

Copmanthorpe Neighbourhood Plan - Submission Consultation: Response from the City of York Council

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 Copmanthorpe Parish. This is particularly appreciated in light of its development in the absence of an adopted Local Plan during the majority of its preparation.

Our comments are as follows:

Part 1: Copmanthorpe Neighbourhood Plan:

- Overall, we consider that the policies in the submitted neighbourhood plan are well written, clear, logical and concise.
- General: It is noted that the introductory parts of the document are quite dated and concentrate on the situation around 2013/2014 (the Forewords from David Carr and Julian Saturday MP are from 2014 and have not been updated). The Summary (page 5) still refers to policies in the Plan delivering 135 dwellings (Policy CNP1 has been updated to delivering 250 dwellings in the Parish on sites ST31 and H29, in line with the latest figures in the City of York Local Plan).
- General references: references to the Publication Draft City of York Local Plan (2018) should be updated to the Adopted City of York Local Plan (2025) where relevant. NPPF references should also be updated to the December 2024 version of the NPPF where relevant.
- Policy CNP6: Green Belt - now needs revision to take account of the adopted City of York Local Plan position (was adopted on 27th February 2025). The adopted York Green Belt is as per the adopted Local Plan. Reference to the RSS Key Diagram and the Christopher Wedgewood vs City of York Council judgement is not now relevant to this policy and should be removed & the policy simplified to reflect the Local Plan position.
- Policy CNP7 Green Infrastructure – refers to development of ‘Site 1’ – should this be ST31?
- Mapping: It is noted that there are some inaccuracies in the mapping, as follows:
 - a) The titles of the Copmanthorpe Neighbourhood Plan Green Infrastructure maps (East side and West side of the Parish) are transposed.
 - b) Ensure that the mapping is up to date. It is noted that the Copmanthorpe Neighbourhood Plan Policies Map (as emailed to the Parish Council on 6/12/24) is not included in the Submitted version of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Part 2: Evidence Base and Area Designation:

- No comments.

Part 3: Strategic Environmental Screening Assessment:

- No comments except for changes to policy wording, in line with any policy wording changes required in the actual Neighbourhood Plan (eg. CNP6 Green Belt)

Part 4: Basic Conditions Statement:

- References in the document should be amended to the adopted City of York Local Plan and the 2024 NPPF where relevant.

Part 5: Consultation Statement:

- No comments.

Part 6: Habitat Regulation Screening Report:

- No comments except for changes to policy wording, in line with any policy wording changes required in the actual Neighbourhood Plan (eg. CNP6 Green Belt).

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