



North Yorkshire  
Campaign to Protect Rural England

CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL: CRAVEN LOCAL PLAN 2012-2032  
EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC

**RESPONSE TO INSPECTOR'S MATTER 21 IN SUPPORT OF PREVIOUS REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE NORTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND ('CPRENorthYorkshire')**  
(Ref: 009/12/ENV5/TS and Ref: 009/13/ENV10/TS)

**MATTER 21 - GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCAL GREEN SPACE AND GREEN WEDGES (POLICIES ENV5, ENV10 AND ENV11)**

*Issue 1: Green Infrastructure - Policy ENV5*

*Question 1: What is the justification for listing sites under Policy ENV5 and specifying on the Policies Map the extent of green infrastructure required?*

The recently published National Planning Policy Framework (the 'NPPF' or the 'Framework') states that for the purposes of examining plans, policies in the previous Framework (2012) will apply where plans are submitted on or before 24 January 2019 (paragraph 214).

CPRENorthYorkshire have provided detailed responses to all of the Craven District Council's ('CDC') consultations on the emerging Craven Local Plan since 2013 and have welcomed the opportunity to do so.

CPRENorthYorkshire supports the inclusion of sites within the Policy for the purposes of providing clarity for local communities, decision-makers and developers. CPRENorthYorkshire would like to see reference within the policy that this list is not exhaustive to provide greater flexibility by not preventing additional green infrastructure networks being brought forward should that be proposed and considered appropriate.

*Question 7: Policy SP6 (Site Ref SG064, Runley Ridge Farm) requires a comprehensive landscaping scheme to filter views of the development from the east and west. Taking this into account, why has no green infrastructure been identified for the site under Policy ENV5?*

CPRENorthYorkshire object to the inclusion of site SG064 within the Local Plan, as discussed in response to Matter 14. It is considered, however, that this site should be included within Policy EHN5. CDC have acknowledged that the site has a prominent position in the open countryside. It is also located within close proximity to the Anley Crag Plantation and the River Ribble. The development guidelines for the site as part of draft policy SP6 (page88 of the Publication draft Local Plan) states that *“new proposals will include a comprehensive landscaping scheme to filter views of the development from the east and west. Semi mature trees will be planted for immediate effect.”* With this in mind, CPRENorthYorkshire believe that this planting would ideally form a new section of green infrastructure and ensure that the Plan is justified and effective.