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**Sent by Email:** [allansmortimer@aol.com](mailto:allansmortimer@aol.com)

Dear Mr Mortimer,

### **Regulation 14 consultation on Rudby Neighbourhood Plan Planning Document.**

Thank you for consulting North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) on Rudby Neighbourhood Plan Planning Document.

As an upper-tier authority NYCC's principal interest is in relation to strategic issues and infrastructure, including Schools and Highways. Officers from our service areas have reviewed the documentation and have the following comments to make.

#### **Strategic Policy and Economic Growth**

The council supports and welcomes the preparation of the neighbourhood plan and considers this as one way that communities in North Yorkshire can have greater collective control of their own well-being, as promoted by the Council's Stronger Community Programme. For more information please visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/stronger-communities>.

The County Council has a number of Plans and Strategies that are relevant to the preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The North Yorkshire County Council's [Council Plan](#) sets out a shared vision for the area *"We want North Yorkshire to be a thriving county which adapts to a changing world and remains a special place for everyone to live, work and visit."*

Furthermore the Plan sets out the Council's key ambitions up to 2024. These are: Leading for North Yorkshire;

- Every child and young person has the best possible start in life;
- Every adult has a longer, healthier and independent life;

- North Yorkshire is a place with a strong economy and a commitment to sustainable growth, and an
- Innovative and forward thinking Council

The County Council has developed [a plan to deliver economic growth](#). The three main aims seek to achieve:

- Larger business base and increased number of jobs
- Equal access to economic opportunity
- Increase the median average wage

A number of key enablers have been identified, including:

- Creating high quality places and increased housing provision and green infrastructure
- Delivering a modern integrated transport network
- Enhancing the environment and developing tourism & the green economy
- Delivering a modern communication network

Whilst the Neighbourhood Development Plan provides communities with a greater say in the development of their areas, they also provide a vital role in contributing to the shared vision and ambitions of the County Council.

Areas with an adopted neighbourhood plan receive 25% of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions generated within their areas. In times of increasing pressure on the County Council's own budgets, the use of CIL received by the Parish to deliver identified improvements and projects would be supported.

It would therefore be helpful for the plan to set out how the Parish council proposes to use the Developer Contributions received to support the objectives of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Page iii included reference to North Yorkshire County Council and the Education Authority, Local Highways Authority and Lead Flood Authority. This is welcomed and supported. However, it should be acknowledged that NYCC have a statutory Planning Function in their capacity as County Planning Authority, with responsibility for Minerals and Waste planning matters as well for the County's own development.

### Archaeology

The plan has a strongly worded policy regarding safeguarding and enhancing heritage assets (Policy RNP2) which I support.

The plan includes a list of non-designated heritage assets. The County Council notes the inclusion of two World War II pillboxes on this list. The Principal Archaeologist has checked the details on our Historic Environment Record and notes that these are actually Listed Grade II buildings as of 22/04/2020 so should be transferred to Table H.1 :-

Pair of Second World War Pillboxes, Stokesley Road, Rudby - 1469588 | Historic England

It is presumed that these pillboxes were designated within the plan-making period, therefore a simple update is required.

The Parish may also wish to consider including the earthwork remains of contracted medieval settlement and ridge and furrow to the west of Rudby. These have previously been partly excavated in the 1970s and 1990s with interesting results and form a community resource which could be explored in the future.

#### Planning Services

No comments to make regarding Rudby Neighbourhood Plan.

#### Passenger Transport

Page 48 & Appendix B– the Parish has a Monday to Saturday service with three return journeys per day to Stokesley/Northallerton. These journeys are not commercial and are supported by NYCC.

Whilst the proposed neighbourhood plan seems very negative about the level of public transport, the Parish does nevertheless have a six-day a week service.

#### Children and Young People's Services

The Plan states, "...the school could probably accommodate demand arising from modest levels of development through displacement of out of catchment pupils". Although this is an accurate reflection it could be enhanced but including the following "Based on the current forecast, the school can accommodate the additional children forecast to be generated from planned housing."

#### Local Highways Authority

North Yorkshire County Council is the Local Highway Authority. All policies in the plan appear to be in line with national guidance and also NYCC's own objectives and policy.

161 bullet point 2 – non residential development should make provision for vehicles in line with NYCC parking standards.

#### Lead Local Flood Authority

All development and policies in the local plan should support the NY flood risk strategy.

Closing comments

I trust you will find these comments helpful. Should you wish to discuss any matter raised in the response please contact me in the first instance. The County Council welcomes the opportunity to provide comments on the final stages of the plan as it progresses.

As a statutory consultee we are aware that consultation responses will be made publically available and I confirm that NYCC have no objection to this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MSaunders', written in a cursive style.

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