



Protecting Dark Skies in the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)
Consultation Statement

SPD adopted May 2024

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- 1.1** Harrogate Borough Council is preparing a Supplement Planning Document to provide detailed guidance on Protecting Dark Skies in the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) which will help provide help and guidance for projects involving external lighting in the AONB to support Policy GS6 (Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Beauty) of the adopted Harrogate District Local Plan 2014 : 2035.
- 1.2** The Council is now seeking public representations on the draft version of this SPD, and in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 has published this document to set out
- The persons and organisations consulted when preparing the supplementary planning document;
 - A summary of the main issues raised by those persons/organisations; and
 - How those issues have been addressed in the supplementary planning document.
- 1.3** The SPD has been prepared on behalf of Harrogate Borough Council by the Nidderdale AONB team with input from the organisations below. The table below sets out the main issues raised during these discussions and how they fed into the preparation of the SPD.
- 1.4** On the 1 April 2023 North Yorkshire Council (NYC) was formed which assumed responsibility for administrating the area previously administrated by North Yorkshire County Council and the district councils of Harrogate, Craven, Hambleton, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough and Selby. The consultation was carried out by Harrogate Borough Council prior to Local Government Re-organisation.

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Harrogate Borough Council's Planning Policy Team	Review of scope and format of the SPD	Feedback used to revise the text
Harrogate Borough Council's Legal Team	Scope and status of the SPD	Feedback used to determine the approach to the SPD
Harrogate Borough Council's Environmental Protection Team	Comments on early draft	Results incorporated in the draft
Harrogate Borough Council's Development Management Team	Comments on early draft	Results incorporated in the draft
'Go Stargazing'	Surveys of Nidderdale's dark skies	Results incorporated in the draft
North York Moors National Park Authority	Review of scope and format of the SPD and approach taken by other protected landscapes	Results incorporated in the draft
South Downs National Park Authority	Review of scope and format of the SPD and approach taken by other protected landscapes	Results incorporated in the draft

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Northumberland National Park Authority	Review of scope and format of the SPD and approach taken by other protected landscapes	Results incorporated in the draft

- 1.5** Consultation took place between Monday 20 February and Monday 20 March 2023. A summary of issues raised, the Council's response and any proposed modifications are set out below.

