

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

### ENVIRONMENT FOCUS GROUP MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016

Present: Chairman Paul Beanland, Cllr Antony Croser, Nick Fletcher, Tim Hicks, Angie Gair, Gaynor Johnson  
The purpose of this meeting was to write the framework for the proposals below.

### ENVIRONMENT FOCUS GROUP MALTON WALK 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016

Present: Chairman Paul Beanland, David Barnett, Christopher Turner, Tim Hicks, Angie Gair, Gaynor Johnson  
The purpose of this walk was to glean evidence for the proposals.

### ENVIRONMENT FOCUS GROUP NORTON WALK 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016

Present: Chairman Paul Beanland, Cllr Hugh Spencer, Tim Hicks, Angie Gair, Gaynor Johnson  
The purpose of this walk was to glean evidence for the proposals.

### ENVIRONMENT FOCUS GROUP MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2016

Present: Chairman Paul Beanland, Cllr Antony Croser, Nick Fletcher, Christopher Turner, Tim Hicks, Angie Gair, Gaynor Johnson  
The purpose of this meeting was to enhance the framework proposals from the walks evidence.

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#### KEY ISSUE:

Footpaths.

#### DETAILS:

Making safe and generally improving the existing - vegetation clearance, signage and access for all (level surfacing and removal of physical barriers). Influence others (neighbouring) in adjoining parishes. E.g. Maiden Greve Baulk with Braygate Lane. Make Spring Cottage footpath a bridleway to the parish boundary to link with the bridleway in Langton Parish. There are many examples of other paths that need improvement.

#### EVIDENCE:

Safety, amenity, convenience, fitness, preservation of what is there.

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#### KEY ISSUE:

Footpaths.

#### DETAILS:

Opening up, reinstatement, of little used footpaths, especially to serve new residential developments. E.g. Former disused railway tracks, Broughton Manor Estate, Showfield Development, Broughton Road.

#### EVIDENCE:

Safety, amenity, convenience, fitness, preservation of what is there, reinstatement, reinvigoration.

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#### KEY ISSUE:

Footpaths.

#### DETAILS:

Provide new footpaths as residential estates are developed. E.g. Beverley Road. Woodland at Norton Grove Industrial Estate, provide new link to Centenary Way, from the dual footpaths which bound the Bacon Factory Car Park. Former railway track bed running between Broughton and Broughton Manor / Showfield Development.

#### EVIDENCE:

Safety, amenity, convenience, fitness.

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**KEY ISSUE:**

Cycleways and Footpaths.

**DETAILS:**

New cycle and foot bridge. E.g. New cycleway and footpath to new bridge between bowling club and orchard fields using existing piers of old railway bridge. This would be welcomed and appreciated by everyone. This provides a safe and pleasant crossing for people linking the two towns and away from the busy crossing point near County Bridge. The cost and repair implications are excessive, and if this is not viable a second option would be to reinstate the level crossing bridge.

**EVIDENCE:**

Safety, amenity, convenience, fitness, re-use of historic railway piers, amazing new centrepiece for the two towns.

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**NB:**

In all of the above, proactive ongoing maintenance is important, including the provision of security items such as street lighting, and embellishments such as street furniture, signage and interpretation boards by third parties.

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**KEY ISSUE:**

Open Spaces.

**DETAILS:**

Riverside Corridor, address landscaping and vegetation. Make the river an amenity, improve the access to the waterside for lighter forms of navigation / pleasure craft, as canoeing is already established and encouraged. Improve social amenity with extra seating and music or performance area.

**EVIDENCE:**

Amenity, landscape value, lifts vitality and spirit of the towns, creates a much needed, central, performance area.

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**KEY ISSUE:**

Open Spaces.

**DETAILS:**

County Bridge Island. Overgrown and messy. Create a specific habitat for a plant species or wildlife / animal species. E.g. thistles, bees, butterflies. Consider assisting river and water borne animals, shelters, duck houses and platforms.

**EVIDENCE:**

Amenity, aesthetics, visual impact, benefit green environment, benefit river habitat, high landscape value, create a point of interest and discussion.

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KEY ISSUE:

Open Spaces.

DETAILS:

Protection of all woodland fronting Norton Grove / Scarborough Road to provide a landscape buffer screening the industrial estate.

EVIDENCE:

Amenity, landscape value, protects green space / woodland.

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KEY ISSUE:

Open Spaces.

DETAILS:

Protection of Scotts Hill as wildlife / woodland area. Idyllic open space. Landowner has planted a wildflower garden on field at top of hill. Potential to link to the little known path skirting round the quarry.

EVIDENCE:

Amenity, high landscape value, protects green space / woodland, protects wildlife.

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KEY ISSUE:

Open Spaces.

DETAILS:

Orchard Fields protection of ancient monument but also enhancement. Replicate part of Roman timber fort and open it as a tourist attraction. We acknowledge that the Heritage group will be looking further into this. There is an opportunity to turn a good section of this into a wild flower bed.

EVIDENCE:

Local interest, preserving heritage.

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KEY ISSUE:

Open Spaces.

DETAILS:

Willow Woods / Lady Spring Wood, protection of woodland and wildlife area.

EVIDENCE:

Amenity, high landscape value, protects green space / woodland, protects wildlife, known for kingfishers.

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KEY ISSUE:

Open Spaces.

DETAILS:

Senior / Secondary Schools in Malton and Norton, give public access to all or part of school fields for fitness / running in non-school hours. Sensitivity as to school security but both Schools have Sports Centres next to them so they could potentially manage the operation.

EVIDENCE:

Amenity, safety, fitness, maximising use.

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KEY ISSUE:

Open Spaces.

DETAILS:

Control and influence open space on new development. A move away from a green blob of grass in the middle of a housing estate with a climbing frame. Thought given to the impact this space has on new estates, visually, usability, layout, topography, what would residents actually welcome. Consider naturalised play environment

EVIDENCE:

Amenity, aesthetics, visual impact, usability, layout, community involvement and feedback.

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KEY ISSUE:

Open Spaces.

DETAILS:

Potential brownfield development site, Woolgrowers & Malton Fertilisers, Park Road. Allocate as and create a wildflower / meadow of the undevelopable part of the site (1/3 flood plain and some contamination from Malton Fertilisers historic land use). Attract bees and butterflies. Photogenic views over Malton, high landscape value.

EVIDENCE:

Amenity, aesthetics, visual impact, benefit green environment, high landscape value.

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KEY ISSUE:

Open Spaces.

DETAILS:

Castle Gardens. Designate part a wildlife area. Specific planting to attract bees and butterflies. Bird Boxes.

EVIDENCE:

Amenity, aesthetics, visual impact, benefit green environment, create a point of interest and discussion.

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KEY ISSUE:

Open Spaces.

DETAILS:

Flood plains e.g. Norton Ings, land to the south of The Gannock, land to the west of Derwent Surgery and land to the east of Norton but north of the railway line. Provide public access and specific planting to attract flora and fauna.

EVIDENCE:

Amenity, aesthetics, visual impact, benefit green environment.

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KEY ISSUE:

Air Quality Management.

STATEMENTS:

Malton has one of the poorest air quality ratings in Yorkshire due to the backlog of traffic at Butcher Corner. Mitigating actions were linked to the Brambling Fields development but to date have not been implemented. These included a 7.5 ton weight restriction on the railway crossing which is currently under consideration. Addressing the air quality situation is serious and no further development should take place in the towns until this matter is substantially resolved.

Whilst aspirational, consideration should be given to a Park and Ride in the vicinity of Eden Camp, to make the town a welcoming tourist town and help reduce traffic pollution.

Malton often suffers from an unpleasant, and occasionally putrid, aroma which appears to be linked to the antiquated and inadequate sewer system. This matter needs further consideration.

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KEY ISSUE:

Wentworth Street Car Park.

STATEMENT:

Since planning for a supermarket has been turned down on appeal this car park has become a planning blight. It is not welcoming, under used and the periphery is scruffy i.e. around the old scout hut / canteen. If it is to remain as a car park it needs to be made welcoming and improve the signage as to its location as the car park itself is hidden away.

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KEY ISSUE:

Green Streets.

STATEMENT:

To improve the colourless street scene by encouraging shop owners to have window boxes, this helps make both towns look cared for. Consider planting spire shaped trees (non-intrusive branches) along streets to improve the visual impact, kerb appeal and also help absorb pollution.