

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This section contains site specific policies and proposals relevant to Byram. General policies applicable throughout the Plan area are set out in Part One of the Local Plan.
- 1.2 Baseline data referred to generally reflects the situation at the time the Deposit Plan was published (July 1997) unless specifically updated through modifications to the Plan or through factual changes consequent to modifications to the proposals map, such as additional recreation space and/or amenity space.

2. LOCATION

- 2.1 Byram is situated in the western part of the District adjacent to the A1 which separates the village from Brotherton. The A162 abuts the settlement to the west with direct access to the A1. The village lies in close proximity to the main centres of Castleford, Pontefract and Knottingley outside the District boundaries.

3. FORM AND CHARACTER

- 3.1 The development of Byram is closely related to its strategic position within the vicinity of the Great North Road, historically the major north-south communications route.
- 3.2 Byram has a highly compact village form which is very much suburban in character. New development in recent years has extended the village north of Byram Park Road.

4. HOUSING AND POPULATION

- 4.1 At the 1991 Census there were 1,339 people resident in the Parish reflecting a fairly static population level when compared with the 1981 Census figure of 1,331 persons.
- 4.2 In 1997 the approximate dwelling stock numbered 687 dwellings within Byram Parish.
- 4.3 From mid 1981 to mid 1997 there were 154 dwellings completed in Byram Parish. The bulk of completions took place between April 1991 to March 1994.

5. EMPLOYMENT

- 5.1 A small number of local employment opportunities are available in quarrying, transport related businesses and local services.

6. SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Shops and Associated Services

- 6.1 The village has a limited range of facilities, comprising a post office/shop, mini supermarket, off licence/newsagent, a public house and fish and chip shop.

Education

- 6.2 There is no school within Byram. In order to overcome the capacity and physical problems at the former Brotherton Primary School, North Yorkshire County Council has built a new school off Low Street, Brotherton, which opened in April 2002 and which caters for both Brotherton and Byram.

Recreation

- 6.3 There is a play area in the Summerfield residential development. The lack of recreational open space is very significant. Further investigations will be required to assess whether significant use is made of facilities available in Brotherton which is particularly well served in terms of recreational open space.

Public Transport

- 6.4 There are no public transport facilities directly serving the village although direct services to Pontefract, Doncaster and Tadcaster operate north of the village along the A162.

Public Utilities

- 6.5 The village is directly connected to main sewer facilities gravitating to Sutton Sewage Treatment Works. Surface water drainage is disposed of by public sewer and soakaways.

7. STRATEGY

Constraints

- 7.1 Byram is Inset within the West Yorkshire Green Belt. An area of land to the north of the village (in Brotherton Parish) is affected by quarrying.

Commitments

- 7.2 As at 31 March 1997 there were planning permissions for an additional 5 dwellings in Byram Parish.

Development Strategy

- 7.3 Byram has a very close relationship with Brotherton and is located close to employment opportunities in South and West Yorkshire. The villages jointly provide a good range of services and facilities and fulfil the criteria set out in Structure Plan POLICY H3 to act as a selected service village. The planned upgrading of the A1 to motorway standard which will bypass the village, and the consequent downgrading of the existing route, will bring about significant environmental improvements.
- 7.4 Opportunities for further residential allocations within Byram are, however, limited, without significant encroachment into the Green Belt. One small site with an estimated capacity of 21 dwellings has been allocated for development.
- 7.5 In addition to development on allocated land proposals for residential development on brownfield sites within the defined Development Limits may be acceptable in accordance with POLICY H6.

8. POLICIES AND PROPOSALS

Housing Allocation:

Land at East Acres

- 8.1 0.7 hectares (1.73 acres) of land is allocated for residential development providing for approximately 21 new dwellings.

- 8.2 The site is situated at the eastern edge of Byram being contained by existing mature woodland. Its development would have only limited impact.
- 8.3 Access should be taken from the existing two access points at East Acres and joined within the site.
- 8.4 Both foul and surface water sewers are available to serve this site in private land to the north of the site. There is limited spare sewage treatment capacity and no problems are envisaged with water supply.

BYR/1 Land at East Acres, Byram, as defined on the Inset Proposals Map, is allocated for residential development in Phase 2 of the Plan in accordance with POLICY H2. In addition to satisfying the requirements of relevant planning policies, proposals must make provision for:

- 1) Vehicular access to be taken from the existing two access points at east acres and joined within the site; and
- 2) Adjoining woodland to be safeguarded both during and after development of the site.

Environment:

- 8.6 The verge, fronting dwellings along West Park Road, is considered to be of particular visual and amenity importance. This area is identified on the Inset Proposals Map and will be protected in accordance with POLICY ENV29.

Recreation:

- 8.7 The recreation area at Summerfield Park Estate, as defined on the Inset Proposals Map, will be safeguarded in accordance with POLICY RT1.

POLICY BYR/2 is deleted