

**NEW LOCAL PLAN FOR HAMBLETON
ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION
PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSES**

1. Are there any other issues regarding ECONOMIC GROWTH which you think should be included?

NO

2. Are there any other issues regarding HOUSING GROWTH which you think should be included?

YES

Controlling the increase of holiday lets in the villages within Hambleton which could otherwise be available for domestic residences.

Demand for housing is higher in the North and South of Hambleton due to the commuting pressure placed on Stokesley by the Tees Valley conurbation and Easingwold and surrounding villages by York and Leeds, therefore consideration should be given to placing these regions in an area of planning restraint.

The needs of Hambleton residents need to be taken into consideration, especially the requirement for affordable starter homes TO BUY and smaller properties for our ageing population.

3. Are there any other issues regarding MANAGING OUR ENVIRONMENT which you think should be included?

YES

In order to maintain our rural landscapes, clear policy decisions need to be made regarding the positioning of renewable energy farms and the exploration and extraction of oil and gas.

4. Are there any other issues regarding IMPROVING TRANSPORT which you think should be included?

NO

5. Are there any other issues regarding CREATING BETTER PLACES which you think should be included?

NO

6. Do you agree with the main topics covered by questions 1 to 5?

YES

7. Are there any other topics you think should be included within the Local Plan?

NO

8. Are there any other issues regarding CROSS BOUNDARY matters which you think should be included?

YES

Adjoining authorities should be encouraged to meet their own housing needs (see comments in question 2), as they are clearly unable to do so at present, and areas of restraint in the north and south of Hambleton should be supported to curtail cross boundary commuting.

9. Do you think the Local Plan VISION for Hambleton is correct?

YES

10. Is there anything else you think should be included in the VISION? For example, what do you think is SPECIAL about Hambleton as a place to live, work, visit and invest in?

YES

To retain our unique collection of small communities, each with its own local identity.

11. OBJECTIVE 1 – Do you agree with the objective “TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE PATTERNS OF DEVELOPMENT ACROSS AND BEYOND HAMBLETON”?

YES

12. OBJECTIVE 2 - Do you agree with the objective “TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS”?

YES

13. OBJECTIVE 3 - Do you agree with the objective “TO PROVIDE A SCALE AND MIX OF HOUSING TO MEET THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT THE LOCAL ECONOMY”?

YES

14. OBJECTIVE 4 - Do you agree with the objective “TO IMPROVE ACCESS BETWEEN HOMES, JOBS AND FACILITIES AND SUPPORT CHOICE AS TO HOW PEOPLE TRAVEL”?

YES

15. OBJECTIVE 5 - Do you agree with the objective "TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE QUALITIES AND HERITAGE OF OUR SETTLEMENTS, COUNTRYSIDE AND WILDLIFE HABITATS"?

YES

16. OBJECTIVE 6 - Do you agree with the objective "TO SUSTAIN TOWNS AND VILLAGES AS HEALTHY, INCLUSIVE AND VIBRANT HUBS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND A CHANGING POPULATION"?

YES

17. Are there any other objectives you think we should include?

NO

18. Housing Provision – Do you think a range of 350-450 new homes per year is appropriate for Hambleton, through to 2035?

NO

If you selected 'No', do you think the Local Plan annual housing figure should be?

LOWER

The range of 350 – 450 new homes per year is far too many and the 'recent research' requires rigorous scrutiny. For example with market forces focussing on the Easingwold and Stokesley extremities of Hambleton by reason of the proximity to York/Leeds and Teesside, there has occurred an imbalance of residential development within the district which should be rectified by planning policy. Easingwold has no homeless persons and very few first time house buyers, yet businesses in the town and surrounding villages are closing. Although there has been a 40% increase in residential development here over the past five years, young people are being forced to leave the immediate area because property is too expensive, which indicates that houses are being purchased by cross boundary commuters. Therefore, if we concentrate on providing new homes just to meet Hambleton's need and limit the amount of large properties built specifically for higher paid commuters, a lower number of houses per year will be required.

19. Spatial Options – Which Spatial Options do you prefer?

OPTION 1 PRINCIPAL TOWNS (Development focused on Northallerton and Thirsk)

For the reasons mentioned previously, we strongly favour option 1 which is a continuation of the current planning policy. We believe policy should focus development on the Thirsk and Northallerton areas, where facilities and infrastructure are already in place and development has lagged in recent years. We would particularly oppose option 4 as this village already anticipates a substantial increase in population following the recently approved outline planning permission for twenty dwellings and, although we are a designated Service Village, we have lost a great deal of the services which were once available.

20. Other options – Are there other approaches to allocating development you think we could consider?

NO