

Bramham-cum-Oglethorpe Neighbourhood Plan – Summary of Representations Submitted at Regulation 16 Publicity Stage

Full Name	Organisation Details	Comments on the neighbourhood plan
Andrew Stephenson	National Farmers' Union	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Bramham Cum Oglethorpe Neighbourhood Plan. I write in the capacity of local representative of the National Farmers' Union in the North East Region with particular interest in planning and economic development in rural areas. Please find below our response:</p> <p>As you will be aware the farming community continues to face formidable challenges with increasing regulation, volatile markets and fluctuating farming returns. In response to these challenges farmers have had to consider the resources available to them and look at new ways of developing their businesses so that they can grow and remain competitive. This might include the need for modern agricultural buildings either to meet regulations or to change the use of existing buildings in order to respond to changing market demand.</p> <p>Our members within the neighbourhood area are no exception and it is clear that any form of Neighbourhood Plan must adequately address the issues and opportunities of farming. Our vision for the area is:</p> <p>A sustainable rural community that is underpinned by an innovative rural economy and a thriving farming and food industry which is profitable and supports viable livelihoods, underpins sustainable and healthier communities and enhances the environmental assets that are vital to the counties prosperity.</p> <p>For the farming community this vision is to be achieved by the following themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthening our farming businesses to help them build profitability and respond to new opportunities 2. To create thriving localities which meet the needs of their communities, businesses and their environment 3. Realising the value of the region's environmental assets <p>In addition we would see some of the key priorities for farms to include (not in order of priority):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The ability for the next generation to take on management of farms and to support this through the provision of affordable housing to allow succession 2. Develop farming enterprises that can meet the challenges of food security through modernising and becoming more efficient

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Diversifying farming enterprises to meet new opportunities such as, inter alia, business units or tourism 4. Developing renewable energy which meets the needs of the farm and are appropriate to the location and renewable resources available 5. Access to high-speed broadband <p>Food production is a key priority for economic growth both nationally but also importantly in such a rural area. In the Government white paper 'Local Growth: realising every place's potential' the Government makes clear that the first priority "is to return the nation's economy to health". This includes creating "the conditions that will help business and gets the economy growing" and this includes the support for farming enterprises so vital to the rural economy and enabling them to remain viable through diversified enterprises. We would expect that any proposals for developing farms will take this into account.</p> <p>Diversification is in line with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) that provides that local authorities should support development that enables farmers to become more competitive and sustainable and diversify into new opportunities. A key message within the NPPF is the need for economic growth. <i>"A positive planning system is essential, because without growth, a sustainable future cannot be achieved. Therefore, significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth through the planning system...the default answer to development proposals is yes."</i></p> <p>In the NPPF the government makes a number of very important statements related to this the development of renewable energy. Paragraphs 95 to 98 make a number key points including: <i>'local planning authorities should recognise the responsibility on all communities to contribute to energy generation from renewable or low carbon sources'</i> (para 97); <i>'have a positive strategy to promote energy from renewable and low carbon sources'</i> which <i>'maximise renewable and low carbon energy sources'</i>. Renewable energy represents an important opportunity for farms to reduce their energy bills and also to create revenue that can help support farming activity. We understand that this can be a contentious issue within communities and are aware that early consultation with those that are either impacted or likely to gain is crucial.</p> <p>To help guide any work we have developed some principles which we believe will help Bramham Cum Oglethorpe shape any activity in the area. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food security is a crucial issue for now and the future and any actions must ensure that we do not compromise our ability to feed ourselves • We should look to increase farm productivity and decrease impact on the environment. • The achievement of sustainable development in rural areas through the integration of environmental,
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Simon Jones	Highways England	<p>Many thanks for having sent through the latest consultation regarding the Bramham-cum-Oglethorpe Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>As you will be aware we continue to work closely with the Local Authority, and in regards to potential future development and growth in the area we therefore remain engaged in the emerging Leeds City Local Plan consultation process (the contents of this neighbourhood plan which will obviously form a part thereof), with David Feenay, Adam Harvatt and the rest of the team.</p> <p>Having now reviewed the plans online, whilst the boundary does incorporate sections of the Strategic Road Network, the decline of the Leeds university land application as the single largest strategic housing allocation now means we have a much reduced interest at this time. Whilst I would have no formal comments at this point in specific regard to the Neighbourhood Plan, looking at the wider picture on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, we will be interested to see how this plan will contribute to the Leeds City Plan, and in particular any associated development impact that could impact on the continued safe operation of the Strategic Road Network.</p> <p>I would like to offer my thanks for sending the consultation through, and I am sure you have seen the formal response we have been making over the years to the Leeds Local Plan consultations, and we look forward to continuing our joint working on this with yourselves in to the future.</p> <p>All the best with the consultation rounds, and please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything further I can assist you with.</p>

Clare Dickinson	Selby District Council	Thank you for circulating a copy of your draft Neighbourhood Plan. Officers at Selby District Council have no specific comments to make on the document.
Dean Burdall	N/A	<p>I write in support of the Bramham Neighbourhood plan as a whole as proposed. As an active resident of Bramham village, the vision and objectives outlined in the plan resonate positively with me.</p> <p>I am aware of the engagement that has taken place with the residents of Bramham in order to develop a shared vision, with the views of both local residents and businesses incorporated within the plan.</p> <p>Bramham is a close village with a strong sense of community, the many events arranged by village residents are testament to this (i.e. Christmas lights, village drama group, annual village gala, annual 'beating the bounds' walk, etc). The policies outlined with the plan, arranged around the 6 themes of community facilities, leisure and recreation, housing, natural environment, heritage, and university of Leeds (a key landowner in the parish), all, in my opinion, accurately reflect the views of both the residents and businesses of Bramham parish.</p> <p>A strong plan and one which I whole heartedly endorse.</p>
Val Whitbread	N/A	My view is that the plan represents a balanced way forward for our village and given the amount of public consultation that has gone into it, it is clearly a good representation of the views of the majority, particularly in relation to housing.
Christopher Telford	The Coal Authority	Having reviewed your document, I confirm that we have no specific comments to make on it.
Merlin Ash	Natural England	<p>Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 29 May 2018</p> <p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.</p> <p>Natural England is a statutory consultee in neighbourhood planning and must be consulted on draft neighbourhood development plans by the Parish Councils where they consider our interests would be affected by the proposals made.</p> <p>Strategic Environmental Assessment Screening</p> <p>It is our advice, on the basis of the material supplied with the consultation, that, in so far as our strategic environmental interests are concerned (including but not limited to statutory designated sites, landscapes and protected species, geology and soils) are concerned, that there are unlikely to be significant environmental</p>

	<p>effects from the proposed plan.</p> <p>Guidance on the assessment of Neighbourhood Plans in light of the SEA Directive is contained within the National Planning Practice Guidance. The guidance highlights three triggers that may require the production of an SEA, for instance where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a neighbourhood plan allocates sites for development • the neighbourhood area contains sensitive natural or heritage assets that may be affected by the proposals in the plan • the neighbourhood plan may have significant environmental effects that have not already been considered and dealt with through a sustainability appraisal of the Local Plan. <p>We have checked our records and based on the information provided, we can confirm that in our view the proposals contained within the plan will not have significant effects on sensitive sites that Natural England has a statutory duty to protect.</p> <p>We are not aware of significant populations of protected species which are likely to be affected by the policies / proposals within the plan. It remains the case, however, that the responsible authority should provide information supporting this screening decision, sufficient to assess whether protected species are likely to be affected.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this advice, Natural England does not routinely maintain locally specific data on all potential environmental assets. As a result the responsible authority should raise environmental issues that we have not identified on local or national biodiversity action plan species and/or habitats, local wildlife sites or local landscape character, with its own ecological and/or landscape advisers, local record centre, recording society or wildlife body on the local landscape and biodiversity receptors that may be affected by this plan, before determining whether an SA/SEA is necessary.</p> <p>Please note that Natural England reserves the right to provide further comments on the environmental assessment of the plan beyond this SEA/SA screening stage, should the responsible authority seek our views on the scoping or environmental report stages. This includes any third party appeal against any screening decision you may make.</p> <p>Habitats Regulations Assessment screening</p> <p>Where a neighbourhood plan could potentially affect a European protected site, it will be necessary to screen the plan in relation to the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2017), as amended (the</p>
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Craig Broadwith	Historic England	<p>Thank you for consulting Historic England on the Bramham-cum-Oglethorpe Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>We wrote to Bramham Parish Council on 12 February 2018, giving detailed advice on the content of the Plan, and note that our advice has largely been accepted.</p> <p>We therefore do not wish comment further on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
Lynne and Paul Marshall	N/A	<p>We have been consulted by the Steering Group throughout the whole process of development of the Neighbourhood Plan for Bramham cum Oglethorpe, and are satisfied that the Plan represents our views and those of a great majority of those who responded to the various surveys and attended the presentation events.</p> <p>We fully support the Objectives as set out and understand how they underpin the Plan. In particular, we support the proposed level of housing development on those sites currently identified by Leeds City Council</p>

		<p>and also the development guidelines set out for the differing areas of the Village.</p> <p>We are also very grateful to all members of the Bramham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, past or present, for the work they have put in over the last several years in completing the various stages of the process on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>
Peter Dunn	N/A	<p>I fully support the Bramham Neighbourhood Plan. It is an excellent piece of work that has taken into account both the heritage and future interests of the village. The development of the Plan has been fully inclusive and the process well managed.</p> <p>It is important to recognise that the Plan is dependent on and affected by plans and developments outside its remit and boundary. Therefore, in considering the Plan, Leeds City Council should recognise that highways and other infrastructural developments, and the content of other bordering parishes' NPs, could impact negatively on the sustainability of the Bramham Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>This is a key consideration particularly with regard to the expansion of Bramham Primary School which lies just beyond the village boundary in Clifford, and its catchment area. There is a recognition of the need to enhance and protect the school as a facility in section 4 of the Bramham NP, and, in section 5, it points to a commensurate need to invest in traffic management measures and car parking to accommodate any expansion. Clearly such decisions reside outwith the scope of the Plan itself.</p> <p>In approving this NP, Leeds City Council, the Education Authority and the school must recognise the impact any expansion of the school as a result of their own policies and strategies would have on village infrastructure (eg highways, public transport, parking, pedestrian access etc), safety and (not least) the future education of Bramham village children and take such measures as necessary to manage such pressures in a sustainable way.</p>