



THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR MALTON AND NORTON 2019-2027

INFORMAL POLICY OPTIONS AND SITES CONSULTATION

Background

Malton and Norton Town Councils first started to work on a Neighbourhood Plan for Malton and Norton in 2011. Welcome to this newsletter update on our progress.

A great deal of work has been undertaken on the Neighbourhood Plan, especially during the last two years and this is now approaching the Pre-Submission Draft stage (i.e. a full draft Neighbourhood Plan which is scheduled for public consultation by mid-2019); but in order to finalise the draft plan, the town councils are asking for informal input on a number of outstanding policy option issues and intended site designations.

The policy options cover three key topics as follows:

- The proposed housing mix for the towns;
- Wentworth Street Car Park; and
- The pedestrianisation of Malton Market Place.

In addition, the intentions regarding some 20 sites across the two towns are now the subject of an **informal consultation process running from Friday 25th January.**

We'd like to hear your views about the policy options and the sites before they are finalised. Full details can be found below, and we would encourage you to **complete the questionnaire by Friday 15th February.**

The responses you give in the questionnaire will be carefully assessed to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan best fits the views that have been expressed. Following this, the Pre-Submission Plan will be finalised and it will then be subject to a statutory six week consultation period.

After the inclusion of amendments as a result of this consultation, the final Submission Plan will go to Ryedale District Council which will then arrange for it to be independently 'examined'. If the examiner finds that the Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared correctly and in accordance with legal tests, then it will be put to a referendum of all registered Malton and Norton voters. This referendum will allow the whole community to decide whether the Neighbourhood Plan should be 'made' (i.e. adopted) at which point it will become a material planning consideration in the determination of future planning applications.

This is something that affects everyone in Malton and Norton. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group especially wants to thank you in advance for the time and effort that we hope you'll be able to set aside to read this important update – and for the responses you make to the questionnaire.

The Policy Options Consultation

This update sets out the key issues and questions in relation to three of the key topics for the Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Plan. The town councils need your input in order to determine the Plan's policy approach.

Here, we've briefly set out the position as we see it regarding the **housing mix for the towns, Wentworth Street Car Park, and the pedestrianisation of Malton Market Place**. We've presented you with a number of options from which to choose in each case.

Please answer the three questions and then return your completed questionnaire to one of the designated drop-off points listed at the end of this newsheet, by the **deadline date of Friday 15th February**.

You can discuss the emerging Plan, including the three key topic areas raised, and ask questions of town councillors and members of the steering group at either of the two community drop-in events, the details for which can be found at the end of this newsletter.

In parallel with this 'Informal Policy Options Consultation', the town councils are also undertaking a targeted 'Informal Sites Consultation' with landowners and others with legal interests in land and buildings which the councils are minded to specifically designate for a variety of uses within the draft Neighbourhood Plan. The drop-ins will allow you to find out more about the land and or the buildings affected, what the councils have in mind – and importantly this is an opportunity for you to 'have your say' in how these issues are taken forward.

The Policy Option Topics

Housing Mix

The key objective of national housing policy is to see delivery of a substantial number of new homes in order to meet various housing needs. The Government also wants to deliver sustainable development, which means attempting to build mixed and inclusive communities. To achieve such objectives, the Government expects local planning authorities to plan for a mix of housing types to meet the needs of families, older people, people with disabilities, service families and those wishing to build their own homes. In addition, there is an expectation that the size, type and tenure will be planned in order to reflect local demand. National planning policy also expects local planning authorities to ensure development is integrated and does not have a detrimental impact.

With this in mind, the Neighbourhood Plan has an opportunity to influence the type of new development that takes place across Malton and Norton, even if it does not set out where new development will be located. At this stage we would therefore like to learn whether the community has any ideas as to what kind of new housing is needed in Malton and Norton in terms of the size, tenure and type.

H1: Malton Housing Mix

What kind of new homes do you think Malton needs (*please specify by circling*)

Type:	Bungalows	Detached	Semi-detached	Terraced
	Special Accommodation for the Elderly			
Tenure:	Owner Occupier	Shared Ownership	Rented	Private Rented
Size:	One Bed	Two Bed	Three Bed	Four Bed+

H2: Norton Housing Mix

What kind of new homes do you think Norton needs (*please specify by circling*)

Type:	Bungalows	Detached	Semi-detached	Terraced
	Special Accommodation for the Elderly			
Tenure:	Owner Occupier	Shared Ownership	Rented	Private Rented
Size:	One Bed	Two Bed	Three Bed	Four Bed+

Wentworth Street Car Park

The future of Wentworth Street Car Park has been debated for a number of years and a number of proposals put forward. Questions however remain regarding the site's future and local opinion is divided.

The town councils would like to hear the community's and stakeholder's thoughts on how the site might be developed in the future.

M1: Wentworth Street Car Park

Of the following potential uses, select your preferred use for the site.

Please number in the order of your preference starting with one as your most preferred option.

- Remain the same as a car park with improvements
- Hotel and car park
- Residential

Care Home

Retail

Leisure centre

Business park

Mixed use development (*please specify*).....

Other (*please specify*).....

Pedestrianisation of Malton Market Place

There are concerns that car parking in Malton Market Place detracts from the attractiveness of the town centre and that the space would be better put to alternative leisure or recreational uses.

The town councils would like to understand the community’s and stakeholder’s views on whether the market place should be pedestrianised in order to accommodate such alternative uses.

M2: Pedestrianisation of Malton Market Place

Which of the following options would you prefer?

Please number in the order of your preference starting with one as preferred option.

Malton Market Place should remain as is

The market place should be pedestrianised permanently

The market place should be pedestrianised at certain times of the day, week or year

Space should be allocated in the market place to allow for social and leisure activities with fixed facilities installed to provide for the erection of marquees on an occasional basis

The number of blue badges spaces should be increased

Other (*please specify*).....

Designated Drop-off Points:-

Norton on Derwent Town Council, The Old Courthouse, 84b Commercial Street, Norton, YO17 9ES

Malton Town Council, Community House, Wentworth Street, Malton, YO17 7BN

Community Drop-Ins:-

Wednesday 6th February at Malton Town Council Chambers (10am-7pm)

Thursday 7th February at Norton on Derwent Town Council Chambers (10am-7pm)

Remember the consultation runs from Friday 25th January to Friday 15th February.