



North York Moors Local Plan

Duty to Co-operate - Statement of Common Ground.

BETWEEN: a) North York Moors National Park Authority
b) Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

Date: March 2019.

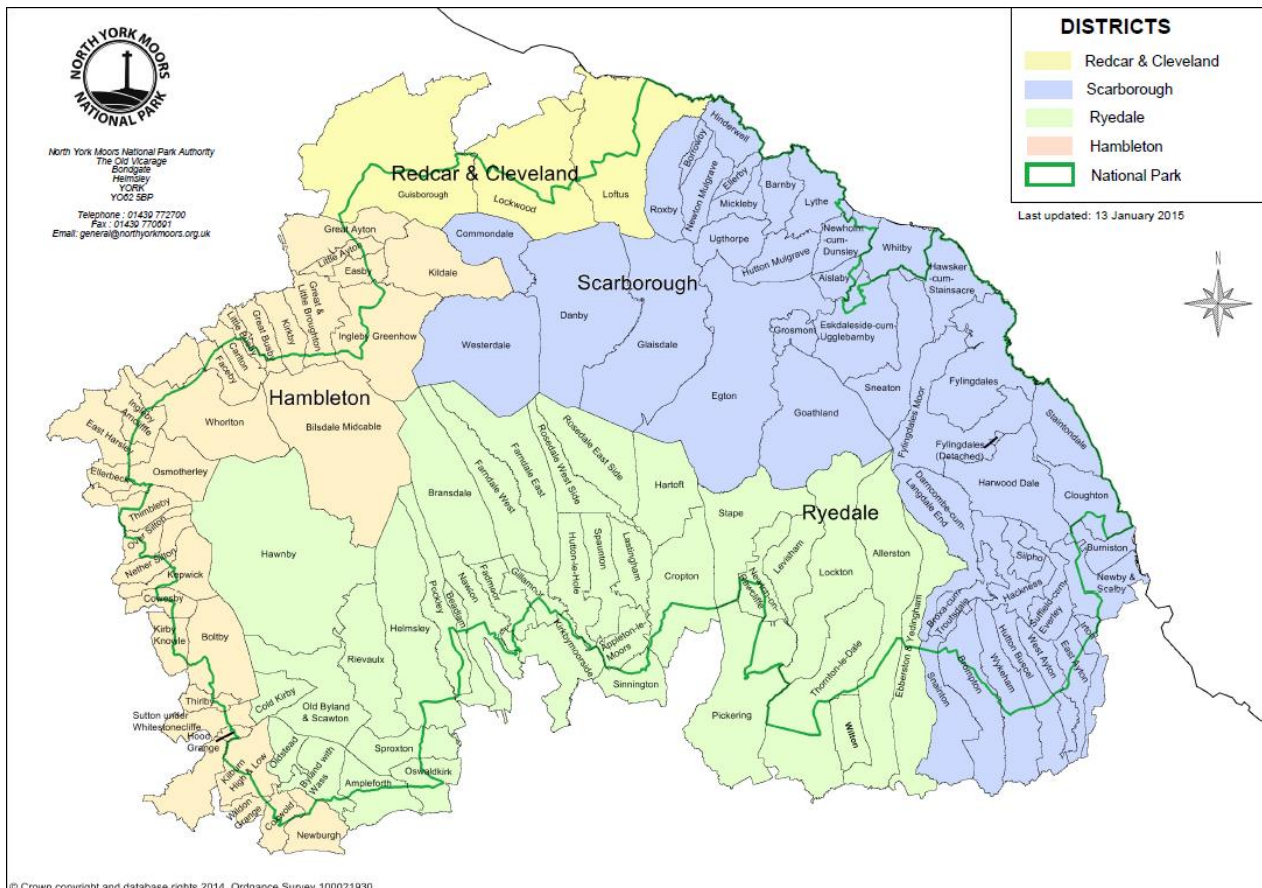
1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SCG) is a jointly agreed statement between the North York Moors National Park Authority (NYMNP) and Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC). It sets out the position and understanding with respect to key relevant duty to cooperate matters, and any agreed actions to resolve outstanding matters. It is not binding on any party, but sets out a clear and positive direction to inform ongoing strategy and plan-making.
- 1.2 The approach set out in this Statement of Common Ground is in accordance with the requirements within the Government's Planning Practice Guidance, dated 13 September 2018.
- 1.3 SCGs have been prepared with neighbouring local planning authority areas to demonstrate that plans will be in place to meet the objectively assessed need for housing and other uses, in line with paragraph 11b of the 2018 National Planning Policy Framework. As no other strategic issues requiring further cross boundary working have been identified no other SCGs with other parties have been prepared.

2. Geographic Context

- 2.1 The North York Moors National Park Authority acts as local planning authority for land within the National Park Boundary. The National Park overlies parts of three constituent district and borough Council boundaries and part of one Unitary Authority:
 - Hambleton District Council (HDC).
 - Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC) – Unitary Authority
 - Ryedale District Council (RDC)
 - Scarborough Borough Council (SBC)

- 2.2 Each of these authorities act as local authorities for their parts of the National Park excluding the planning function –for example housing strategy, economic development and waste collection.
- 2.3 Around 76% of the National Park area also falls within the North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) area, the remainder being within the RCBC area. NYCC, along with RCBC provide services such as transport and education for Park’s residents.
- 2.4 The National Park Authority is served by the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership (YNYER LEP) and Tees Valley LEP.
- 2.5 The map below shows the administrative areas underlying the National Park and the wider strategic context:



Map 1 – The North York Moors National Park area and its constituent district/borough areas

3. Governance

- 3.1 The contents of this SoCG will be agreed and signed off by both parties at the Regulation 19 (of the Local Planning Regulations) stage - known as the ‘publication’ or ‘pre-submission’ stage. Signatories are the most senior Planning Officers at the authority. This SoCG will then be submitted to Government alongside the draft Local Plan.

4. Keeping the Statement Up to Date

- 4.1 It is intended that this SoCG will be reviewed and updated annually to reflect the most up-to-date and readily available information.

5. Matters on Which Parties Agree

5.1 Parties agree that there are no outstanding cross boundary strategic issues where agreement has not been reached under the Duty to Co-operate, including:

- Housing need. Parties agree that their respective plans will meet or exceed the objectively assessed level of housing need across their local planning authority areas. Details are available in the Duty to Co-operate Statement.
- Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Accommodation
- Employment, Retail and Other Commercial Development
- Transport and other infrastructure
- Green and Blue Infrastructure:

5.2 Minerals and Waste development policy for the part of the National Park in Redcar & Cleveland is contained in the adopted Minerals and Waste Core Strategy DPD and Minerals and Waste Policies and Sites DPD prepared by the five Tees Valley local authorities (Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, and Stockton-on-Tees). Policies were adopted in 2011 and operate until 2026.

6. Points of Difference

6.1 There are no cross boundary strategic issues where agreement has not been reached.

7. Signatures

7.1 We confirm that there is common ground between the two Authorities on adopted and draft planning policy and there are no areas of unresolved areas of difference between the Authorities.

SIGNED on behalf of Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

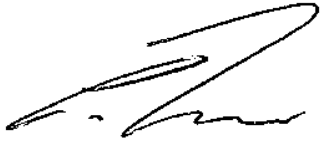


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