

Summary of responses to the Murton Neighbourhood Plan Submission consultation:

Consultation on the Submission version of the Murton Neighbourhood Plan commenced on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November and was scheduled to end on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024. All documents were made available to viewing on the Council's dedicated Murton Neighbourhood Plan webpage, with a link to it on the Murton Parish Council website. Paper copies of the documents were made available for viewing at the City of York Council's West Offices, York Explore Library and St James's Parish Church, Murton. The documents could also be viewed online at Dunnington Library, Tang Hall Library and the Mobile Library. All residents and businesses within the Parish and properties within a designated buffer zone of the Parish, as well as the statutory consultees, were notified of the consultation by letter or email.

However, following the identification that there were some minor formatting errors in the main document, resulting in some text being partially obscured by text boxes on several policies, the Council contacted the Examiner to make him aware of the issue and on his advice, the document was republished with the corrected formatting and the consultation extended to from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Those who had already made representations at the point the issue was detected, were contacted to allow them to amend or provide additional representations if they wished.

The Examination into the Murton Neighbourhood Plan, by Andrew Ashcroft (Independent Examiner) commenced on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Below is a summary of all representations received by the closing date of the consultation.

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>CYC response (where necessary)</b>
National Highways	<p>Little formal comment to make on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport.</p> <p>Any planned development already identified in the wider LP consultations for York have already been accounted for between National Highways and themselves, and that the council has extant comments for the current LP – this includes for the larger allocated sites identified in the neighbouring Parish. This will obviously extend forward to the next plan period and the work we will be undertaking together and should also subsume all the local parish</p>	Noted.

	<p>council's own aspirations (to be outlined by the neighbourhood plan documents I receive from them). The recently revised NPPF may or may not bring about a future review of housing numbers identified and the locations for such sites, and it would be for City of York to address this if they so wish.</p> <p>The published documents outline the aspirations for the area, with a focus on maintaining the feel and character of the local area when considering future development. The Neighbourhood Plan does not however specifically identify any new housing or employment related sites, but does identify the need to keep densities within keeping of the what is existing – nor are scale and nature of future aspirations quantified. As such any impact from new employment and housing sites proposed here would be subsumed into the Council's existing calculations and evidence base (submitted at the last Examination in Public). Should new developments be forthcoming which would sit outside of the existing LP settlement plans i.e. new housing, employment, or retail sites, we would look to review these with York City Council in the usual manner, with any supporting mitigation they may require on the Strategic Road Network.</p> <p>The current consultation shows the wider aspirations of the neighbourhood plan in a positive light, and this is welcomed. The proximity of the SRN under my own jurisdiction cuts straight through the parish boundaries, namely the A64, accessed directly from the local road network at Grimston Bar. As with all development within the district boundary, it is expected that the aggregated impact of all neighbourhood plans will link to the growing congestion and impacts on the SRN, for which the Council will need to continue to address in their wider IDP proposals to ensure a sound local plan infrastructure offering. At this time therefore, work will continue with the Council to identify any specific</p>	
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	sites which may have a significant impact to the continued safe operation of the network, and furthermore ensure the Council then continues to ensure financial contributions are collected from developers to provide any necessary mitigation on the SRN.	
The Coal Authority	The area to which this consultation relates is not located within a defined coalfield. On this basis, we have no specific comments to make.	Noted.
North Yorkshire Council	There are no issues that North Yorkshire Council wish to comment on.	Noted.
North Yorkshire Police (Designing Out Crime)	No comments to make on the content of the plan	Noted.
CPRENEY	<p>Having considered the documents submitted alongside the Neighbourhood Plan and the final version of the Plan itself, CPRENEY is fully supportive of the document which is well prepared and evidenced. CPRENEY welcomes the attention afforded to green infrastructure and the preservation of Green Belt through the document and the valuable points raised regarding effective enforcement.</p> <p>CPRENEY would, however, point out that the published version of the Plan appears to not be formatted correctly with some of the blue policy boxes not showing all text and that some of the boxes overlap with supporting text which will need to be rectified and presumably the formal consultation period amended to ensure full opportunity is given to consider the final documents.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>In terms of the formatting issues highlighted, this has been noted and following discussion with the Examiner, the document has been re-published and made available in the existing locations, existing respondents notified and the deadline extended from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.</p>
National Grid	No specific comments to make.	Noted.
Natural England	Natural England does not have any specific comments on this draft neighbourhood plan.	Noted.

<p>Historic England</p>	<p>Historic England wrote to Murton Parish Council on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021, explaining that we did not wish to comment on detail upon the Pre-Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>We have considered the Submission Draft and do not wish to comment further on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan. We look forward to being notified of the Making of the Neighbourhood Plan, following the Examination and Referendum.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>Private individual</p>	<p>The Murton Arms pub was closed after New Years eve 2016 and has deteriorated since. It now requires urgent repairs to maintain its appearance and prominence in the centre of the village. Some work has been done to it and it is hoped an alternative use for the ground floor may be achieved, such as a café / coffee shop.</p> <p>The reference in the Neighbourhood Plan to the Murton Arms (formerly Bay Horse) is inaccurate and needs amending as it is inaccurate or anecdotal – in particular paragraph 118 of the Submission version of the Plan and Appendix A (Murton Parish Neighbourhood Plan: Its context and data) – ‘Social venues and amenities’ (para A8.2: 4.7.2). It is wrong to say there are no play facilities for children – for example, Murton Park, Beetle Bank Farm. The section relating to Murton Arms is written in a style of some one lamenting the loss of their village pub and is one sided, quoting inaccurate facts. Concerned about reference to being owned by a property company, loading the landlords with unsustainable costs’ – with no evidence to support the comment and should be removed. Whilst it is true to say the pub’s future is uncertain, it should make reference to the ways its future is being considered for the benefit of the community.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

	<p>No reference in the Plan to the Brew York Handley Tap, on Outgang Lane (0.4 miles) or the Derwent Arms, in Osbaldwick Village (1.2 miles).</p>	
<p>City of York Council</p>	<p>We appreciate the amount of hard work and dedication that the Neighbourhood Plan Group and Parish Council has put into this process to produce a locally representative document, detailing the issues which affect Murton Parish. This is particularly appreciated in light of its development in the absence of an adopted Local Plan and the ongoing work on the emerging Local Plan.</p> <p>We consider that the policies in the submitted neighbourhood plan are well written, clear, logical and concise. Our only comment which we wish to submit is that we consider that the Plan should include an overarching Policies Map, which shows all the designations as set out in the Plan – this would consolidate all the maps in Annex 1 to the Submitted Plan. The Council is happy to provide assistance in producing a Policies Map, should the Inspector consider this is required for clarity.</p> <p>In terms of the Consultation Statement, it is considered that Appendix 25 (Pre-Submission Consultation comments and responses) would be easier to read and better presented in landscape format, giving wider columns. Some of the text doesn't appear to correctly align in some rows.</p>	