, where no local Council exists, HBC will consult with residents on how to spend the neighbourhood funds collected in the town. On-site open space requirements directly related to the development will continue to be delivered by way of planning obligations.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2209_9685 / 61586	GI SPD	Residents Against Spoiling Harrogate	Principles to be applied during the development of planning applications should not be set out within opportunities plan/case studies, they should form part of a separate green policy document.	DISAGREE: The principles within the SPD are to help applicants and developers deliver proposals for development that make the most of opportunities to improve existing and create new green infrastructure. A separate green document is not considered necessary.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2209_9685 / 61588	GI SPD	Residents Against Spoiling Harrogate	The details included on the "Opportunities Maps" are not covered by the supporting text which covers a prescribed set of topics.	DISAGREE: The details on the opportunities maps are described in broader detail under the prescribed set of topics otherwise referred to as the main benefits of green infrastructure.	<input type="checkbox"/>

2209_9685 / 61590	GI SPD	Residents Against Spoiling Harrogate	The Opportunities Plan for Penny Pot Lane H3(1) does not prescribe the positions of the road, cycle and foot access points, the housing, school, centres or recreational facilities.	AGREE: The opportunities plan for Penny Pot Lane focusses on masterplanning and sets out the broad land use planning principles that may be embedded into the design development. The plan is aspirational and is intended to raise awareness at the start of the project and on matters that will require specific consideration when the highway design and built form develop in more detail.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2209_9685 / 61591	GI SPD	Residents Against Spoiling Harrogate	Case studies should illustrate success and past good practice so that lessons can be learnt.	DISAGREE: Whilst there are many examples around the district where the application of green infrastructure has already proven to be a success it was not considered appropriate for the SPD to include details.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2339_9672 / 61564	GI SPD	Bellway Homes (Yorkshire) Ltd	The application of the guidance should not stifle the ability of willing land owners and developers to derive innovative design solutions, or place unreasonable burdens on them to prevent competitive returns (NPPF para 173). The case studies in the SPD and the scale of on-site and off-site works could necessitate high infrastructure investment and place unjustifiable and disproportionate financial burden on the applicant. Accordingly we request that para 6.3 of the SPD is revised as follows: 'Proposals for development of these sites will be expected to assist with the delivery of the opportunities identified within this guide subject to viability and deliverability.'	AGREE IN PART: Green infrastructure promotes the benefits of taking an integrated approach and is intended to work at all levels national, regional and local. Proposals are intended to 'knit' development together and to help sites integrate into to the wider area and this may involve areas 'off site'. The SPD identifies potential green infrastructure projects outside of the site but the projects are aspirational, which may be delivered when an appropriate opportunity arises. It is agreed that paragraph 6.3 of the SPD should be amended to read: 'Proposals for development of these sites will be expected to assist with the delivery of the opportunities identified within this guide subject to viability and deliverability.'	<input type="checkbox"/>

2339_9672 / 61592	GI SPD	Bellway Homes (Yorkshire) Ltd	With regard to the Skipton Road case study it proposes on site sports, recreation and public open space. It is not evident from the case study if this is supported by an evidence base in terms of need; or the extent to which this delineation of land use represents local standards in connection with Policy C4, or whether the case study reflects the development guidelines for H3021(1) for the provision of outdoor sports provision at HS2a. It would not be reasonable for the Local Planning Authority to apply a disproportionate scale of open space obligation for site H3021(1) through the Green Infrastructure SPD.	AGREE: The SPD focusses on masterplanning which sets out the wider land use planning principles for each of the sites. The council accepts that development plans may depart from the conceptual plans shown in the SPD as the design evolves. The SPD is intended primarily to raise awareness on design matters that will require specific consideration at the later stages of the project. Matters of need will be addressed at the planning application stages in tandem with other aspects such as open space, sports provision and pedestrian/cycle routes. Planning permission has been granted on part of this site and the opportunities plan amended to reflect this.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2339_9672 / 61593	GI SPD	Bellway Homes (Yorkshire) Ltd	If housing allocations are directed to accommodate the scale of on-site outdoor sports and recreation provision as shown on the Opportunities Plan for H3021(1) it is inevitable there will be a reduction in the quantum of housing delivered in the District, which would compromise the soundness of the Sites and Policies DPD. Request Opportunities Plan is revised to remove areas of 'Proposed Sports/Recreation' from the allocation.	AGREE: Planning permission has been granted on part of this site and the opportunities plan amended to reflect this.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2339_9672 / 61594	GI SPD	Bellway Homes (Yorkshire) Ltd	H3021(1) may not come forward in its entirety as a single scheme and the case study does not ensure that parts thereof, are deliverable. The identified sports and recreational space place an inequitable burden on the east part of the site.	DISAGREE: The SPD is an aspirational document and the opportunities plan allows for some aspects of flexibility. The council accepts that development plans may depart from the conceptual plans shown in the SPD, which focus on masterplanning and which set out wider land use planning principles for each of the sites. The SPD is intended primarily to raise awareness on design matters that will require specific consideration at the later stages of the project. The SPD encourages applicants and developers to explore improved connections between projects so that independent developments can be bought together in the most appropriate way.	<input type="checkbox"/>

2339_9672 / 61596

GI SPD

Bellway Homes (Yorkshire)
Ltd

Opportunities Plan is over prescriptive and in flexible to the extent that it will prevent applicants from making successful applications. Specific off-site green infrastructure opportunities should only be sought and imposed where they meet the tests of necessity, relevance, reasonableness and enforceability as set out in Planning Practice Guidance paragraph 003, reference ID:21a-003-20140306.

DISAGREE: The SPD is an aspirational document and the opportunities plan allows for some aspects of flexibility. The council accepts that development requirements may depart from the conceptual plans shown in the SPD, which focus on masterplanning and which set out wider land use planning principles for each of the sites. The SPD is intended primarily to raise awareness on design matters that will require specific consideration at the later stages of the project. Green infrastructure promotes the benefits of taking an integrated approach and is intended to work at all levels national, regional and local. Proposals are intended to 'knit' development together and to help sites integrate into to the wider area and this may involve areas 'off site'. The SPD identifies potential green infrastructure projects outside of the site but the projects are aspirational, which may be delivered when an appropriate opportunity arises. The council does not expect applicants and developers to deliver off site contributions or mitigation through the SPD; this will be addressed at the planning application stage in compliance with other development plan policies, where appropriate.



2409_9673 / 61556

GI SPD

Development Planning
Partnership

I In respect to Cardale Park case study overall we are very supportive of the principles contained within the Opportunities Plan. The Plan identifies the re-routing of Harlow Hill Slack extending west of the existing drainage ditch. Nexus have undertaken Drainage and Landscape Strategies for the site and neither supports the diversion of the watercourse to the west although opportunities for improvement and diversion are recommended along its north-eastern section.

NOTED. The SPD is an aspirational document and the opportunities plan allows for some aspects of flexibility. The council accepts that development requirements may depart from the conceptual plans shown in the SPD, which focus on masterplanning and which set out wider land use planning principles for each of the sites. The SPD is intended primarily to raise awareness on design matters that will require specific consideration at the later stages of the project. Green infrastructure promotes the benefits of taking an integrated approach and is intended to work at all levels national, regional and local. Proposals are intended to 'knit' development together and to help sites integrate into to the wider area and this may involve areas 'off site'.



2409_9673 / 61597	GI SPD	Development Planning Partnership	The Opportunities Plan does not reflect the indicative masterplan submitted to Harrogate Borough Council for planning approval. Of particular note are two areas identified as 'open space' which are proposed areas of development.	NOTED: The case study presents a broad analysis of the site and its potential contribution to green infrastructure. The opportunities plan focusses on masterplanning and sets out the broad land use planning principles that may be embedded into the design development. The plan is aspirational and is intended to raise awareness at the start of the project on matters that will require specific consideration when the project develops in more detail.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2409_9673 / 61598	GI SPD	Development Planning Partnership	The Opportunities Plan shows a notable Buffer Zone of planting to the rear of the farm on the eastern edge of the site. It is considered that the width and extent of the buffer on the Plan is not in proportion to the proposed improvements on site.	NOTED: The plan is aspirational and is intended to raise awareness at the start of the project on matters that will require specific consideration when the project develops in more detail. The case study presents a broad analysis of the site and its potential contribution to green infrastructure. The opportunities plan focusses on masterplanning and sets out the broad land use planning principles including guidelines on structure planting that may be embedded into the design development. The council accepts that development requirements may depart from the conceptual plans shown in the SPD.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2409_9673 / 61599	GI SPD	Development Planning Partnership	The pedestrian/cycle link shown on the Opportunities Plan in the south eastern corner of the site will be more successfully accommodated cutting across the site from north to south, hugging Beckwith Head Road closely before reaching the junction of Beckwith Head Road/Howhill Quarry Road/Lady Lane.	NOTED: The plan is aspirational and is intended to raise awareness at the start of the project on matters that will require specific consideration when the project develops in more detail. The case study presents a broad analysis of the site and its potential contribution to green infrastructure. The opportunities plan focusses on masterplanning and sets out the broad land use planning principles including pedestrian/cycle links that may be embedded into the design development. The council accepts that development requirements may depart from the conceptual plans shown in the SPD.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2777_9663 / 61566	GI SPD	Mr A S Green	Interesting document and very well presented. Congratulations on the report. With regard to Boroughbridge case study I would like to see the provision of access along the old towpath linking to Roecliffe and beyond.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>

4821_9669 / 61569	GI SPD	Mr P M Wickens	With regards to the Cardale Park case study what will happen with regards to any additional traffic congestion it might cause? I would appreciate any information you might produce in the future.	NOTED. Traffic issues are beyond the scope of the SPD and will be dealt with when considering any planning application on the site.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5476_9677 / 61570	GI SPD	Ms E Baxandall	Document is well researched, makes realistic proposals and if only the outline projects were implemented it would transform the town of Knaresborough. It has to be hoped that the document alongside the Neighbourhood Development Plan and Renaissance Knaresborough Market Town Plan 2005 will provide a positive environment in which projects are likely to flourish. Wholeheartedly support the adoption of the Green Infrastructure Plan not just for its recommendations for Knaresborough, but for its holistic economic, social and environmental proposals across the region.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6702_9681 / 61572	GI SPD	Scriven Area Residents Association	General approval of this document and in particular our congratulations on the excellent work done for Penny Pot Lane, Harrogate and Manse Farm and Knaresborough site proposals.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7349_9676 / 61601	GI SPD	Mrs C Riley	With regards to the Ripon Map and the development of the old Choir School on Whitcliffe Lane there is currently a well-used footpath which heads north to the junction of the rivers Laver and Skell. This could be improved and encourage better access via Borrage Lane to the two senior schools on Clotherholme Road avoiding the busy Harrogate Road. Removal of steps and provision of ramp at river crossing would improve access for cyclists and enhance radial routes. Provide safer means of crossing Malorie Park Drive to get to Cricket Lane and a safer means of crossing Studley Road (from Cricket Lane) to reach Bishopton. Trees in Malorie Park Drive and Park Street are damaged or diseased and have not been replaced.	NOTED: Pedestrian, cycle and walking routes are promoted in the SPD. Relevant matters will be addressed at the planning application stage.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7394_9676 / 61573	GI SPD	Mr J Whitfield	With regard to Ripon Opportunities Map page 77 item 6 makes no mention of connections from city to Fountains Abbey. The walk from the bus station to the Cathedral involves crossing the car park at the rear of Sainsburys and safety issues. Page 74, no cycle network on North Street, just main road. Page 75 item 4 Sustrans route (Way of the Roses) goes right past Hungry Hill and leads to Littlethorpe. Page 6 there are several current options in terms of crossing the bypass including Sharrow underpass but this is not an easy access out of Ripon, Fisher Green via Skeldale Close but is not a safe crossing, the canal side footpath currently has no cycling and the Sustrans route on Littlethorpe Lane requires crossing the bypass via central reservation.	NOTED: Pedestrian, cycle and walking routes are promoted in the SPD. Relevant matters will be addressed at the planning application stage.	<input type="checkbox"/>

7394_9676 / 61600	GI SPD	Mr J Whitfield	With regards to Ripon Map there is currently no a reasonable bridleway/cycling route to Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal from the Hell Wath area, the route is interrupted by footpaths. The Sustrans route has to use the main Pateley Bridge Road which is not pleasant. There is no cycle access to Ripon Canal. Ripon map does not show current Sustrans route.	NOTED: Pedestrian, cycle and walking routes are promoted in the SPD. Relevant matters will be addressed at the planning application stage.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7394_9676 / 61602	GI SPD	Mr J Whitfield	With regard to the Summerbridge case study several cycle/pedestrian routes are shown along busy roads, does this mean cycling on the pavement?	NOTED: Pedestrian/cycle links into Summerbridge are promoted in the SPD but are not shown in detail on the plans since this initiative will be addressed at the planning application stage in tandem with other design and layout	<input type="checkbox"/>
7394_9676 / 61603	GI SPD	Mr J Whitfield	With regards to Skipton Road case study pedestrian and cycle routes need to link to local school entrance off Newby Crescent. Map does not show current cycle routes or any proposals for additions or connections to these.	AGREE IN PART: The plan shows a proposed pedestrian/cycle route passing through the site. Further links from the site to outlying areas will be addressed at the planning application stage in tandem with other design and layout matters.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7394_9676 / 61604	GI SPD	Mr J Whitfield	Some of the maps show long walking routes in red but no cycle routes which HBC produce excellent maps of. Several maps show 'proposed pedestrian cycle routes' I am concerned that these routes are bridleways or combined routes and therefore impossible to tell if cycling provisions are being proposed.	NOTED: Pedestrian, cycle and walking routes are promoted in the SPD but are not shown in detail on all the plans since this will be addressed at the planning application stage in tandem with other design and layout matters.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7394_9676 / 61639	GI SPD	Mr J Whitfield	With regards to the Ripon Map and the development of the old Choir School on Whitcliffe Lane there is currently a well-used footpath which heads north to the junction of the rivers Laver and Skell. This could be improved and encourage better access via Borrage Lane to the two senior schools on Clotherholme Road avoiding the busy Harrogate Road. Removal of steps and provision of ramp at river crossing would improve access for cyclists and enhance radial routes. Provide safer means of crossing Malorie Park Drive to get to Cricket Lane and a safer means of crossing Studley Road (from Cricket Lane) to reach Bishopton. Trees in Malorie Park Drive and Park Street are damaged or diseased and have not been replaced.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7395_9682 / 61574	GI SPD	Mr J Monaghan	I With regard to the Knaresborough Opportunities Map I support the document and believe it outlines a great deal of opportunities for developers to improve the green infrastructure of Knaresborough. The proposals will make Knaresborough an even more pleasant place to live and tackle some aspects of Knaresborough that at the moment are detrimental to the local environment.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>

GIG3 - Improving the setting and quality of space

Respondents 1 1%

Reference	Site	Document Name	Comment	Council Response	Cons.
2244_9680 / 61634		GI SPD NYCC Principal Landscape Architect	Not sure about the term 'landscape buffer' – it looks as if it generally refers to a belt of tree planting. If a more specific term can be used it might be helpful in places.	NOTED: The term "landscape buffer" refers to an area of structure planting that acts as a separating element between areas of built development.	<input type="checkbox"/>

GIG5 - Protecting nature and heritage

Respondents 6 6%

Reference	Site	Document Name	Comment	Council Response	Cons.
0336_9687 / 61616		GI SPD Natural England	Chapter 3, par 3.2 should be titled "protecting and enhancing nature". Bullet point 4 should read "protection and enhancement of key priority habitats and species". This should be linked to the national priority habitats and species and the local Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP).	AGREE Agree to separate headed paragraphs (and associated bullet points) on 'Protecting and Enhancing Nature' and 'Heritage' (including visual amenity). This will raise the profile of both as important elements of G.I. Addition of 'enhancing' within the paragraph heading is agreed. Agree to link to Harrogate and UK BAP priority species and habitats reference the Harrogate District BAP within Chapter 11 under District Policy & Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
0336_9678 / 61617		GI SPD Natural England	Support the recognition (within protecting nature) of the benefits of alleviating pressure on existing wildlife sites through alternative access to nature. This should occur alongside site access management measures for sites which are likely to be affected by increased recreational disturbance. Welcome enhancement of infrastructure corridors for biodiversity and accessibility as a priority opportunity in the main urban areas of Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon. This is shown within the proposed ecological enhancements within the Nidd Gorge, Knaresborough.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>

1843_9679 / 61618	GI SPD	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Section 5 page 9 para 5.1 should refer to another mapping project Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Living Landscapes http://www.ywt.org/living-landscapes referring in particular to biodiversity opportunities.	<p>AGREE.</p> <p>Add paragraph "Yorkshire Wildlife Trust are currently developing an ecological network approach to rebuilding biodiversity by championing links between their nature reserves, other protected sites and nature corridors through the wider countryside so that whole landscapes and ecosystems may be restored, resulting in abundant and flourishing wildlife that everyone has access to through wildlife-rich green-spaces.</p> <p>Living Landscapes identified in Harrogate District include the River Ure Corridor, Nidderdale Moors and Knaresborough Nidd Woodlands. HBC will work with YWT and other partners to maximise biodiversity enhancement, including the living landscapes identified by the YWT. See http://www.ywt.org/living-landscapes</p> <p>Add to Chapter 11 'Useful Documents and Links; Sub Regional Publications' 'Living Landscapes; Yorkshire and the Humber, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, 2009 http://www.ywt.org/living-landscapes</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2244_9680 / 61631	GI SPD	NYCC Principal Landscape Architect	Are there any other urban assessments that could be referred to e.g. conservation area appraisals? No references to historic parks and gardens in the document.	<p>NOTED:</p> <p>Reference is made to conservation area appraisals and other designations where appropriate.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2244_9680 / 61633	GI SPD	NYCC Principal Landscape Architect	Living landscapes- not clear how the YWT living landscape areas relate to the strategy.	<p>NOTED</p> <p>Reference to Living Landscapes added</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6023_9684 / 61571	GI SPD	Yorkshire Gardens Trust	We welcome appropriate the policies related to 'the protection and enhancement of the natural and built heritage' of your area and more specific 'the conservation and enhancement of designed landscapes and historic parks and gardens' of the location whether registered or not. Advocate that appropriate research into the natural and built heritage is carried out by skilled experts and that proposals for the conservation and enhancement of designed landscapes and historic parks and gardens should be drawn up by professionals skilled in the importance and significance of the location. YGT commend all concerned in the production of the GIG.	<p>NOTED.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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0200_9683 / 61575		GI SPD	Duchy Residents Association	The document is too prescriptive and attempts to detail the layout of urban extension sites. This is contrary to the NPPF in particular paragraphs 59 and 154.	DISAGREE: The principles within the SPD are to help applicants and developers deliver proposals for development that make the most of opportunities to improve existing and create new green infrastructure. The SPD is intended as an aspirational document setting out broad principles and the plans and case studies help demonstrate different opportunities dependent on a wide range of site characteristics.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0200_9683 / 61576		GI SPD	Duchy Residents Association	The details included on the "Opportunities Maps" are not covered by the supporting text which covers a prescribed set of topics.	DISAGREE: The details on the opportunities maps are described in broader detail under the prescribed set of topics otherwise referred to as the main benefits of green infrastructure.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0200_9683 / 61577		GI SPD	Duchy Residents Association	The document requires the developer to deliver 'off-site' improvements such as pedestrian and cycle links, which is considered to be an unreasonable expectation of	DISAGREE: Green infrastructure promotes the benefits of taking an integrated approach and is intended to work at all levels national, regional and local. Proposals are intended to 'knit' development together and to help sites integrate into the wider area and this may involve areas 'off site'. The SPD identifies potential green infrastructure projects outside of the site but the projects are aspirational, which may be delivered when an appropriate opportunity arises.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0200_9683 / 61606		GI SPD	Duchy Residents Association	Planning policies should be realistic and applied for the benefit of the whole community, they should not be compromised by business and tourism interests as this can conflict with the interests of protecting the countryside. The importance of protecting the countryside should be incorporated and adopted in the GI SPD and great weight and importance should be given to special landscape areas, green wedges and green infrastructure corridors.	NOTED: The importance of protecting the countryside is embedded in the SPD. Consideration has been given to SLAs and Green Wedges during the development of the case studies and opportunities plans.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0200_9683 / 61607		GI SPD	Duchy Residents Association	There is no reference anywhere in Section 7 to state that this is just one of many ways of developing the sites within this policy. The wording of the policy needs to make clear that the developer can propose alternatives for green infrastructure.	NOTED: The SPD is an aspirational document which focuses on masterplanning and which sets out wider land use planning principles for each of the sites. The development requirements are broadly prescriptive that allow for some aspects of flexibility.	<input type="checkbox"/>

0200_9683 / 61636	GI SPD	Duchy Residents Association	The document is too prescriptive and attempts to detail the layout of Urban Extension Sites. This is contrary to the NPPF in particular paragraphs 59 and 154.	DISAGREE: The SPD is intended as an aspirational document setting out broad principles and the plans and case studies help demonstrate different opportunities dependent on a wide range of site characteristics.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0200_9683 / 61638	GI SPD	Duchy Residents Association	The document requires the developer to deliver 'off-site' improvements such as pedestrian and cycle links, which amounts to an extension of planning control into an area only subject to political and executive control.	DISAGREE: Green infrastructure promotes the benefits of taking an integrated approach and is intended to work at all levels national, regional and local. Proposals are intended to 'knit' development together and to help sites integrate into the wider area and this may involve include areas 'off site'. The SPD identifies potential green infrastructure projects outside of the site but the projects are intended as aspirational principles which may be delivered when an appropriate opportunity arises.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0221_9687 / 61545	GI SPD	Commercial Estates Projects	Concerns regarding the timing of the publication of the draft GI SPD. The publication is considered to be premature ahead of the adoption of the Sites and Policies DPD. It is likely there will be a need for more housing, which potentially need to be taken into account in the GI SPD.	NOTED. As work progresses on the new Local Plan, evidence will come forward in respect of objectively assessed housing need, growth options and housing distribution. The Green Infrastructure SPD contains information that will assist applicants and developers to show how good quality green infrastructure can be achieved on other sites that may come forward.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0221_9687 / 61582	GI SPD	Commercial Estates Projects	Where an opportunity is identified within land under the control of the Council, or beyond the allocated areas the document should clearly state this.	DISAGREE: The SPD is an aspirational document that deals with the conceptual application of green infrastructure. The legal matters relating to land ownership and tenure fall outside the intentions of this document and would in any event be addressed at the planning application stage.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0221_9687 / 61609	GI SPD	Commercial Estates Projects	Appendix A of the GI SPD sets out the draft Policy IN2, but the text is out of date and needs to be updated in line with the latest draft (November 2013).	NOTED: Following withdrawal of the DPD the policy wording will be omitted. This SPD is being introduced to supplement policy EQ2 of the adopted Core Strategy.	<input type="checkbox"/>

0221_9687 / 61610	GI SPD	Commercial Estates Projects	Para 7.3 does not comply with the policy text and should be amended as follows: "Proposals for the development of these sites (i.e. the main urban extensions) will be expected to contribute to the delivery of the opportunities identified within this SPD."	NOTED. It is agreed that paragraph 7.3 should be amended. The paragraph will be amended to read: 'Proposals for development of these main urban extensions will be expected to assist with the delivery of the opportunities identified within this guide subject to viability and deliverability.'	<input type="checkbox"/>
0221_9687 / 61611	GI SPD	Commercial Estates Projects	The document is very long and would be strengthened by some reorganisation which places chapters 6 and 7 in individual site specific appendices and swaps the order of chapters 9 and 10.	NOTED: The Draft Green Infrastructure Guide was awarded "Winner" of the Landscape Institute Awards 2013 held in London. This is a highly prestigious national award and the judges commented that "The guide clearly sets out the case and opportunities for green infrastructure in a way that will be accessible to developers."	<input type="checkbox"/>
0221_9687 / 61612	GI SPD	Commercial Estates Projects	Should the Council continue to include urban extensions within the SPD the wording of para 7.3 must be changed as follows: "For each urban extension contextual information is provided which identifies opportunities for new GI which should be explored in conjunction with new development (having regard to technical constraints), and opportunities plans are provided which demonstrate the aspirations for new GI in and around the sites which will contribute to the benefits of GI set out in section 3".	NOTED. It is agreed that paragraph 7.3 should be amended. The paragraph will be amended to read: 'Proposals for development of these main urban extensions will be expected to assist with the delivery of the opportunities identified within this guide subject to viability and deliverability.'	<input type="checkbox"/>
0310_9675 / 61547	GI SPD	Harlow and Pannal Ash Residents Association	Excellent document overall with the general aims of protecting the greenery and landscape in and around Harrogate to encourage tourism.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0310_9675 / 61614	GI SPD	Harlow and Pannal Ash Residents Association	Object to the curtailment of the Pinewoods and valley gardens Green Wedge (IN2b) as this gives no protection to the Pinewoods themselves and setting of Harlow Carr Gardens. Also object to creation of Green Wedge (IN2C) in the Bilton Triangle which will sterilise a large area of land for housing.	NOTED: The SPD does not cover guidance relating to local landscape designations such as green wedges. A review of green wedges was undertaken in both 2008 and 2011, which made a case for continuing the designation and for proposed changes in some areas to ensure a more rational boundary has been drawn.	<input type="checkbox"/>
0336_9678 / 61548	GI SPD	Natural England	I Supports the comprehensive approach that has been taken. The SPD clearly sets out the aims, the importance of multifunctional green infrastructure (GI), the policy background at the national and local level, and most importantly the checklist for applicants. The case studies are particularly welcomed as they provide useful examples of embedding GI during the early stages of site design, and clear guidance for those allocations within the emerging proposals DPD.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>

0336_9678 / 61615	GI SPD	Natural England	Would like to see further clarification of the overall strategic approach to GI (in line with NPPF paragraph 114) in order to ensure that GI is delivered outside of the specific case study opportunity areas. Suggest the development of a map to communicate the overall strategic approach to GI across the district.	DISAGREE: The introductory sections of the SPD set out the purpose and importance of green infrastructure and section 5 deals with green infrastructure across the region and refers to documents and reports which include additional details not necessary to include in this SPD.	<input type="checkbox"/>
1733_9668 / 61552	GI SPD	Save Crimble Valley	Stress the importance of landscaping to mitigate and improve the attractiveness of the area. Landscape proposals should include an on-going management and maintenance plan including implementation and monitoring with reference to BS5837:2012 paras 8.8.3 and 8.8.4. Ensure appropriate species to reflect ground conditions such as heavy wet soil and adverse climate.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>
1843_9679 / 61554	GI SPD	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Section 3 page 4 the photo of Swinsty Reservoir has a foreground of bare earth and paving stones perhaps giving the wrong message. An alternative showing a green habitat could be used.	NOTED: A more appropriate photograph will be included.	<input type="checkbox"/>
1843_9679 / 61619	GI SPD	Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	Section 5 would benefit from a map showing GI opportunities at District scale. A more detailed map at local level would also be beneficial to show the types of habitat connections in a similar way to the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Living Landscapes map.	DISAGREE This section of the SPD deals with green infrastructure across the region and refers to documents and reports which include additional details not necessary to include in this SPD.	<input type="checkbox"/>
1880_9667 / 61555	GI SPD	The Coal Authority	No specific comments at this stage.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2164_9686 / 61557	GI SPD	Little Ouseburn Combined Parish Council	Those living and working in the rural areas need assurances that the special character of these areas are being protected. This is particularly the case with regard to the Allerton Waste Recovery Park proposal in that tourism, the landscape and historic buildings in this area will be adversely affected by the development. Harrogate Borough Council should have played a more active part in the community consultation process for this application.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2209_9685 / 61560	GI SPD	Residents Against Spoiling Harrogate	The creation and preservation of "the balance between mature landscape and buildings" is part of the main objectives of the Duchy Conservation Area Designation Statement. We have been involved in the process of seeking "opportunities for what is now termed green infrastructure since 1974. This has been within the existing design control policies, principally HD20. The design guide which is an SPD under HD20 sets limits and identifies adverse effects in general but does not include any prescriptive solutions;	NOTED: The SPD is intended as an aspirational document setting out broad principles and the plans and case studies help demonstrate different opportunities dependent on a wide range of site characteristics. Matters of detail relating to site design and layout will be addressed at the planning stage where the development will be assessed against design control policies such as HD20.	<input type="checkbox"/>

2209_9685 / 61587	GI SPD	Residents Against Spoiling Harrogate	The document is too prescriptive and attempts to detail the layout of Urban Extension Sites. This is contrary to the NPPF in particular paragraphs 59 and 154.	DISAGREE: The SPD is intended as an aspirational document setting out broad principles and the plans and case studies help demonstrate different opportunities dependent on a wide range of site characteristics.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2209_9685 / 61589	GI SPD	Residents Against Spoiling Harrogate	The document requires the developer to deliver 'off-site' improvements such as pedestrian and cycle links, which is considered to be an unreasonable expectation of	DISAGREE: Green infrastructure promotes the benefits of taking an integrated approach and is intended to work at all levels national, regional and local. Proposals are intended to 'knit' development together and to help sites integrate into to the wider area and this may involve areas 'off site'. The SPD identifies potential green infrastructure projects outside of the site but the projects are aspirational, which may be delivered when an appropriate opportunity arises.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2209_9685 / 61621	GI SPD	Residents Against Spoiling Harrogate	Planning policies should be realistic and applied for the benefit of the whole community, they should not be compromised by business and tourism interests as this can conflict with the interests of protecting the countryside. The importance of protecting the countryside should be incorporated and adopted in the GI SPD and great weight and importance should be given to special landscape areas, green wedges and green infrastructure corridors.	NOTED: The importance of protecting the countryside is embedded in the SPD. Consideration has been given to SLAs and Green Wedges during the development of the case studies and opportunities plans.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2209_9685 / 61622	GI SPD	Residents Against Spoiling Harrogate	There is no reference anywhere in Section 7 to state that this is just one of the many ways of developing the sites within this policy. The wording of the policy needs to make clear that the developer can propose alternatives for green infrastructure.	NOTED: The SPD is an aspirational document which focuses on masterplanning and which sets out wider land use planning principles for each of the sites. The development requirements are broadly prescriptive that allow for some aspects of flexibility. The council accepts that development plans may explore options.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2209_9685 / 61623	GI SPD	Residents Against Spoiling Harrogate	The use of the term "site specific assessments" is too prescriptive.	DISAGREE: The term "site specific assessments" refers to assessment undertaken at the early site survey stage. The survey work includes an analysis of the site character and the sensitivity and value of the existing site features to the impacts of any development.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2211_9671 / 61624	GI SPD	Homes and Communities Agency	The HCA supports the proposals and have no specific comments at this stage of the consultation process.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2244_9680 / 61562	GI SPD	NYCC Principal Landscape Architect	I Overall an excellent document. The GI checklist is a good idea.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>

2244_9680 / 61625	GI SPD	NYCC Principal Landscape Architect	Would be useful to set the District wide scope at the beginning of the document. The detailed urban GI maps are good but would be useful to have a few overview maps. Not clear if it includes Nidderdale AONB.	DISAGREE It is not considered necessary to include overview maps, but paragraph 2.2 should be amended to ensure that it is clear that the SPD covers the whole of the District by the insertion of the words "across the District" between the words 'development' and 'make'.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2244_9680 / 61626	GI SPD	NYCC Principal Landscape Architect	Would like to see more emphasis on the landscape character context including within the GI policy text. National Character Areas are not mentioned and could be added to reference list. The updated NCAs may be of relevance to the document since they refer to GI in urban areas and include Statements of Environmental Opportunity.	NOTED: Harrogate Borough Council worked closely with many partners including Natural England, the Wildlife Trusts and the Principle Landscape Architect at NYCC. Workshops were held to bring all relevant partners together and to obtain datasets from a diverse range of sources. The work with Natural England in particular highlighted the need to explore further opportunities for implementing green infrastructure in the main urban areas. Consideration will be given to adding the NCAs to the reference list. The document covers a wide range of matters including landscape, wildlife conservation, drainage, urban design and heritage; a strong focus on landscape character in the main body of the text would place a lesser priority on the remaining subject areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2244_9680 / 61627	GI SPD	NYCC Principal Landscape Architect	Could mention the North Yorkshire and York LCA in the text since it is in the references.	NOTED. Reference is made to North Yorkshire and York Landscape Characterisation Project in the list of useful documents and links.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2244_9680 / 61628	GI SPD	NYCC Principal Landscape Architect	Could mention that the Nidderdale AONB Management Plan relies on the Harrogate LCA.	NOTED: Reference is made in the SPD where appropriate to the AONB Management Plan.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2244_9680 / 61629	GI SPD	NYCC Principal Landscape Architect	Could refer to NYCC Historic Landscape Character Assessment December 2010.	NOTED: reference is made to the NYCC Historic Landscape Character Assessment 2010 in the list of useful documents.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2244_9680 / 61630	GI SPD	NYCC Principal Landscape Architect	There is a strong case for extending the Harrogate LCA to include urban character areas as urban GI ideally related to its landscape/townscape context.	NOTED: The SPD addresses green infrastructure priorities. The Harrogate District Landscape Character Assessment (HDLCA) is dealt with under a separate policy that addresses landscape character matters under 'saved' policy C2. It will not be possible to update the HDLCA as part of this consultation process.	<input type="checkbox"/>

2244_9680 / 61632	GI SPD	NYCC Principal Landscape Architect	Appendix A draft policy IN2 would recommend changes to text 'Integrate high quality GI that contributes to maintaining, strengthening or restoration of locally distinctive rural and urban landscape character, including historic landscape character.'	DISAGREE Policy IN2 is no longer being taken forward following withdrawal of the Sites and Policies DPD. Reference to this policy has been deleted.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2309_9661 / 61563	GI SPD	NFU North East	Welcome the authorities' acknowledgement within its Core Strategy (2009) of 'a prosperous urban and rural economy'. While policy IN2 encourages local food production we would like to see the creation of space for food production to include commercial agricultural and horticultural activities. This is crucial if we are to create 'a more sustainable supply of food.' We welcome the reassurance that any flood risk opportunity identified includes consultation and active engagement with all those affected in particular those measures identified on pages 15, 19, 23 and 27 of the document.	DISAGREE Policy IN2 is no longer being taken forward following withdrawal of the Sites and Policies DPD. Reference to this policy has been deleted.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2339_9672 / 61595	GI SPD	Bellway Homes (Yorkshire) Ltd	The imposition of development requirements through an SPD may add unnecessary financial burden on development and we believe that it should be for development proposals to demonstrate compliance with policy SG6 and Appendix B or policy IN1.	DISAGREE: The SPD is an aspirational document and the development requirements are broadly prescriptive that allow for some aspects of flexibility. The council accepts that development requirements may depart from the conceptual plans shown in the SPD, which focus on masterplanning and which set out wider land use planning principles for each of the sites. The SPD is intended primarily to raise awareness on design matters that will require specific consideration at the later stages of the project. The SPD does not expect applicants and developers to deliver development requirements through the SPD; this will be addressed at the planning application stage in compliance with other development plan policies, where appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>

2763_9664 / 61565

GI SPD

Environment Agency

There appears to be only minor amendments to current document. As such no further comments, however our previous comments remain valid.

- 1.I Any works which block watercourses are likely to require consent under either the Land Drainage Act 1991, or the Water Resources Act 1991, depending on whether they are classed as ordinary watercourses or main rivers respectively;
- 2.I Our document Living on the Edge (attached) explains the rights and responsibilities of riparian ownership;
- 3.I I have attached a booklet on ponds which provides further detail in particular page 19 on guidance for new ponds;
- 4.I With regard to the Summerbridge case study we fully support the proposals for wetland habitat creation, however 'green infrastructure' as a concept seems to have been misinterpreted with regard to pedestrian and cycle access as this does not constitute green infrastructure enhancement;
- 5.I With regard to the Boroughbridge case study we support the inclusion of open water within the development and the current proposals show a great deal of ecological enhancement;
- 6.I With regards to the Melmerby case study we support opportunities for greater habitat connectivity such as the woodland corridor. We are also pleased to see a SUDs approach focussed on above ground attenuation that can be used to provide a new wetland habitat;
- 7.I With regard to the Staveley and Bishop Thornton case study we support wetland habitat creation as part of the surface water drainage scheme;
- 8.I With regard to the Skipton Road case study we strongly support the de-canalisation of the watercourse as this would create a new habitat and contribute towards meeting objectives set out in the European Water Framework Directive, however consideration must be given to improving channel morphology and riparian habitat;
- 9.I With regard to the case studies at Penny Pot Lane and Manse Farm again we support the proposals to enhance the watercourse on site; and
- 10.I With regards to the main urban areas the suggestions would not improve the ecological value of such areas as such they do not constitute green infrastructure enhancement.

NOTED

Reference to Acts and publications is noted and the support for the case studies is welcome.

In the main urban areas, as set out in the SPD, there are a number of green infrastructure priorities including to improve linkages between the urban areas and open countryside and to provide better connectivity. It is appropriate that reference is included to these opportunities where they occur.



4147_9660 / 61567

GI SPD

Leeds City Region

A great document and very encouraging to see that strong links have been made to the wider City Region Green Infrastructure (GI) Strategy. Would like to see more detail on the Central Ure Landscape Project. In considering ways of delivery you may wish to consider the upcoming £9m Leeds City Region GI fund. Would be useful for the team to meet up with the York & North Yorkshire LNP to discuss progress of the document.

NOTED

Further discussions will take place as appropriate with relevant officers to progress this.



7395_9682 / 61605

GI SPD

Mr J Monaghan

I would like Harrogate Borough Council to ensure that any money raised through off site contributions for green infrastructure from developments in Knarborough will be allocated for use in Knarborough and not other areas of the council.

NOTED.



Once adopted, the CIL will replace the Council's current policy of requiring developers to pay commuted sums towards off-site green infrastructure and open space requirements resulting from a residential development. Parish and Town Council's will receive a proportion of CIL funds to be spent on infrastructure in line with local community priorities. The Council's Regulation 123 list will enable pooled CIL funds from across the District to be used to provide and/or enhance off-site open space. Prior to implementation of the CIL, the Council will need to determine an appropriate mechanism by which infrastructure projects will be identified and prioritised.

GIG7 - Site not appropriate for development

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Reference	Site	Document Name	Comment	Council Response	Cons.
0986_9666 / 61551	GI SPD	Mr B Marsden	Development north of Skipton Road is inappropriate. It encroaches on agricultural land and will lead to infilling between Harrogate and Killinghall and ribbon development along Skipton Road.	NOTED.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4719_9665 / 61568	GI SPD	Dr S Pickford	Opposition to the two new proposed housing developments in particular Penny Pot Lane HG3 as this would increase traffic on this side of town and Cardale Park West, which is an area of natural beauty and many tourists and local people visit Harlow Carr Gardens. Have investigation of the flora and fauna taken place in these two locations?	NOTED. Full Environmental Impact Assessments have been required of both developers for these sites, including extensive Ecological Impact Assessments for both sites. [In both cases proposals involve retention and management schemes for areas identified as Sites of Importance of Nature Conservation within the wider development site].	<input type="checkbox"/>

