



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR MALTON AND NORTON

PRE-SUBMISSION PLAN FOR CONSULTATION

PLAN SUMMARY FEBRUARY 2021



Introduction

Welcome to this summary of our Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan for Malton and Norton. Here we set out our vision for the future of our two towns, our objectives for this plan and a summary of the plan's policies. The policies are specifically designed to answer the community's key concerns and to achieve the plan's objectives.

To view the full Neighbourhood Plan, supporting documents, and an online response form for your comments, please go to www.nortononderwent.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ and www.malton-tc.gov.uk/malton-norton-neighbourhood-plan/. A hard copy response form is available on request, although we strongly encourage you to use the online form as this makes it easier for us to process your responses.

During the February-March consultation period, you can discuss the plan and ask questions at a series of online drop-ins, and it will also be available to view at public locations around the town. Online drop ins will be Tuesday 2nd March at 2pm, Saturday 6th March at 10am and Tuesday 15th March at 6pm.

You can view a hard copy of the plan at the following locations:

- Malton Town Council, The Wesley Centre, Saville Street, Malton, YO17 7LL
- Norton on Derwent Town Council, 84b Commercial Street, Norton, YO17 9ES
- Malton Library, St Michaels Street, Malton
- Norton Library (The Hive), Commercial Street, Norton.

The consultation will run from Friday 12th February to Friday 26th March.

Vision Statement

Malton and Norton boast a rich heritage and culture, from their historical origins and archaeological and architectural legacy to their surviving traditional horse racing and food-based industries. These are the bedrocks on which our future vision for the towns are based.

As such, by the end of the plan period in 2027, our three conservation areas will be better understood, their assets better protected as a result, and their appearance and character enhanced by new development and other improvements in keeping with their key elements and features. This enlightened approach to development and design will also be reflected in the wider Neighbourhood Area.

The local food and horse-racing industries which are so much a part of the towns and their hinterland will be confirmed in their status and have developed further within a climate of promotion and encouragement.

The tourism which is vital to our towns will have continued to grow powered by the twin engines of heritage and culture.

The River Derwent, separating the two towns and running through the heart of the area is the other jewel in our crown but also the potential thorn in our sides! It is rich ecologically, and acknowledged as such by a European wildlife designation, while providing an important leisure resource for all. Conversely, it carries an ever present flood risk, acts as a barrier to movement between the towns and through the very thing that makes it so special (its wildlife) poses challenges to more productive and positive use. The town councils' vision is of a Derwent that floods less (or not at all), remains ecologically rich but which yields up its potential for sympathetic riverside enhancements and the positive use of under-utilised riverside land. The hope too is that new river crossings will have been created, allowing for much improved road, cycling and pedestrian links between Malton and Norton and, through them and other highway improvements, the alleviation of traffic congestion and air pollution in our town centres.

At root, we want the people in our towns to be able to freely enjoy an abundance of simple pleasures in a well-supported and fully serviced community. We aspire to culturally rich and vibrant leisure opportunities, including improvement of existing services and the development of new facilities and wellness activities.

We look forward to enjoying two towns which have enjoyed appropriate housing and employment growth and opportunity, within the context of an even higher quality environment, consistent with their status as Ryedale's principal towns.

Objectives

- To protect and improve the local environment and particularly the ecological quality of the river corridor.
- To cut congestion and improve air quality.
- To improve connectivity between Malton and Norton.
- To improve access to the river for the community.
- To build upon local distinctiveness in order to enhance the visual quality and appearance of the towns.
- To protect heritage assets.
- To encourage regeneration and redevelopment of vacant plots.
- To capitalise on the history and culture of Malton and Norton to develop the tourism industry.
- To build upon the economic strengths of the towns and address deficiencies in the economy.
- To protect and improve community services and facilities.
- To encourage housing provision that meets local needs.

TRANSPORT AND MOVEMENT

YOU TOLD US:-

- You want cycle lanes and cycle parking
- You want a new footbridge across the River Derwent
- You think developers should be asked to contribute financially to these key infrastructure improvements
- You support strategic highway improvements to A64 junctions and to connect Scarborough Road and Beverley Road
- You support the banning of HGVs at the County Bridge Level Crossing because of traffic management issues there
- You want a new road across the River Derwent
- You have general and specific concerns about traffic management and traffic calming across the 2 towns

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN'S POLICIES:-

- Expect new development to safeguard, enhance and extend pedestrian, cycling and bridleway provision in Malton and Norton, including improvements at 7 specified locations (TM1)
- Resist development at 3 specified locations which would prevent new pedestrian and cycle crossings of the River Derwent and York/Scarborough Railway Line (TM2)
- Resist development at 2 specified locations which would prevent new vehicular river/road crossings, in order to relieve pressure on the County Bridge Level Crossing (TM3)
- Resist development at 5 specified locations which would prevent highway improvements, including to A64 junctions, to relieve traffic congestion in Malton and Norton, while also expecting new transport infrastructure to be provided in support of new development and/or to rectify existing deficiencies, where necessary (TM4)
- Support highway management improvements at the County Bridge Level Crossing (TM5)
- Support provision of a Traffic Management Plan by developers as part of any planning application for major development (TM6)

THE RIVER CORRIDOR

YOU TOLD US:-

- You support recreational and leisure use of the riverside corridor
- You support protection and management of the river for wildlife
- You support the development of sites prone to flooding



THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN'S POLICIES:-

- Support recreational enhancement works, improved access along the river frontage and provision of café/refreshment facilities, subject to fully satisfying conservation, flood risk and landscape requirements (RC1)
- Support regeneration of the land north and south of County Bridge, subject to fully satisfying conservation, flood risk and other specified requirements (RC2)

THE ENVIRONMENT

YOU TOLD US:-

- Which sites you wanted to protect as Local Green Space
- New children's play areas, open space parks were needed
- You think developers should be asked to contribute financially to these new facilities
- Thought should be given to linking up isolated green sites via green corridors, to provide connectivity for wildlife and people

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN'S POLICIES:-

- Identify 7 sites as Local Green Space, which in effect gives them Green Belt status and protection (E1)
- Support enhancement of Local Green Space sites and other protected green space (E2)
- Support the provision of new equipped children's play areas and public open space as part of any new residential development (E3)
- Protect the two towns' local green links and corridors, such as the river corridor, disused railway and Mill Beck corridor, so they are not severed or harmed, while encouraging enhancement and extension (E4)
- Protect 'gateway location' views on the main highway routes into/out of Malton and Norton (E5)
- Protect air quality in the Malton Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) (E6)



COMMUNITY FACILITIES

YOU TOLD US:-

- Money should be spent on additional and new health facilities
- Money should be spent on new sports facilities, including a swimming pool were need
- Money should be spent on new community centre facilities, including libraries
- New development should contribute to this expenditure

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN'S POLICIES:-

- Support development to upgrade provision at Norton Swimming Pool, including additional off-road parking (CF1)
- Support development to upgrade provision at Malton Community Sports Centre (CF2)
- Support development of a new doctors' surgery or medical centre (CF3)

TOURISM & CULTURE

YOU TOLD US:-

- You would like to see the two towns' many historic artefacts more prominently displayed
- More should be done to promote the towns as tourist/visitor destinations
- Developer contributions should be brought to bear on 'the arts' in order to improve provision
- You support the development of a 'Roman Museum' at Orchard Fields
- You support limited hotel development on the 'upper deck' of Wentworth Street Car Park

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN'S POLICIES:-

- Support the development of new museums and visitor facilities (TC1)
- Support the sympathetic development of new visitor facilities at Orchard Fields, subject to full protection of the site's archaeological importance (TC2)
- Support new hotel provision either along the A64 or at a central location (TC3)
- Support a new hotel with public car parking capacity on the 'upper deck' of Wentworth Street Car Park (TC4)

THE HORSE RACING INDUSTRY

YOU TOLD US:-

- You support the idea of a racing museum

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN'S POLICIES:-

- Safeguard existing horse racing stables (HRI1)
- Identify and protect identified 'horse racing zones', covering stables, gallops and horse walking routes around stables, against adverse development (HRI2)
- Support improved pedestrian, cycleway and bridleway accessibility in the vicinity of horse racing stables (HRI3)
- Support the development of a horse racing museum (HR14)



HERITAGE & DESIGN

YOU TOLD US:-

- The towns' conservation areas require full and up-to-date assessment as the basis of detailed policy approaches
- You support town centre refurbishment and that developers should contribute to this financially

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN'S POLICIES:-

- Guide design and development within the towns' 3 conservation areas so they reflect and take account of the areas' special historic and architectural features (HD1)
- Guide design and development outside the conservation areas so they respect local distinctiveness and reflect good design principles (HD2)
- Guide design and development in relation to shop fronts in order to uplift the appearance of town centres/retail areas and present an attractive face to visitors and the local community alike (HD3)
- Support conservation area enhancements, and public realm improvements throughout the Neighbourhood Area (HD4-HD10)
- Ensure that the two towns' archaeological remains are taken full and appropriate account of in any new development (HD11)

HOUSING

YOU TOLD US:-

- Bungalows are the most needed type of new home
- You support specialist accommodation for the elderly
- You support semi-detached housing
- Owner-occupation is the most needed tenure type
- You support non-private rented accommodation provision
- 2-bedroom properties are the most needed size for new homes
- You also support 3-bedroom property provision

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN'S POLICIES:-

- Support a housing mix reflective of what you told us on larger housing sites (0.4ha or more) and site providing 10 or more dwellings (H1)



EMPLOYMENT

YOU TOLD US:-

- You support the promotion of growth in strong local sectors such as retail, horse racing, tourism and local food production
- You want more specialist shops and national chains, plus discount stores and restaurants
- Retention of the towns' identities is key

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN'S POLICIES:-

- Support development proposals for employment generating uses in the food industry, tourism, horse racing and retail (EM1)

MALTON-SPECIFIC POLICIES

YOU TOLD US:-

- You want to see Wentworth Street Car Park retained in car parking use, plus both environmental and operational improvements
- You want to see car parking at Malton Market Place retained, plus both environmental and operational improvements

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN'S POLICIES:-

- Protects car parking capacity at Wentworth Street Car Park and supports environmental and operational improvements (M1)
- Protects car parking capacity at Malton Market Place and supports environmental and operational improvements (M2)

NORTON-SPECIFIC POLICIES

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN'S POLICIES:-

- Support regeneration of Land to the Rear of Commercial Street, specifically for public car parking with rear service access to commercial properties. Residential and other uses vulnerable to flooding are not supported (N1)