

Department	Whole Authority		Assessors	Planning Policy Team	
Name of the Policy to be assessed	Helmsley Plan Joint Development Plan Document between North York Moors National Park Authority and Ryedale District Council.	Date of Assessment	October 2013	Is this a new or a revised existing policy	New
1 Describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the policy.	<p>The Helmsley Plan will allocate land for new housing and employment land to allow for the future growth of the town. The Plan will form the basis for decisions made by Ryedale District Council and the North York Moors National Park where they relate to the area identified on the Proposals Map, which is the town and its immediate environs.</p> <p>The main objectives of the plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide sufficient land to provide a mix of housing which meets the future needs of the existing population, providing opportunities for managed growth of the town up to 2027 whilst safeguarding and enhancing the landscape of the National Park. • To support the existing economy by ensuring there is further land available for the expansion of local businesses and to provide a range of employment opportunities for local people. • To conserve and enhance the special qualities of the town so that it remains a popular destination for visitors and maintains the role of Helmsley as a market town serving a wide hinterland of rural communities including those within the National Park. • Retain the historic character of the town including the setting of the Duncombe Park Estate, Helmsley Castle and the North York Moors National Park. <p>The policies contained in the Helmsley Plan are in conformity with the strategic approach set out in the Ryedale Local Plan Strategy and the North York Moors</p>				

	National Park Authority Core Strategy and Development Policies Document.
<p>2 Are there any associated objectives of the policy? Please explain.</p>	<p>Policy SD1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development – this is a model policy required by the NPPF.</p> <p>Policy H1 New Residential Development – allocates sites to accommodate up to 208 new dwellings. Where 50 or more units are proposed at least 5% must be bungalows.</p> <p>Policy H2 Windfall Development – this sets out the policy approach for new development located within the Development Limit.</p> <p>Policy H3 Affordable Housing Provision – sets the affordable housing requirement.</p> <p>Policy H4 Employment Land – allocates up to 1.7ha of land for employment use.</p> <p>Policy H5 New Town Centre Uses – sets out the policy for new town centre uses including retail, leisure, commercial, office, cultural and community development.</p> <p>Policy H6 Protection of Retail Uses – seeks to protect retail uses on primary retail frontages.</p> <p>Policy H7 Loss of Community Facilities and Employment Uses – seeks to protect existing community and employment uses in the town.</p> <p>Policy H8 Important Open Views – sets out policy approach for protecting the existing important open views.</p> <p>Policy H9 Design – provides guidance on the design of development.</p> <p>Policy H10 Renewable Energy – refers to requirements in terms of meeting Code for Sustainable Homes and BREEAM standards.</p> <p>Policy H11 Green Infrastructure – seeks the provision of green infrastructure as part of new development.</p> <p>Policy H12 Developer Contributions – sets out how contributions will be sought from developers for necessary improvements to social, social, physical or utility infrastructure.</p> <p>Policy H13 Open Space Requirements – sets out the requirements for open space provision on sites.</p> <p>Policy H14 Telecommunications Installations – sets out the requirements for IT and telecommunications infrastructure.</p>

4 What outcomes are wanted from this policy?	The policy aims to create at least 150 new homes to meet local housing needs, particularly affordable needs. The policy will also allow land to be used for new employment uses, which will thereby create new job opportunities.		
5 What factors/forces could contribute/detract from the outcomes?	The Helmsley Plan allocates sufficient land to meet the minimum housing and employment land requirements established through the Ryedale Local Plan Strategy and to allow flexibility should one site not come forward. However there remains the possibility that the sites will not be delivered.		
6 Who are the main stakeholders in relation to the policy	The main stakeholders are local residents, businesses and developers. The Helmsley Plan has been through several stages of public consultation. At the very first stage of consultation all residents were notified individually. At the Draft Plan stage, 2 public consultation events were held where residents were invited to discuss the proposals with officers. Two members of Helmsley Town Council were also invited to take part on the Member Working Group alongside Members from both Authorities.	7 Who implements the policy and who is responsible for the policy?	The policy will be implemented by the Development Management Teams of both the North York Moors National Park and Ryedale District Council. The delivery of the plan will be monitored by the policy teams and the Annual Report.
8 Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to disability?	Y	N ✓	Policy H1 aims to ensure that the distribution of new homes meets the needs of local people. It is likely to have an even more beneficial effect if the Lifetime Homes standards, affordable housing to meet the needs of older and vulnerable groups, and bungalows are provided where more than 50 units are proposed. The provision of affordable housing in the town will help to sustain existing family support networks e.g. people caring for family members with disabilities. The policy also includes provision for an extra care facility promoted by NYCC, which will meet the requirements of local people with particular care needs. Policies H6 and H7 seek to protect existing retail, community and employment provision in the town, which reduce the need to travel to access

			services.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this? http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/media/11269/Housing-needs-analysis---accommodation-with-care-2010/pdf/Housing_Needs_Analysis_-_Accommodation_with_Care.pdf http://www.ryedale.gov.uk/pdf/2011_census_profiles_LA_and_higher_07.05.13.pdf			
9 Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on racial groups?	Y	N ✓	The policy is not considered to have a differential impact on racial groups as the policy will provide a mix of housing to meet both existing local needs and natural migration. The creation of new job opportunities will have a positive impact in terms of increasing job prospects for the local community.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this? The provision of an extra care facility in the town is supported through evidence collated on behalf of North Yorkshire County Council and will provide accommodation to local people who require additional care, whether this be people over the age of 55 or young people with particular care needs			
10. Are there concerns that the policy could have a differential impact due to gender?	Y	N ✓	The creation of new employment opportunities through the allocation of further employment land in the town will have a positive impact in terms of providing job opportunities to local people within the town itself, which may be accessed by
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
11 Are there concerns that the policy could have a differential impact on people due to their age, religious belief, sexual orientation or any other reason?	Y	N ✓	<p>In terms of impact on people due to their age the provision of affordable housing in the town will have a positive impact on local people whether they are old or young. The Plan also includes provision for an extra care facility promoted by NYCC, which will meet the requirements of local people with particular care needs. Policy H1 also requires that on sites of more than 50 dwellings 5% must be bungalows. The Plan seeks to ensure that all dwellings are built to lifetime homes standards so that they are flexible and adaptable in order to create better living environments for everyone from small children to coping with illness.</p> <p>Policies H6 and H7 seek to protect existing retail, community and employment provision in the town, which reduce the need to travel to access services.</p> <p>The policies in the plan are considered likely to have a differential impact on people due to their religious beliefs, sexual orientation or any other reason.</p>

<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p> <p>The results of the 2011 Census and population projections identify an increasingly aging population in both Helmsley and the wider Ryedale District. The provision of an extra care facility in the town is supported through evidence collated on behalf of North Yorkshire County Council and will provide accommodation to local people who require additional care, whether this be people over the age of 55 or young people with particular care needs.</p> <p>http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/media/11269/Housing-needs-analysis---accommodation-with-care-2010/pdf/Housing_Needs_Analysis_-_Accommodation_with_Care.pdf</p> <p>http://www.ryedale.gov.uk/pdf/2011_census_profiles_LA_and_higher_07.05.13.pdf</p>					
12	Could the differential impact identified in 8-11 amount to there being the potential for adverse impact on this policy?	YES	NO ✓	It is considered that the policies contained in the Helmsley Plan are highly unlikely to have an adverse differential impact on any under-represented groups. However some of the policies will have a positive impact on certain groups particularly the elderly and people with disabilities.	
13	Can this adverse impact be justified on the grounds of promoting equality of opportunity for one group? Or any other reason?	YES	NO N/A	Please explain for each equality heading (questions 8-11) on a separate piece of paper.	
14	Should the policy proceed to a partial impact assessment?	YES	NO ✓	15	If yes, is there enough evidence to warrant reviewing the new/revised policy?
				YES	NO ✓