

Date: 24 November 2009

Report: YORKSHIRE DALES DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME third review 2009 - 2012

Purpose of the report

1. To agree a revised Local Development Scheme for the preparation of the Yorkshire Dales Development Framework.

Strategic Planning Framework

- ***Corporate Plan - objective 15***

'Work with our partners to provide a clear, up-to-date framework for the management of the National Park, including local development framework documents that properly reflect National Park purposes and provide a clear and consistent framework for planning decisions'

Background

2. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Its purpose is to inform the public and Government Office about the Authority's intended progress with the Yorkshire Dales Development Framework (YDDF) and to act as a project management tool. The Authority is required to keep it up to date and to review it periodically by revising its timetable and by adding or removing elements as tasks are completed, progressed or deleted.

3. The Authority's LDS sets out the content of the YDDF. This consists of a variety of documents including the (saved) Local Plan, proposed Housing Development Plan, future Core Strategy, revised design guide and adopted Statement of Community Involvement. It also sets out the resources available to progress this work and the timetable for doing it.

The revised LDS 2009

4. The first version of the Yorkshire Dales LDS was agreed by the Authority in March 2005. The last version was adopted by the Authority in 2007. This will be the third review. The main changes are:

- The proposed Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document has now been dropped. This is because of the lack of strategic options emerging out of public consultation and because the Government now advise that a Minerals and Waste Development Plan should not be progressed in advance of a Core Strategy. This Authority is unlikely to begin consultation on issues and options for its Core Strategy before 2012.
- The statutory procedure for preparing Local Development Frameworks has changed. There is now no 'preferred options' stage and instead consultation is expected to be a continuous process up until submission to the Planning Inspectorate. A new 'publication stage' has also been added as part of the submission process.
- Slippage in the timetable caused by slower than anticipated progress with the housing land viability testing and the call for housing sites.

5. The main consequence of these delays is to push public consultation on the draft Housing Development Plan back into the new year. Slippage in the LDS timetable has not however affected the Authority's decision making because the Local Plan remains in general conformity with national and regional policy and the Sustainable Community Strategies.

RECOMMENDATION

6. That Members approve the LDS third review as the Authority's revised programme for the production of the YDDF.

7. That the LDS is published on the Authority's website and submitted to Government Office for its information.

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5th November 2009

Background documents:

Local Development scheme 2005

Local Development scheme 2006

Local Development scheme 2007