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Dear Mr Fellows,

Consultation on the North York Moors National Park Authority Local Plan Pre-Submission Draft Document

Thank you for consulting North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) on the above document. We welcome the opportunity to engage with the National Park Authority and consider this part of the Duty to Co-operate on strategic matters.

As well as providing the opportunity to comment at all formal stages of consultation on the Local Plan, North Yorkshire County Council has worked jointly with the City of York Council, and the North York Moors National Park Authority, on the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan to address cross boundary strategic issues relating to these matters.

Officers from across our service areas have reviewed the consultation documentation and have the following comments to make on the document.

Strategic Policy and Economic Growth

The North Yorkshire County Council set out in the [Council Plan 2019-2023](#) the key ambition that 'North Yorkshire is a place with a strong economy and a commitment to sustainable growth that enables our citizens to fulfil their ambitions and aspirations.'

Priorities for the Council include:

- Creating high quality places and increased housing provision – in partnership with District Councils, National Parks, Local Enterprise Partnership and Local Nature Partnership – by supporting the delivery and development of housing and employment sites, and the regeneration of town centres;

- Enhancing the environment and developing tourism and the green economy – by promoting and improving the county’s environmental, ecological and heritage assets to deliver a high quality natural and built environment, and by supporting low carbon energy generation and the development of economically, socially and environmentally sustainable local communities.

We welcome progress made on the Local Plan. The North York Moors National Park is a key asset for North Yorkshire not only for quality of the environment and natural capital contributing to the well-being of local communities but also for the contribution it makes to the local economy including through tourism, recreation and leisure.

Ensuring that there is the appropriate provision of housing within the villages will help reduce further population decline and help contribute to the sustainability of local communities. The identification of a settlement hierarchy within the Plan is beneficial in planning for the infrastructure and service needs of the Park’s communities. This is particularly important when there are limited resources available that need to be prioritised.

This response has been endorsed by the Business and Environmental Services Executive portfolio holders.

Yours sincerely,

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