



Craven Local Plan Examination

Matter 12

Appendix 1

Proposed Modification to (full replacement of) Draft Policy INF6: Education Provision

Matter 12 – Infrastructure Provision (Policies SP12, INF1,
INF5 and INF6)

Hearing Day 7 – Friday 19th October 2018 (Week 2)

September 2018

**Craven District Council's Proposed Modification to Draft Policy INF6:
Education Provision and Explanatory Text**

Proposed replacement text and policy.

Education Provision

8.53 In the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) the government attaches great importance to ensuring that a sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new communities. Local planning authorities (LPA's) should take a proactive, positive and collaborative approach to meeting this requirement and to development that will widen choice in education. The NPPF advises that LPA's should give great weight to the need to create, expand or alter schools and work with school promoters to identify and resolve key planning issues before applications are submitted.

8.54 Craven District Council has worked closely with North Yorkshire County Council, (the Children's Services Authority (CSA)) in producing the local plan, and based on the growth planned in Skipton, this work has identified the potential need for two new primary schools in the town, and the need to provide for education infrastructure in association with residential development. This provision is an important element in achieving sustainable communities.

8.55 The local plan mechanisms, for enabling these new schools to be built, and for the provision of new school places in association with residential development are

- the safeguarding of land for education purposes within two residential site allocations in Skipton, and
- a system of collecting developer contributions via Section 106 legal agreements from residential developments which are likely to have a significant impact on increasing pressures on school capacity.

8.56 Appendix B to the plan sets out the justification for Policy INF6. This includes the evidence to support the need for additional school capacity, and how developer contributions are calculated, so as to conform with the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010, as amended, on planning obligations.

8.57 The Council has worked closely with both the local education authority (LEA/CSA) and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) in preparing this policy.. In September 2018, a Department for Education (DfE) consultation commenced on '*Establishing pupil yields from housing development and securing developer contributions for education*'. The LEA is committed to reviewing its evidence base on pupil yields and development costs/cost

multipliers in the light of the outcome of this consultation, working with the ESFA. As part of the review the LEA intend to use the DfE Scorecard data. When this review is completed, Craven District Council will need to consider what the implications are for planning for education in the plan area. The options, include the production of a supplementary planning document or a partial review of the plan in connection with this policy and/or appendix B, taking into account plan viability.

DRAFT POLICY INF6: EDUCATION PROVISION

Craven's growth will ensure that a sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new residents. This will be achieved in the following ways.

- a) Supporting proposals for the provision of new, replacement and extended or altered schools which are of a scale in keeping with the location, are accessible and accord with all relevant local plan policies and any relevant neighbourhood plan policies.**

- b) Safeguarding 1.8 hectares of land for new primary school provision in Skipton within the following sites allocated in the Local Plan, in accordance with Policy SP5:**
 - i. SK0081, SK0082, and SK0108: Land north of Gargrave Road and west of Park Wood Drive and Stirtonber, and**
 - ii. SK089 and SK090: Land to the north of Airedale Avenue and Elsey Croft and east of the railway line.**

- c) Allocating 0.3 hectares of land for an extension to Bentham Primary School within land allocation HB038, in accordance with Policy SP7.**

- d) Where a residential or mixed use development would result in a deficit of school places in the area, and is above the site size threshold below, it will be required to provide developer contributions for education provision, in accordance with Policy INF1 and Appendix B of this plan, or any subsequent supplementary planning document, to meet the resultant deficit. The site threshold sizes, controls and exemptions, which apply are:**

- i. For primary schools: more than 25 dwellings in the town of Skipton and 15 or more dwellings outside of Skipton, and**
- ii. For secondary schools: more than 100 dwellings across the plan area.**
- iii. Contributions will be sought from proposed developments on local plan allocated sites, and on windfall sites that are phased or are brought forward in a piecemeal fashion and where the total combined, or 'holistic' development of the allocated or windfall site exceeds the relevant threshold.**
- iv. Contributions will not be sought from sheltered accommodation or genuine elderly person, student or holiday accommodation, temporary housing or bedsits and one bedroomed dwellings.**