

# **North York Moors Local Plan**

## **Our Approach to Plan-Making**

### **Sustainability Appraisal Addendum Report**

This document is an Addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal Report. Sustainability Appraisal aims to promote sustainable development through better integration of sustainability considerations in the preparation and adoption of plans.

This document sets out the work carried out to test the proposed 'main modifications' to the policies in the Submission Draft' version of the forthcoming North York Moors Local Plan 2016-35 against environmental, economic and social objectives. It explains how and why policies have been amended to make sure the new Local Plan helps deliver more sustainable forms of development.

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# 1. Introduction

## Why have we prepared this document?

- 1.1 This Addendum to the Sustainability Report (April 2019) has been prepared to inform and accompany the proposed Main and Minor Modifications to the Submission Local Plan and to report on the consultation responses to the Pre-Submission SA.
- 1.2 Précises of the consultation responses are included in **Appendix 1**. The responses received from the Environment Agency, Historic England or Natural England have not resulted any proposed Modifications being propose to the Plan and the Authority's response to any comments from the statutory consultees received are set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 1.3 This Addendum updates the SA of the Local Plan and assesses the likely environmental, social and economic effects of the draft Local Plan should the proposed Main Modifications be added. It should be read in conjunction with the Pre-submission Local Plan SA Report published in April 2019. It:
  - Screens the policies where a modification is proposed, and concludes whether or not the change could have a significant effect on the conclusions reached in the appraisal carried out at the Regulation 19 (Pre-Submission) stage
  - If this screening concludes that changes are potentially significant it reappraises those policies. A summary of the conclusion of these assessments are set out at paragraph 1.5. The full results are set out at Appendix 2.

## Screening of Main Modifications

- 1.4 A screening exercise has been undertaken of the Main and Minor Modifications to the Local Plan. **Table 1** sets out the main and minor modifications, the reason for the change and the results of the screening process. The modifications are screened in one of the following ways;
  - The modification will not lead to a change in the conclusions of the SA. In this case the following is recorded in the table;

No change to SA findings – the amended (supporting text) wording does not change the meaning of the policy.

- If the change is more significant and could potentially change the results of the SA the modifications are re-assessed and in this case the following wording is recorded in the table;

The modification could lead to a change to the conclusions of the SA and the results of the SA require re-assessment/reporting.

## Results of the Screening Process

- 1.5 **Table 1** below sets out the results of the screening process. The conclusions of the screening process are that there are some modifications which could cause a potential change to the results of the SA and therefore require re-assessment.

Table 1: Results of the Screening Process as a result of proposed Main and Minor Modifications (Proposed Modifications to Policy wording are shown in bold.)

MM Ref No.	Local Plan Policy/Para No.	Proposed Change	Reason for change	Implications for SA Findings reported previously
<b>Chapter 3; Strategic Approach</b>				
MM1	SPB Spatial Strategy, supporting text para 3.12, second sentence	The Local Plan allows for small scale development <del>in or adjacent to these areas</del> <u>in the main built up area of these villages</u> to meet housing, employment and community needs.	For clarification that development will be in the main built up area of settlements. The existing wording was drafted to include reference to the possibility of development of Rural Exception Sites for affordable housing but this has caused confusion about the possible locations for other types of development.	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM2	SPB Spatial Strategy, supporting text para 3.13, third sentence	The Local Plan allows for small scale development <del>in or adjacent to these areas</del> <u>in the main built up area of these villages</u> to meet housing, employment and community needs.	For clarification that development will be in the main built up area of settlements. The existing wording was drafted to include reference to the possibility of development of Rural Exception Sites for affordable housing but this has caused confusion about the possible locations for other types of development.	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM3	<b>SPD - Major Development, para 1 point 2</b>	<b>The impact of permitting it, or refusing it, upon the local economy <u>which includes that</u> of the National Park;</b>	<b>To accord with amended wording of the draft Minerals and Waste Joint Plan (D040 b) which reflects that the wider local economy will be not be dismissed in the consideration of major development proposals.</b>	<b>The modification could lead to a change to the conclusions of the SA and the results of the SA require re-assessment/reporting</b>
<b>Chapter 4; The Environment</b>				
MM4	Strategic Policy G - Landscape, supporting text at 4.10	A Landscape Character Assessment was carried out in 2013 and <u>is due to be updated in 2019 as the North York Moors Landscape Assessment</u> . Delete accompanying footnote.	To reflect fact that the LCA may not be produced in 2019, although the intention is that it will. Footnote deleted as title will be as described in the supporting text, hence not needed.	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM5	<b>ENV2 - Tranquillity, para 1, second sentence</b>	<b>Development proposals will only be permitted where <del>they conserve and/or enhance tranquillity</del> <u>there is no unacceptable impact on the tranquillity of the surrounding area</u>.</b>	<b>To address concern that policy wording could stifle development. ‘Development proposals will only be permitted where they conserve and/or enhance tranquillity’ is a very high bar and could preclude acceptable proposals particularly within settlements. The proposed</b>	<b>The modification could lead to a change to the conclusions of the SA and the results of the SA require re-assessment/reporting</b>

			modification aligns the wording with that used in policy ENV14, Important Undeveloped Spaces.	
MM6	ENV2 - Tranquillity, para 2, point 5	Presence of <del>historic</del> <u>heritage</u> assets.	To be consistent with NPPF terminology.	No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM7	SPI - The Historic Environment, para 1, first sentence	All developments affecting the historic environment should make a positive contribution to the cultural heritage and the local distinctiveness of the National Park through the conservation and, <u>where appropriate</u> , enhancement of <del>heritage assets</del> the <u>historic environment</u> .	To reflect the requirements and terminology of national policy guidance - not considered to represent a significant change in approach.	No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM8	SPI - The Historic Environment, para 1, second sentence	<del>New development must safeguard should conserve heritage assets and their setting and avoid cumulative erosion of the character of the area or the special interest of any heritage asset and/or its setting whether designated or non-designated, in a manner appropriate to their significance especially those assets which contribute most to the distinctive character of the area, including:</del>	To reflect the requirements and terminology of national policy guidance.	No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM9	SPI - The Historic Environment, para 3, first sentence.	Harm to an element which contributes to the significance of a designated heritage asset <u>will require clear and convincing justification</u> and will only be permitted where this is outweighed by the public benefits of the proposal.	To clarify the application of the policy.	No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM10	SPI - The Historic Environment, para 3, second sentence.	Substantial harm will only be permitted where it can be demonstrated that the proposal would bring substantial public benefits <u>that outweigh the harm or there are other exceptional circumstances</u> .	To reflect the advice in NPPF 195 that, in the case of substantial harm to a designated heritage asset, there may be other considerations as well as substantial public benefits which may justify a development proposal.	The modification could lead to a change to the conclusions of the SA and the results of the SA require re-assessment/reporting
MM11	SPI - The Historic Environment, para 4	...having regard to the scale of any harm or loss <del>on</del> <u>and</u> the significance of the asset and other material considerations.	To be consistent with NPPF terminology - correction of typographical error.	No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy

MM12	SPI - The Historic Environment, supporting text, para 4.71	Add text to end of paragraph: <u>'It should be noted that some non-designated archaeology remains could be of national importance. In such cases, proposals will be considered against the policies for designated heritage assets.'</u>	To explain the approach to non-designated archaeological remains of national importance.	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM13	SPI - The Historic Environment, supporting text, para 4.71	Enabling Development  New paragraph 4.89 - <u>Historic England has produced very thorough guidance on the sorts of situations in which it may, or may not, be appropriate to approve 'enabling development'. The Policy outlined by Historic England in its publication "Enabling Development and the Conservation of Significant Places" should be used to assess whether enabling development is justified. Early engagement with the Authority is recommended to help develop proposals.</u>	To set out the Authority's approach to the assessment of enabling development following deletion of Policy ENV12 and supporting text.	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM14	ENV9 - Historic Landscape Assets, para 1, first sentence	Development affecting historic landscape assets of the North York Moors will be required to conserve and, <u>where appropriate,</u> enhance its landscape quality...	To reflect NPPF guidance that conservation of a heritage asset should, where appropriate enhance its significance.	No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM15	ENV9 - Historic Landscape Assets, para 1, bullet points	Insert additional bullet points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The early enclosure landscapes of the 12th and late 16th Centuries and the Parliamentary enclosures of the late 18th and 19th Centuries; -</u></li> <li>• <u>The 18th Century water races of the southern Moors such as at the Duncombe Estate;</u></li> <li>• <u>The network of extant trenches, bombing decoys, anti-tank defences and radar installations from the First and Second World Wars;</u></li> <li>• <u>The remains of the structures associated with rabbit-farming along the southern edges of the North York Moors.</u></li> </ul>	To strengthen the policy.	The modification includes additional assets to be included in the policy and this could lead to a change to the conclusions of the SA and the results of the SA require re-assessment/reporting.
MM16	ENV9 - Historic	Minor modification to last paragraph of ENV9 to align wording with that of ENV11:	Modification to align wording of policies.	No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not

	Landscape Assets	<p><del>When Where a proposal affecting development will impact on</del> features which contribute to the historic landscape <u>is acceptable in principle</u>, the Authority will seek to preserve the features in situ. When in situ preservation is not justified <u>or the form and appreciation of a feature is compromised through the proposal</u>, the applicant will be required to <u>undertake an appropriate programme of archaeological</u> <del>make adequate provision for</del> recording <u>and analysis</u> in advance of the development, secured through <u>an approved</u> Written Scheme of Investigation.</p>		change the meaning of the policy
MM17	ENV9 - Historic Landscape Assets, para 4.79	<p>All development proposals should consider the impact on the many features which contribute to the historic landscape of the National Park as an integrated whole, as well as upon individual assets to ensure historic features and assets are not compromised or lost. Proposals which would have a direct and indirect impact on any physical feature or their legibility within the wider landscape setting will <del>not be permitted</del> <u>require clear and convincing justification</u>. <u>In situ preservation will always be the Authority's preferred approach to conserving assets of landscape value, but where it can be demonstrated that in-situ preservation is not justified; applicants should carry out appropriate recording in order to advance understanding of the significance of any heritage asset to be lost, in accordance with paragraph 199 of the NPPF. Further information on archaeological recording and WSI's can be found in the Glossary.</u></p>	To clarify the approach to in-situ preservation and recording in accordance with paragraph 199 of the NPPF and to align with the amended policy wording.	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM18	ENV10 - Archaeological Heritage, para 1	<p>Development that would result in harm to the significance of a Scheduled Monument or other nationally important archaeological site will not be permitted <u>unless it can be demonstrated that there are substantial public benefits that outweigh the harm, or there are other exceptional circumstances.</u></p>	To reflect the public benefits tests set out in the NPPF.	The modification applies a different test in relation to the consideration of development proposals affecting SAM or a site of national importance and this could lead to a change to the conclusions of the SA

MM19	ENV10 - Archaeological Heritage, para 2	When in situ preservation is not justified, the applicant will be required to make adequate provision for excavation and recording in advance of development, secured through an <u>approved</u> Written Scheme of Archaeological Investigation.	To make clear that the WSI needs to be approved by the Authority	No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM20	ENV11 - Historic Settlements and Built Heritage, last para.	When in situ preservation is not justified or the form and appreciation of a heritage asset is compromised through the proposal, the applicant will be required to undertake an appropriate programme of historic building recording (HBR) and analysis secured through an <u>approved</u> Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI).	To make clear that the WSI needs to be approved by the Authority	No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM21	ENV11 - Historic Settlements and Built Heritage	<u>In situ preservation will always be the Authority's preferred approach to conserving heritage assets. However where it can be demonstrated that in-situ preservation is not justified.</u> <del>Where there is acceptable harm to or loss of a heritage asset</del> the Authority will seek <u>appropriate recording in order to advance understanding of the significance of any asset to the lost (wholly or in part), in accordance with paragraph 199 of the NPPF to preserve the asset by record.</u> When this is the case, the Authority will require applicants to undertake an appropriate programme of historic building recording (HBR). <u>Further information on recording and WSI's can be found in the Glossary.</u>	To clarify the approach to in-situ preservation and recording in accordance with paragraph 199 of the NPPF.	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM22	ENV12 - Supporting the Conservation and Reuse of Designated Heritage Assets	Delete ENV12 and supporting text in full. (Supporting text added to SPI above in relation to how applications for Enabling development will be considered.)	Having revisited this policy in the light of looking at Ryedale's policy in their Local Plan Strategy, it is felt that the most appropriate action would be to delete this policy. The initial intention of the policy was to help support the reuse of buildings at risk through providing alternative uses which were the most appropriate for the building but which may not comply with other policies in this plan as a result of their often remote and secluded locations. However, any policy which would imply that additional new development (which	The policy has been deleted and this could lead to a change to the conclusions of the SA and the results of the SA require re-assessment/reporting.

			would normally be contrary to policies within this Plan) would be supported provide financial input to restoring the asset is not an approach officers would want to see in the context of National Park designation. Instead, officers recognise that in these limited circumstances where this type of 'enabling' development could be appropriate, applications should be considered on their merit and if needed, approved contrary to policy in order to pursue the NP's first purpose of conserving the built environment of the National Park. The instances where this may happen are likely to be very limited.	
<b>Chapter 5; Understanding and Enjoyment</b>				
MM23	SPJ - Sustainable Tourism and Recreational Development, final section (between 7) and a)	Second paragraph to read: <u>Tourism and Recreational Accommodation and facilities</u> development will be permitted where:	To clarify the policy - the end of the policy now contains clearer wording.	No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM24	SPJ - Sustainable Tourism and Recreational Development, Para 2	Add to the end of criterion b) 'existing building <u>or complies with Policy UE1.</u> '	To make sure there is no perceived conflict between this Policy and Policy UE1.	No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM25	SPJ - Sustainable Tourism and Recreational Development, supporting text, para 5.6	Delete final two sentences: <del>In the case of camping or caravan sites the expectation is that that amenity blocks should utilise existing buildings on the site. If there are no suitable buildings, new structures may be acceptable if it was to be of lightweight design and construction so that it can easily be removed from the site.</del>	To avoid confusion - deleted sentences to be included in supporting text to Policy UE1.	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM26	UE1 - Small Scale Tourism Accommodation, final para, first sentence	Proposals for new static caravans <u>sites</u> or the conversion of existing camping or caravanning sites to statics will not be permitted.	For clarity.	The modification could lead to a change to the conclusions of the SA and the results of the SA require re-assessment/reporting.

MM27	UE1 - Small Scale Tourism Accommodation, supporting text, para 5.12, first sentence.	The policy does not allow for the provision of new static caravans, except where existing sites are being remodelled <u>to bring about an environmental improvement</u> <del>or extended</del> .	For clarification. It is considered that an extension could be contrary to National Park purposes.	The modification could lead to a change to the conclusions of the SA and the results of the SA require re-assessment/reporting.
MM28	UE1 - Small Scale Tourism Accommodation, supporting text, para 5.12, final sentence.	This includes traditional metal or plastic skinned box caravans and 'park home' type developments <del>but excludes the forms of development described in the supporting text to Policy UE1.</del>	To remove an erroneous statement (which was in the Preferred Options version of the plan but should have been removed following merging of policies).	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM29	UE1 - Small Scale Tourism Accommodation, supporting text, para 5.14	Add text as penultimate sentence: <u>In the case of camping or caravan sites the expectation is that amenity blocks should utilise existing buildings on the site. If there are no suitable buildings, a new structure may be acceptable if it was to be of lightweight design and construction so that it can easily be removed from the site.</u>	To avoid confusion - deleted sentences from para 5.6.	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording does not change the meaning of the policy
<b>Chapter 6; Business and Land Management</b>				
MM30	BL1 - Employment and Training Development	Main modification - First line: Development of <u>new or existing</u> small scale employment and training development will be permitted:	To make clear that the policy includes both existing and new development	The modification could lead to a change to the conclusions of the SA and the results of the SA require re-assessment/reporting
MM31	BL1 - Employment and Training Development	Main modification to criterion A2 - Where it <del>involves the</del> <u>forms a small extension of expansion</u> an existing <u>building</u> <del>facility or business</del> ;	For clarity - to make sure that the policy criterion refers to buildings only (expansion could refer to a business more generally or to a building)	No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM32	BL1 - Employment and Training Development	Main modification to Part B to allow for extension in small villages and also reorganisation of order: <u>B2 Where it reuses existing permanent buildings;</u> <del>B23. Where the proposal relates to the it forms a small extension of expansion</del> an existing <u>building</u> <del>facility or business</del> ; <del>B3. Where it reuses existing permanent buildings;</del>	For clarity - to make sure that the policy criterion refers to buildings only (expansion could refer to a business more generally or to a building)	No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy

MM33	BL1 - Employment and Training Development	<p><b><u>Main modification to Part C:</u></b></p> <p><b>C Within Open Countryside <u>and is physically and functionally linked to an existing business:</u></b></p> <p><b>C1. Where it reuses existing permanent buildings in accordance with the requirements of Policy CO12, Conversion of Existing Buildings in Open Countryside; <del>and is physically and functionally linked to an existing business.</del></b></p> <p><b>C2. Where it forms a small extension of an existing building.</b></p>	To allow for small scale extensions in the open countryside, in line with Policy UE2.	The modification could lead to a change to the conclusions of the SA and the results of the SA require re-assessment/reporting.
MM34	BL1 - Employment and Training Development. New paragraph 6.11	<u>6.11 Proposals for development at Whitby Business Park will be assessed against policy in the Whitby Business Park Area Action Plan. Proposals for development at Woodsmith and Boulby mines will be assessed against policy in any the Joint Minerals and Waste Development Plan.</u>	To make clear that this policy would not be applied to the developments mentioned in the new paragraph.	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM35	BL6 - Tracks, para 1, point 4	Replace 'It can be demonstrated that there will not be an unacceptable <del>adverse</del> -impact on any known historic or archaeological features;' with 'It can be demonstrated that there will not be an unacceptable impact on any known historic or archaeological features;'	To align the approach with NPPF guidance and avoid the implication that a degree of harm to the heritage assets of the National Park would be acceptable.	No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM36	BL9 - Advertising and Signposting, supporting text, para 6.38, first sentence	A boards are a well-used form of business advertising <u>and the Authority recognises that they can contribute to business viability.</u> However, <u>although sensitive use of A boards may not be harmful,</u> they can be a major hazard to pedestrians, especially people with visual impairments or physical disabilities.....'	To add detail to the Authority's approach to A boards.	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording does not change the meaning of the policy
MM37	BL9 - Advertising and Signposting, supporting text, para 6.38, penultimate sentence	The Authority <del>will use its</del> <u>has</u> powers to control their use and remove them where they do not have consent.'	To recognise that expediency and resources are part of decision regarding whether or not to use enforcement powers	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording does not change the meaning of the policy

Chapter 7; Communities				
MM38	Ch 7 – Communities SPM – Housing para 7.44	Add the following text to para 7.44; 'An exception may be made to the size limit where a development is for <a href="#">a replacement dwelling or for</a> affordable housing and a specific requirement for a larger family unit has been identified in a local housing needs survey or where a particular dwelling is intended for wheelchair use.'	For clarification.	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording provides additional guidance and does not change the meaning of the policy.
MM39	<b>CO7 - Housing in Larger Villages</b>	<b>Insert the following word: 'Where a conversion will create six or more new dwellings....'</b>	<b>To align with wording of policy CO8 and clarify that where the conversion is of a residential building, the 6 dwelling threshold relates to the number of new (or additional) dwellings created.</b>	<b>No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy.</b>
MM40	CO7 - Housing in Larger Villages, and CO8 - Housing in Smaller Villages, supporting text, para 7.48, first sentence	Where conversion of an existing building would create six or more new dwellings, an appropriate affordable housing contribution will be <del>required and a</del> <a href="#">negotiated on a case by case basis</a> . Applicants should submit an independent financial viability assessment as part of their application.	To provide clarification that the level of affordable housing contribution expected on conversion schemes of six or more dwellings will be negotiated on a case by case basis.	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording provides additional guidance and does not change the meaning of the policy.
MM41	<b>CO10 - Housing in Open Countryside, point 3</b>	<b>Where a rural building is of architectural or historic <del>interest</del> <a href="#">importance</a>...</b>	<b>To align with wording of policy CO12.</b>	<b>No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy</b>
MM42	<b>CO14 - Replacement Dwellings, first sentence</b>	<b>The replacement of an existing dwelling outside the main built up area of <del>Helmsley or any of the Larger or Smaller Villages</del> <a href="#">the settlements</a> listed in the settlement hierarchy will only be permitted where:</b>	<b>To clarify the location to which the policy applies.</b>	<b>No change to SA findings – the amended wording does not change the meaning of the policy</b>
Chapter 8; Monitoring and Implementation				
MM43	Policy SPI - The Historic Environment: 1st, 2nd and 3rd indicators	Insert text as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of <a href="#">Scheduled Monuments</a> on the <a href="#">Historic England 'Heritage At Risk Register'</a></li> <li>'Number of <a href="#">Listed Buildings</a> on the Authority's 'At Risk' register (<a href="#">Grade II Listed</a></li> </ul>	In order to clarify which 'At Risk' registers are being referred to.	No change to SA findings – the amended text wording provides additional indicator guidance and does not change the monitoring framework.

		Buildings only) • Number of <u>Listed Buildings</u> on the Historic England 'Heritage At Risk Register' (Grade I & II* Listed Buildings)		
<b>Glossary</b>				
MM44	Ch 3 - Strategic Approach	Definition of Whole Estate Plan to be included in Glossary: <u>'Whole Estate Plans are documents prepared by individual landowning organisations in conjunction with the National Park Authority and other stakeholders. They set out the assets of the organisations and their future aspirations to enable the organisation to manage their land holding holistically. Whole Estate Plans should include environmental and social assets and issues as well as economic development projects. The Plan is intended to provide clear baseline information which can then be used to help to identify mutually acceptable solutions and aid decision making for both land owners and the National Park Authority and should serve the wider purposes of the National Park.'</u>	For clarification	No changes to SA findings – the addition of this definition is intended to provide clarity in relation to policies SPB and BL1
<b>Minor Modifications</b>				
Min1	Contents	Renumber Policies ENV13-15 to ENV12-14 following deletion of Policy ENV12	Renumbering,	
Min2	Foreword	<u>Insert</u> photograph of Malcolm Bowes. Insert text below his name: <u>Deputy Chair of the North York Moors National Park Authority and Chair of the Development Plan Working Group</u>	For accountability.	No change to SA findings.
Min3	SPI - The Historic Environment, supporting text, para 4.67	Insert text: ...in line with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework <u>and in particular paragraph 195.</u>	To be consistent with NPPF terminology	No change to SA findings
Min4	SPI - The Historic Environment, supporting text, sub-heading above para 4.75 and ENV11-	<del>Optimal</del> <u>Optimum</u> <i>Viable Use</i> ENV11 - 5. In the case of new uses, ensure the new use represents the <del>optimal</del> <u>optimum</u> viable use of the asset which is compatible	To correct a typographical error.	No change to SA findings

	Historic Settlements and Built Heritage, para 1, criterion 5	with its conservation;		
Min5	Ch 4 - The Environment ENV14 - Important Undeveloped Spaces, supporting text, para 4.114	Insert after first sentence: <u>'The Design Guide 'General Principles' provides applicants with information to help assess how open spaces can contribute to the character of a settlement particularly in relation to the settlement form, landscape setting, built form and other statutory considerations.'</u>	To ensure that applicants are made aware of how open spaces can contribute to the character of settlements.	No change to SA findings – the amended supporting text wording provides additional guidance and does not change the meaning of the policy
Min6	Ch 5 - Understanding and Enjoyment	Paragraph 5.6	Delete duplicate word 'that' at line 7.	No change to SA findings
Min7	Strategic Policy I should read J	Strategic Policy ↓ <u>J</u>	To correct a typographical error.	No change to SA findings

## Re- assessment of Main Modifications

- 1.6 **Appendix 2** contains the revised matrices for a number of policies that would be significantly changed by the proposed Main Modifications. (Amendments and additions to the pre-submission SA matrices are shown in ‘tracked changes’ to enable the amendments to be identified.) These are Strategic Policy D; Major Development, ENV2; Tranquillity, Strategic Policy I; The Historic Environment, ENV9; Historic Landscape Assets, ENV10; Archaeological Heritage, UE1; Small Scale Tourism Accommodation and BL1; Employment and Training Development. Policy ENV12; Supporting the Conservation, has been deleted and an assessment of the impact of this has also been made.

**Table 2: Summary of Assessment of Changes to SA as a result of the proposed Main Modifications**

<b>MM Ref No.</b>	<b>Local Plan policy</b>	<b>Change to SA findings as a result of the proposed Main Modifications</b>
MM3	SPD – Major Development	<p>The amendment to the policy wording to include ‘<u>local economy which includes that of the National Park</u>’ means that the wider local economic benefits beyond the National Park boundaries of a major development will not be dismissed in the consideration of major development proposals. This modification has been considered in relation to SA Objectives EC1. The SA finding of ‘<b>uncertain (U)</b>’ remains <b>unchanged</b> but it is recognised that the amended policy wording will allow the local economic benefits of a proposal beyond the boundaries of the National Park to be taken into account and this will have positive economic effects on the local economy but taking into account the wider local economy may result in development within a protected landscape that would detract from the National Park environment.</p> <p>The Authority considers that this modification would not alter the conclusions of the SA produced at Regulation 19 stage.</p>
MM5	ENV2 – Tranquillity, para 1, second sentence	<p>The policy wording has been amended to replace ‘where they conserve and/or enhance tranquillity’ with ‘<u>where there is no unacceptable impact on the tranquillity of the surrounding area.</u>’ The wording of the draft policy means that it could preclude acceptable proposals particularly within settlements. The policy has been modified to address concerns that the current draft policy wording could stifle development. This modification has been considered in relation to SA Objectives E1, S3, EC1 and EC2. The SA finding of <b>positive (+)</b> in relation to SA Objective E1 remains <b>unchanged</b>. The outcome of the SA in relation to S3, EC1 and EC2 have changed from <b>minor negatives (-)</b> to <b>uncertain (U)</b> outcomes meaning that the SA has a more positive outcome as a result of the proposed modification in terms of the possible future enhancement of leisure facilities and recreational opportunities, the strengthening the local economy and in terms of supporting the tourism and recreation industry.</p> <p>The Authority considers that this modification would reduce the previously identified minor negative impacts on SA Objectives (S3, EC1 and EC2) produced at Regulation 19 stage to uncertain.</p>
MM10	SPI - The Historic Environment, para 3, second sentence.	<p>The following wording has been added to the end of the sentence: ‘<u>that outweigh the harm or there are other exceptional circumstances.</u>’ This has been added to reflect the advice in NPPF para.195 that, in the case of substantial harm to a designated heritage asset, there may be other considerations as well as substantial public benefits which may justify a development proposal. This modification has been considered in relation to SA Objectives E5 and E6. The SA finding of <b>positive (+)</b> in relation to E5 remains <b>unchanged</b> as the amended wording aligns with the NPPF and provides a further set of justifications for substantial harm. It is unlikely that there will be many cases where all of the circumstances are likely to be met and the policy continues to provide positive support for the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment, heritage assets and their greater understanding. The SA outcome therefore remains positive. The SA finding of <b>uncertain (U)</b> in relation to E6 remains <b>unchanged</b> as there may still be conflicts between a new use for a building/land if the character, integrity or setting of the historic environment is eroded.</p> <p>The Authority considers that this modification would not alter the conclusions of the SA produced at Regulation 19 stage.</p>

MM15	ENV9 - Historic Landscape Assets, para 1, bullet points	<p>Additional bullet points have been added to the list of historic landscape assets in the policy, following the response of Historic England: - <u>The early enclosure landscapes of the 12th and late 16th Centuries and the Parliamentary enclosures of the late 18th and 19th Centuries</u>; - <u>The 18th Century water races of the southern Moors such as at the Duncombe Estate</u>; - <u>The network of extant trenches, bombing decoys, anti-tank defences and radar installations from the First and Second World Wars</u>; - <u>The remains of the structures associated with rabbit-farming along the southern edges of the North York Moors</u>. The SA finding of <b>positive (+)</b> in relation to E1 and E5 remain <b>unchanged</b> as the amended wording provides further assets to be protected which will help to further conserve and enhance the historic environment of the National Park.</p> <p>The Authority considers that this modification would not alter the conclusions of the SA produced at Regulation 19 stage.</p>
MM18	ENV10 - Archaeological Heritage, para 1	<p>The policy wording has been amended by adding wording at the end of the first sentence; 'Development that would result in harm to the significance of a Scheduled Monument or other nationally important archaeological site will not be permitted <u>'unless it can be demonstrated that there are substantial public benefits that outweigh the harm, or there are other exceptional circumstances.'</u> The modification reflects the public benefits test as set out in the NPPF and therefore applies a different test in relation to the consideration of development proposals affecting a SAM or a site of national importance. This modification has been considered in relation to SA Objectives E4, E5 and EC2. The SA finding of <b>positive (+)</b> in relation to E4 and E5 remains <b>unchanged</b> however the amended policy wording means that Authority will continue to resist development that would result in harm to a SAM or other site but that a public benefits test would be applied, as set out in the NPPF, as such the SA findings remain unchanged. The SA findings of <b>uncertain/positive (U/+)</b> in relation to Objective EC2 has changed to <b>positive (+)</b> reflecting that whilst the greatest weight will be given to archaeological heritage, there may be circumstances where the Authority may permit a tourism/recreation proposal which results in harm to a SAM or other nationally important site if there are substantial public benefits, or other exceptional circumstances as set out in the NPPF which would outweigh the harm.</p> <p>The Authority considers that this modification would change the previously identified uncertain/positive impact on the SA Objective (EC2) produced at Regulation 19 stage to a positive impact.</p>
MM22	ENV12 - Supporting the Conservation and Reuse of Designated Heritage Assets	<p>The deletion of this policy means that the likely affects previously identified which were <b>positive (+)</b> in relation to SA Objectives E1, E5, S1, S3, <b>uncertain (U)</b> in relation to SA Objectives E4 and E6 and <b>uncertain/positive (U/+)</b> in relation to E2 would no longer occur as a result of this policy.</p> <p>If proposals are to be submitted for the reuse of designated assets 'At Risk' following the deletion of the policy proposals applications will be considered on their merit and in accordance with the guidance set out in the Historic England advice. Additional supporting text providing guidance on this has been included under SPI (para 4.89). If a proposal is considered appropriate, it could be approved, contrary to the policies in the Plan in order to pursue the NP's first purpose of conserving the built environment of the National Park. There are likely to be very few instances where this may occur and a specific policy is therefore not required.</p>
MM26	UE1 - Small Scale Tourism Accommodation, final para, first sentence	<p>A change to the wording of the policy meaning that 'Proposals for new static caravans <u>sites</u> or the conversion of existing camping or caravanning sites to statics will not be permitted.' This modification, and the change to the supporting text below, has been mainly considered in relation to SA Objective E1. The SA finding of <b>positive (+)</b> remains <b>unchanged</b> but it is recognised that the amended policy wording, and the changed wording of the supporting text in 5.12, will result in a more positive impact in terms of the maintaining and enhancing the quality and character of the National Park's landscape. It is also recognised that the amended wording to the policy, taken together with the changed supporting text, will have some uncertain impacts in relation to the local economy (SA Objectives EC1 and EC2) but these are considered to be outweighed by the overall <b>positive (+)</b> impacts of the policy in terms of the other forms of small scale tourism accommodation which would be permitted.</p> <p>The Authority considers that this modification would not alter the conclusions of the SA produced at Regulation 19 stage.</p>

MM27	UE1 - Small Scale Tourism Accommodation, supporting text, para 5.12, first sentence.	<p>A change to the wording of the supporting text (para 5.12, first sentence) to read 'The policy does not allow for the provision of new static caravans, except where existing sites are being remodelled <u>to bring about an environmental improvement or extended.</u>' This modification and that of the policy wording above has been mainly considered in relation to SA Objective E1. The SA finding of <b>positive (+)</b> remains <b>unchanged</b> but it is recognised that the wording will result in a more positive impact in terms of the maintaining and enhancing the quality and character of the National Park's landscape. It is also recognised that the amended wording to the policy above taken together with the changed supporting text will have some uncertain impacts in relation to the local economy (SA Objectives EC1 and EC2) but these are considered to be outweighed by the overall <b>positive</b> impacts of the policy in terms of the other forms of small scale tourism accommodation which would be permitted.</p> <p>The Authority considers that this modification would not alter the conclusions of the SA produced at Regulation 19 stage.</p>
MM30	BL1 - Employment and Training Development	<p>The policy wording has been amended in the first line to read: 'Development of <u>new or existing</u> small scale employment and training development will be permitted.' This amendment has been inserted to make clear that the policy relates to existing and new employment and training developments. This modification has been considered in relation to SA Objectives E6, S1, S4 and EC1. The SA finding of <b>positive (+)</b> in relation to E6 and S1 and S4 remain <b>unchanged</b> and it is recognised that the amended wording will result in a more positive impacts in terms of allowing new employment and training developments to reuse empty buildings, and by allowing new and existing businesses to develop in settlements and in the Open Countryside. The amended wording will allow greater employment and training development opportunities in the larger settlements which is more sustainable in terms of minimising travel. The SA finding of <b>positive/uncertain (+/U)</b> in relation to EC1 remains <b>unchanged</b> as the policy allows for the development of new or existing employment and training opportunities within the built up areas of Helmsley and the larger/smaller villages and in Open Countryside under certain circumstances and this has an <b>uncertain (U)</b> impact in terms of the local economy. This remains unchanged however the addition of '<u>new or existing</u>' will result in more <b>positive</b> SA impacts in terms of the local economy by encouraging new small scale businesses to become established in appropriate locations.</p> <p>The Authority considers that this modification would reduce the previously identified uncertain/positive impact on the SA Objective (EC1) produced at Regulation 19 stage to a positive impact.</p>
MM33	BL1 - Employment and Training Development	<p>The policy wording has been amended to insert a new criterion C2: '<u>Where it involves the small extension of an existing building in accordance with the requirements of Policy CO12.</u>' This amendment allows for small scale extensions in Open Countryside (in line with UE2). This modification has been considered in relation to SA Objectives E6 and EC1. The SA finding of <b>positive (+)</b> in relation to E6 remains <b>unchanged</b> and it is recognised that the amended wording will result in a more positive impacts in terms of allowing small scale extensions to enable new employment and training businesses to develop appropriately by reusing empty buildings with the addition of small extensions, some of the empty buildings will be located in the Open Countryside. The SA finding of <b>positive/uncertain (+/U)</b> in relation to EC1 remains <b>unchanged</b> as the policy allows for the development of new or existing employment and training opportunities within the built up areas of Helmsley and the larger/smaller villages and in Open Countryside under certain circumstances and this has an <b>uncertain (U)</b> impact in terms of the local economy. This remains <b>unchanged</b> however the amended wording to permit small scale extensions on existing buildings in Open Countryside will have a <b>positive</b> SA impact in strengthening the local economy meaning that existing businesses can expand in their existing location and new businesses can establish and develop appropriately.</p> <p>The Authority considers that this modification would not alter the conclusions of the SA produced at Regulation 19 stage.</p>

## Cumulative Effects

- 1.7 Although a number of changes to the outcome of the SA would result from the proposed main modifications as identified above the changes to the SA findings do not fundamentally alter the in-combination effects of the Local Plan as described in paras. 6.11 to 6.13 of the 'Pre-Submission' Draft SA Report (April 2019).

## **2. Next Steps**

- 2.1 This SA Addendum will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate together with the proposed Main Modifications.

## **Appendix 1 – Responses to Consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan**

Consultation was undertaken on the Pre- Submission Draft Local Plan, which included the Sustainability Appraisal, for 6 weeks from 15 April to 24 May 2019 with the three Statutory Consultees (The Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England), other relevant organisations and the general public. A precis of the responses received is set out below;

### **The Environment Agency**

We are pleased to see that the comments previously made at the Preferred Options stage have been taken into account. Other than comments in our previous letters we have no further comments to add. As such, insofar as those matters within our remit are concerned, we consider the documents to be legally sound.

#### **Authority Response and Recommendations**

Comments noted and no modifications are required.

### **Historic England**

We concur with the evaluation of the likely impact which the Policies and proposals of the Plan might have upon the historic environment and, where an adverse has been identified support the proposed mitigation measures which have been proposed to reduce them.

#### **Authority Response and Recommendations**

Comments noted and no modifications are required.

### **Natural England**

Natural England is broadly satisfied with the Sustainability Appraisal with regards to our statutory remit however we question whether Strategic Policy M Housing should be assessed as positive against the landscape objective given the uncertainty regarding the location of the proposed housing growth. We recommend that this uncertainty and the mitigation put forward in the plan to combat any threats are taken into account in the assessment.

#### **Authority Response and Recommendations**

Natural England's comments are noted and acknowledged but it is considered that the in combination effects of Strategic Policy B; The Spatial Strategy and Strategic Policy C; Quality and Design of Development should seek to maintain and enhance the quality and character of the National Park landscape by steering new housing development to the larger and smaller settlements on suitable small sites within the main built up area of the villages where landscape impact is reduced and screened by existing development. In this way it is considered the landscape will be maintained and SPC requires that all new development is appropriate in terms of design, materials, scale such that it makes a positive contribution to the local environment. Good quality landscaping and planting schemes are also required to reinforce local landscape character. It is therefore considered that the positive impact in terms of SA Objective E1 should remain as positive.

# Appendix 2

## Revised SA Matrices

## **SPD Major Development**

### **Draft policy intention**

When considering development proposals the Authority should refuse major development except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest. Demonstration of exceptional circumstances and public interest will require justification.

Two alternative options for this policy were considered at Preferred Options Stage;

1. Do not include a specific policy and instead rely on paragraph 116 of the NPPF
2. Include a policy but use NPPF wording i.e. Planning permission will be refused for major developments in these designated areas except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated they are in the public interest. Consideration of such applications should include an assessment of:
  - the need for the development, including in terms of any national considerations, and the impact of permitting it, or refusing it, upon the local economy;
  - the cost of, and scope for, developing elsewhere outside the designated area, or meeting the need for it in some other way; and
  - any detrimental effect on the environment, the landscape and recreational opportunities, and the extent to which that could be moderated.

### **Audit Trail Preferred Options July 2018 to Publication March 2019 Version**

Changes have been made to the wording of the policy text to align with the Joint Minerals and Waste Plan.

#### **Recommendations, including mitigation:**

No changes recommended.

#### **Main Modification to Pre- Submission Draft**

Replace '~~local economy of the National Park~~' with 'local economy which includes that of the National Park'. This modification has been made in order that the policy accords with the amended wording of the draft Minerals and Waste Joint Plan (D040 b) which reflects that the wider local economy will be not be dismissed in the consideration of major development proposals. This modification has been considered in relation to SA Objective EC1. The amended policy wording has not changed the outcome of the SA.

<b>SPD - Major Development</b>						
Key	Positive impact	X No direct link	Neutral link	Uncertain impacts	Negative impacts	Significant Negative Impacts
<b>SA Objective</b>	<b>Prompts</b>	<b>Impact on</b>	<b>Preferred Option</b>			

		Objective	
E1- To maintain and enhance the quality and character of the landscape of the North York Moors, including the special qualities of remoteness and tranquillity	<p>Will the National Park landscape and special qualities be protected and enhanced?</p> <p>Will landscape character improve?</p> <p>Will tranquillity improve or deteriorate?</p>		The draft policy requires that proposals for major development should be refused except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest. Where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated every effort to avoid adverse effects will be required and particular consideration will be given to the extent to which the proposal may affect the qualities which contribute to the designation of the landscape. The draft policy also requires where adverse impacts cannot be avoided harm should be minimised through appropriate mitigation measures. In addition the policy requires that restoration or enhancement of the land will be required when the use has ceased. In these ways the objective will be met.
E2 - To protect water, soil and air quality, and reduce pollution, and improve efficiency of water use.	<p>Will the policy/ option have an adverse impact on Groundwater Source Protection Zones or cause discharge into a river?</p> <p>Will best and most versatile Agricultural Land be protected?</p> <p>Would the policy option result in the re-use and clean-up of contaminated land?</p> <p>Would the option lead to the worsening of air quality?</p>		The draft policy requires that proposals for major development should be refused except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest. Where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated every effort to avoid adverse effects will be required and particular consideration will be given to the extent to which the proposal may affect the qualities which contribute to the designation of the landscape. The draft policy also requires where adverse impacts cannot be avoided harm should be minimised through appropriate mitigation measures. In addition the policy requires that restoration or enhancement of the land will be required when the use has ceased. In these ways the objective will be met. The need to consider any potential impacts on water, soil and air quality is implicit in test 4 as part of the environment.
E3 - To reduce the causes of climate change and ensure future development is resilient to climate change, including reducing the impact of flooding and avoiding flood risk.	<p>Will the option/policy increase the resilience of habitats to climate change?</p> <p>Will the policy option/policy increase resilience to climate change risks such as lower water availability, increased subsidence or heatwaves?</p> <p>Will the option/policy increase surface or fluvial flooding or will development be vulnerable to flooding?</p> <p>Will greenhouse gasses be reduced?</p>		The draft policy requires that proposals for major development should be refused except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest. Where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated every effort to avoid adverse effects will be required and particular consideration will be given to the extent to which the proposal may affect the qualities which contribute to the designation of the landscape. The draft policy also requires where adverse impacts cannot be avoided harm should be minimised through appropriate mitigation measures. In addition the policy requires that restoration or enhancement of the land will be required when the use has ceased. In these ways the objective will be met. The need for the development would have to be considered against national policy relating to climate change adaptation. Flood risk would be considered together with any cumulative impacts and if allowed any flood risks any potential flood risk would need to be mitigated against.
E4 - To maintain and enhance conditions for biodiversity and avoid irreversible losses or damage to designated nature conservation sites protected species and geological assets.	<p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance internationally and locally designated biodiversity/geodiversity sites? (including SPAs, SACs, Ramsar Sites, SSSIs, SINCS, LNRs and RIGs)</p> <p>Will important habitats and species outside of protected sites be affected?</p>		The draft policy requires that proposals for major development should be refused except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest. Where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated every effort to avoid adverse effects will be required and particular consideration will be given to the extent to which the proposal may affect the qualities which contribute to the designation of the landscape. The draft policy also requires where adverse impacts cannot be avoided harm should be minimised through appropriate mitigation measures. In addition the policy requires that restoration or enhancement of the land will be required when the

	Will the option/policy protect and enhance established tree cover or hedgerows which would be impossible to replace in the short to medium term?		use has ceased. In these ways the objective will be met. The need to consider any potential impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity is implicit in the draft policy. If the development were to be permitted potential harm to biodiversity and geodiversity would need mitigation. Scope for restoration of the land once the use has ceased could provide opportunities for habitat creation.
E5 - To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings and to help facilitate opportunities for greater access to and understanding of the historic environment	Will historic features of interest (Conservation areas, Listed building, SAM, Areas of Archaeological importance) be protected?  Will non designated heritage assets be protected?  Will historic character be enhanced?  Will the option/policy lead to a greater understanding of the historic environment?		The draft policy requires that proposals for major development should be refused except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest. Where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated every effort to avoid adverse effects will be required and particular consideration will be given to the extent to which the proposal may affect the qualities which contribute to the designation of the landscape. The draft policy also requires where adverse impacts cannot be avoided harm should be minimised through appropriate mitigation measures. In addition the policy requires that restoration or enhancement of the land will be required when the use has ceased. In these ways the objective will be met. The need to consider any potential impacts on the historic environment is implicit in the policy as part of the environment/landscape.
E6 - To re-use brownfield land and empty buildings bearing in mind their potential nature conservation and heritage value.	Will the option/policy encourage the re use of brownfield sites?  Will the option enhance heritage assets and protect important habitats?		The draft policy requires that proposals for major development should be refused except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest. Where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated every effort to avoid adverse effects will be required and particular consideration will be given to the extent to which the proposal may affect the qualities which contribute to the designation of the landscape. The draft policy also requires where adverse impacts cannot be avoided harm should be minimised through appropriate mitigation measures. In addition the policy requires that restoration or enhancement of the land will be required when the use has ceased. In these ways the objective will be met. The need to consider any potential impacts on land/buildings/biodiversity is implicit in the policy as part of the environment.
S1 - To foster and maintain vibrant local communities and encourage a sense of community and belonging.	Will the option/policy protect and enhance facilities that are important to local communities?		The draft policy requires that proposals for major development should be refused except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest. Where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated every effort to avoid adverse effects will be required and particular consideration will be given to the extent to which the proposal may affect the qualities which contribute to the designation of the landscape. The draft policy also requires where adverse impacts cannot be avoided harm should be minimised through appropriate mitigation measures. In addition the policy requires that restoration or enhancement of the land will be required when the use has ceased. In these ways the objective will be met. The need for the development would have to be considered against national policy and the impact on local communities. There may be economic benefits to the local community in providing jobs, facilities or affordable housing. There would need to be mitigation for any harm if the development was permitted.
S2 To provide affordable,	Will affordable housing be supported by the		The draft policy requires that proposals for major development should be refused except

<p>decent housing in accessible locations to meet the needs of local people, including the young.</p>	<p>option/policy? Will affordable housing increase in line with demand in accessible locations?</p>		<p>in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest. Where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated every effort to avoid adverse effects will be required and particular consideration will be given to the extent to which the proposal may affect the qualities which contribute to the designation of the landscape. The draft policy also requires where adverse impacts cannot be avoided harm should be minimised through appropriate mitigation measures. In addition the policy requires that restoration or enhancement of the land will be required when the use has ceased. In these ways the objective will be met. There may be benefits from the development for local communities e.g. providing affordable housing. The policy could discourage the provision of larger affordable housing schemes as more than 10 houses may be regarded as Major Development. There would need to be mitigation for any harm if the development was permitted.</p>
<p>S3 - To protect and enhance access to community facilities, leisure and recreation opportunities and access to the countryside.</p>	<p>Will the option/policy increase or decrease access to health /wellbeing and recreational facilities? Will the option/policy increase opportunities for access to the countryside?</p>		<p>The draft policy requires that proposals for major development should be refused except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest. Where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated every effort to avoid adverse effects will be required and particular consideration will be given to the extent to which the proposal may affect the qualities which contribute to the designation of the landscape. The draft policy also requires where adverse impacts cannot be avoided harm should be minimised through appropriate mitigation measures. In addition the policy requires that restoration or enhancement of the land will be required when the use has ceased. In these ways the objective will be met. The need for the development would have to be considered against national policy and the impact on the local economy. There may be economic benefits to the local community in providing jobs or affordable housing, access improvements, recreational opportunities. There would need to be mitigation for any harm if the development was permitted.</p>
<p>S4 - To make sure new development is easily accessible to essential services, to help reduce the need to travel and minimise the environmental impact of transport.</p>	<p>Will the option/policy result in shorter journeys to local services? Will the option/policy encourage development in locations where public transport is available? Will the policy encourage active travel such as walking/cycling on nearby PROW? Could the policy improve air quality by minimising the need to travel?</p>		<p>The draft policy requires that proposals for major development should be refused except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest. Where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated every effort to avoid adverse effects will be required and particular consideration will be given to the extent to which the proposal may affect the qualities which contribute to the designation of the landscape. The draft policy also requires where adverse impacts cannot be avoided harm should be minimised through appropriate mitigation measures. In addition the policy requires that restoration or enhancement of the land will be required when the use has ceased. In these ways the objective will be met. The impact of major development on this topic would need to be considered as part of tests 2 and 4 for example in relation to the impact of traffic and congestion or greenhouse gas emissions, and in terms of the development's accessibility on public transport routes. If the development was permitted impacts from increased transport on air quality would need mitigation.</p>
<p>EC1 - To strengthen and diversify the local economy by supporting a range of</p>	<p>Will the option/policy support local services and businesses?</p>		<p>The draft policy requires that proposals for major development should be refused except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest. Where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated every effort to</p>

<p>opportunities for employment and training particularly in sustainable locations.</p>	<p>Will the option/policy create new jobs? Will the option/policy increase access to jobs?</p>		<p>avoid adverse effects will be required and particular consideration will be given to the extent to which the proposal may affect the qualities which contribute to the designation of the landscape. The draft policy also requires where adverse impacts cannot be avoided harm should be minimised through appropriate mitigation measures. In addition the policy requires that restoration or enhancement of the land will be required when the use has ceased. In these ways the objective will be met. There could be benefits to the <u>wider</u> local economy, <u>inside and outside the National Park</u>- from major development in terms of jobs, training and greater local investments. Any major development may however detract from the natural beauty of the National Park and could detrimentally impact on the tourism economy of the National Park.</p>
<p>EC2 - To support tourism and recreation industry by ensuring that development contributes to the local economy and provides opportunities for enjoying the Park's special qualities.</p>	<p>Will new tourism proposals be supported by the option/policy? Will the option/policy support the retention of existing tourism related businesses? Will the option/policy support tourism businesses that provide a greater understanding of the special qualities of the National Park?</p>		<p>The draft policy requires that proposals for major development should be refused except in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that they are in the public interest. Where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated every effort to avoid adverse effects will be required and particular consideration will be given to the extent to which the proposal may affect the qualities which contribute to the designation of the landscape. The draft policy also requires where adverse impacts cannot be avoided harm should be minimised through appropriate mitigation measures. In addition the policy requires that restoration or enhancement of the land will be required when the use has ceased. In these ways the objective will be met. Any major development could detract from the local tourism and recreational industry as the development could detract from the natural beauty of the landscape and its special qualities.</p>
<p><u>Conclusions</u></p> <p>The draft policy is considered to have an overall positive impact on the sustainability objectives by refusing major development except in exceptional circumstances and ensuring that if major development is permitted its impact on the National Park and its statutory purposes are minimised. The uncertain outcomes reflect the areas of conflict which arise in relation to proposals for major development in a protected landscape and in particular to the conflict between the potential <u>wider</u> economic benefits against the potential harm to the landscape.</p>			

## **ENV2 Tranquillity**

### **Draft policy intention**

To provide specific criteria based policy to conserve and /or enhance tranquillity throughout the National Park.

Two alternative options for this policy were considered at Preferred Options Stage;

1. Maintain the current approach with no specific policy and rely on strategic environmental policies
2. Adopt a spatial policy based on zones with an updated tranquillity map.

### **Audit Trail Preferred Options July 2018 to Publication March 2019 Version**

Changes have been made to this draft policy to ensure that development proposals will only be permitted where they conserve and/or enhance tranquillity and it is considered that these amendments will improve the positive relationship with sustainability objectives where there are clear links.

**Recommendations, including mitigation:**

No changes recommended.

**Main Modification to Pre- Submission Draft**

Replace '~~where they conserve and/or enhance tranquillity~~' with 'where there is no unacceptable impact on the tranquillity of the surrounding area.' This policy has been changed to address concerns that the current draft policy wording could stifle development. 'Development proposals will only be permitted where they conserve and/or enhance tranquillity' is a very high bar and could preclude acceptable proposals particularly within settlements. This modification has been considered in relation to SA Objectives EC1, S3, EC1 and EC2. The amended policy wording has changed the outcome of the SA in relation to S3, EC1 and EC2 in that minor negatives (-) have been changed to uncertain (+/-) outcomes.

ENV2 - Tranquillity						
Key	Positive impact	X No direct link	Neutral link	Uncertain impacts	Negative impacts	Significant Negative Impacts
SA Objective	Prompts		Impact on Objective	Effects and Mitigation		
E1- To maintain and enhance the quality and character of the landscape of the North York Moors, including the special qualities of remoteness and tranquillity	Will the National Park landscape and special qualities be protected and enhanced? Will landscape character improve? Will tranquillity improve or deteriorate?			The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective, as it will seek to maintain and enhance tranquillity throughout the National Park enhancing the special qualities of the Park <u>by ensuring that there is no unacceptable impact on the tranquillity of the surrounding area.-</u>		
E2 - To protect water, soil and air quality, and reduce pollution, and improve efficiency of water use.	Will the policy/ option have an adverse impact on Groundwater Source Protection Zones or cause discharge into a river? Will best and most versatile Agricultural Land be protected? Would the policy option result in the re-use and clean-up of contaminated land? Would the option lead to the worsening of air quality?			The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective, as it will seek to maintain and enhance tranquillity throughout the National Park by assessing development against criteria that will only permit development with low/little environmental impacts. As such any developments that are permitted are likely to have no/little adverse impacts on water/soil/air quality.		

<p>E3 - To reduce the causes of climate change and ensure future development is resilient to climate change, including reducing the impact of flooding and avoiding flood risk.</p>	<p>Will the option/policy increase the resilience of habitats to climate change?</p> <p>Will the policy option/policy increase resilience to climate change risks such as lower water availability, increased subsidence or heatwaves?</p> <p>Will the option/policy increase surface or fluvial flooding or will development be vulnerable to flooding?</p> <p>Will greenhouse gasses be reduced?</p>		<p>The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective, as it will seek to maintain and enhance tranquillity throughout the National Park by assessing development against criteria that will also reduce the causes of climate change and by ensuring that only appropriate development is permitted reducing the causes of climate change in those areas.</p>
<p>E4 - To maintain and enhance conditions for biodiversity and avoid irreversible losses or damage to designated nature conservation sites protected species and geological assets.</p>	<p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance internationally and locally designated biodiversity/geodiversity sites? (including SPAs, SACs, Ramsar Sites, SSSIs, SINC, LNRs and RIGs)</p> <p>Will important habitats and species outside of protected sites be affected?</p> <p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance established tree cover or hedgerows which would be impossible to replace in the short to medium term?</p>		<p>The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective, as it will seek to conserve and /or enhance tranquillity throughout the Park with particular consideration being given to the presence of natural habitats and environments.</p>
<p>E5 - To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings and to help facilitate opportunities for greater access to and understanding of the historic environment</p>	<p>Will historic features of interest (Conservation areas, Listed building, SAM, Areas of Archaeological importance) be protected?</p> <p>Will non designated heritage assets be protected?</p> <p>Will historic character be enhanced?</p> <p>Will the option/policy lead to a greater understanding of the historic environment?</p>		<p>The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective, as it will seek to maintain and enhance tranquillity with particular consideration being given to the presence of historic assets.</p>
<p>E6 - To re-use brownfield land and empty buildings bearing in mind their potential nature conservation and heritage value.</p>	<p>Will the option/policy encourage the re use of brownfield sites?</p> <p>Will the option enhance heritage assets and protect important habitats?</p>		<p>Buildings in tranquil areas of the National Park are unlikely to be considered suitable for conversion under other environment policies therefore the preferred option will have a neutral impact on this objective.</p>
<p>S1 - To foster and</p>	<p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance</p>	<p><b>X</b></p>	<p>There are no clear links to this objective</p>

maintain vibrant local communities and encourage a sense of community and belonging.	facilities that are important to local communities?		
S2 To provide affordable, decent housing in accessible locations to meet the needs of local people, including the young.	Will affordable housing be supported by the option/policy? Will affordable housing increase in line with demand in accessible locations?	X	There are no clear links to this objective
S3 - To protect and enhance access to community facilities, leisure and recreation opportunities and access to the countryside.	Will the option/policy increase or decrease access to health/wellbeing and recreational facilities? Will the option/policy increase opportunities for access to the countryside?		The draft policy will have a positive/ <del>negative uncertain</del> impact on this objective, as it will seek to <del>ensure that there is no unacceptable impact on the tranquillity of the</del> <u>maintain tranquillity throughout the</u> Park. This will maintain and enhance the leisure and recreational experience of the National Park for those who visit/live in the National Park. <u>The revised wording in the modification will not preclude all development proposals for</u> <del>On the other hand the policy may result in proposals</del> additional leisure recreational development proposals <u>provided there is no unacceptable impact on the tranquillity of the surrounding area, it may still impact on the</u> <del>being resisted if there is an impact on tranquillity and this may impact on the</del> availability of and access to new leisure/recreational opportunities <u>and the outcome is therefore positive and uncertain.</u>
S4 - To make sure new development is easily accessible to essential services, to help reduce the need to travel and minimise the environmental impact of transport.	Will the option/policy result in shorter journeys to local services? Will the option/policy encourage development in locations where public transport is available? Will the policy encourage active travel such as walking/cycling on nearby PROW? Could the policy improve air quality by minimising the need to travel?		The draft policy will have a positive impact on this as it will seek to ensure that tranquillity will be maintained and enhanced throughout the Park with particular consideration being given to traffic generation. New development is likely to be directed towards areas that are not tranquil where existing services are located which should reduce the environmental impact of transport.
EC1 - To strengthen and diversify the local economy by supporting a range of opportunities for employment and training particularly in sustainable locations.	Will the option/policy support local services and businesses? Will the option/policy create new jobs? Will the option/policy increase access to jobs?		<u>The</u> draft policy will have an <del>negative uncertain</del> /positive impact on this objective as new development proposals for leisure/recreation/agriculture may be resisted if proposals are likely to have unacceptable <del>adverse</del> impacts on tranquillity. <u>The proposed modification will not preclude all development proposals which might strengthen the local economy provided there is no unacceptable impact on the tranquillity of the surrounding area and this is a more positive outcome. This option seeks however to protect the special quality of tranquillity throughout the Park which will have a positive impact on the local economy. The policy may however still impact on the growth of the local economy in terms of new employment and training development and the outcome is therefore positive and uncertain.</u>

<p>EC2 - To support tourism and recreation industry by ensuring that development contributes to the local economy and provides opportunities for enjoying the Park's special qualities.</p>	<p>Will new tourism proposals be supported by the option/policy?</p> <p>Will the option/policy support the retention of existing tourism related businesses?</p> <p>Will the option/policy support tourism businesses that provide a greater understanding of the special qualities of the National Park?</p>	<p>Impact</p>	<p>Value</p>	<p>The draft policy will have an <del>uncertain -negative</del>/positive impact on this objective as new development proposals for tourism/recreation may be resisted if proposals are likely to have unacceptable <del>adverse</del> impacts on tranquillity. <u>The proposed modification will not preclude all development proposals which might support the tourism and recreation industry provided there is no unacceptable impact on the tranquillity of the surrounding area and this is a more positive outcome. This option seeks however to protect the special quality of tranquillity throughout the Park which will have a positive impact on the local economy. The policy may however still impact on the growth of the local economy in terms of new employment and training development and the outcome is therefore positive and uncertain. The preferred option means that development which may strengthen and diversify the local economy may be resisted.</u> This option seeks however to protect the special quality of tranquillity throughout the Park which will have a positive impact on the local economy.</p>
<p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <p>The draft policy (<del>and modification</del>) will have positive impacts on the environment leading to greater attention and priority being paid to tranquillity throughout the Park. <del>NegativeUncertain</del> impacts have been identified as the policy may result in proposals for additional leisure/recreational/tourism/recreation and agriculture proposals being resisted if there is an <del>unacceptable impact impact</del> on tranquillity.</p>				

## **SPI The Historic Environment**

### **Draft policy intention**

To include a specific strategic policy for the historic environment which ensures that all development proposals affecting the historic environment should make a positive contribution to the cultural heritage of the National Park by ensuring development does not erode character and Special Qualities of the North York Moors or the special interest, integrity and significance of any heritage asset.

No alternative options were considered at Preferred Options stage.

### **Audit Trail Preferred Options July 2018 to Publication March 2019 Version**

No changes have been made to this draft policy.

### **Recommendations, including mitigation:**

No changes recommended.

### **Main Modification to Pre- Submission Draft**

Add the following words to the end of the sentence para 3, second sentence: '[that outweigh the harm or there are other exceptional circumstances.](#)' This modification has been made to reflect the advice in NPPF 195 which states that in the case of substantial harm to a designated heritage asset, there may be other considerations as well as substantial public benefits which may justify a development proposal. This modification has been considered in relation to SA Objectives E5 and E6.

SPI - The Historic Environment						
Key	Positive impact	X No direct link	Neutral link	Uncertain impacts	Negative impacts	Significant Negative Impact
SA Objective	Prompts	Impact on Objective		Effects and Mitigation		
E1- To maintain and enhance the quality and character of the landscape of the North York Moors, including the special qualities of remoteness and tranquillity	<p>Will the National Park landscape and special qualities be protected and enhanced?</p> <p>Will landscape character improve?</p> <p>Will tranquillity improve or deteriorate?</p>					<p>The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective, as it will seek to ensure that the historic environment which includes the landscape and the special qualities of the National Park assets will be conserved and enhanced. In this way the policy option maintains and enhances the character and landscape of the National Park.</p>
E2 - To protect water, soil and air quality, and reduce pollution, and improve efficiency of water use.	<p>Will the policy/ option have an adverse impact on Groundwater Source Protection Zones or cause discharge into a river?</p> <p>Will best and most versatile Agricultural Land be protected?</p> <p>Would the policy option result in the re-use and clean-up of contaminated land?</p> <p>Would the option lead to the worsening of air quality?</p>					<p>The draft policy could have neutral/positive impacts on water/soil/air quality depending on where the sites are located. Historic field boundaries/hedges often follow the pattern of water courses and protection of these features could therefore have a positive impact on the protection of water/air quality.</p>
E3 - To reduce the causes of climate change and ensure future development is resilient to climate change, including reducing the impact of flooding and avoiding flood risk.	<p>Will the option/policy increase the resilience of habitats to climate change?</p> <p>Will the policy option/policy increase resilience to climate change risks such as lower water availability, increased subsidence or heatwaves?</p> <p>Will the option/policy increase surface or fluvial flooding or will development be vulnerable to flooding?</p> <p>Will greenhouse gasses be reduced?</p>					<p>The draft policy could have neutral/positive impacts on climate change/flooding depending on where the sites are located. Features that contribute to the historic landscape character like protected parks and gardens, historic field boundaries/large veteran trees/hedges contribute to land stabilisation and to the prevention of flooding as do harbour and harbour wall.</p>

<p>E4 - To maintain and enhance conditions for biodiversity and avoid irreversible losses or damage to designated nature conservation sites protected species and geological assets.</p>	<p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance internationally and locally designated biodiversity/geodiversity sites? (including SPAs, SACs, Ramsar Sites, SSSIs, SINCs, LNRs and RIGs)</p> <p>Will important habitats and species outside of protected sites be affected?</p> <p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance established tree cover or hedgerows which would be impossible to replace in the short to medium term?</p>		<p>The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective, as it will seek to ensure that new development does not erode the rural character and special qualities of the National Park or the special interest of any heritage asset of its setting. In this way the policy option maintains and enhances conditions for biodiversity in these landscapes. The listed special landscape features, together with archaeological sites are also important for biodiversity as are other landscapes such as SPA's, SACs and other designated sites. These designated sites are important from a biodiversity and geodiversity point of view.</p>
<p>E5 - To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings and to help facilitate opportunities for greater access to and understanding of the historic environment</p>	<p>Will historic features of interest (Conservation areas, Listed building, SAM, Areas of Archaeological importance) be protected?</p> <p>Will non designated heritage assets be protected?</p> <p>Will historic character be enhanced?</p> <p>Will the option/policy lead to a greater understanding of the historic environment?</p>		<p>The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective, as it will seek to ensure that all development affecting the historic environment does not erode the rural character and special qualities of the National Park or the special interest, integrity and significance of any heritage asset. This policy option will therefore seek to conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings. <u>The proposed modification states that in the case of substantial harm there may be other considerations as well as substantial public benefits which may justify a development proposal in accordance with para 195 of the NPPF. This modification provides an additional element of justification for substantial harm. This is not however considered to change the positive outcome of the SA as there are unlikely to be many cases where all of the circumstances are likely to be met.</u></p>
<p>E6 - To re-use brownfield land and empty buildings bearing in mind their potential nature conservation and heritage value.</p>	<p>Will the option/policy encourage the re use of brownfield sites?</p> <p>Will the option enhance heritage assets and protect important habitats?</p>		<p><u>The draft policy will have an uncertain impact on this objective as there may be a conflict between a new use for a building/land if the character, integrity or setting of the historic environment is eroded. The proposed modification states that in the case of substantial harm there may be other considerations as well as substantial public benefits which may justify a development proposal in accordance with para 195 of the NPPF. This modification provides an additional element of justification for substantial harm. This is not considered to change the uncertain outcome of the SA.</u></p>
<p>S1 - To foster and maintain vibrant local communities and encourage a sense of community and belonging.</p>	<p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance facilities that are important to local communities?</p>		<p>The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective as the historic environment, which includes cultural heritage and local distinctiveness, is important to communities. The protection of the historic environment from harmful development enhances and encourages a sense of community and belonging.</p>
<p>S2 To provide affordable, decent housing in accessible locations to</p>	<p>Will affordable housing be supported by the option/policy?</p> <p>Will affordable housing increase in line with</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>There are no clear links to this objective</p>

meet the needs of local people, including the young.	demand in accessible locations?		
S3 - To protect and enhance access to community facilities, leisure and recreation opportunities and access to the countryside.	Will the option/policy increase or decrease access to health/wellbeing and recreational facilities? Will the option/policy increase opportunities for access to the countryside?		The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective as the historic environment is important to communities and its protection from development which erodes the special interest, integrity and significance of heritage assets e.g. parks and gardens, scheduled monuments and listed buildings may enhance recreational opportunities and access to and enjoyment of the countryside. This may have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of local communities through opportunities for recreation/leisure.
S4 - To make sure new development is easily accessible to essential services, to help reduce the need to travel and minimise the environmental impact of transport.	Will the option/policy result in shorter journeys to local services? Will the option/policy encourage development in locations where public transport is available? Will the policy encourage active travel such as walking/cycling on nearby PROW? Could the policy improve air quality by minimising the need to travel?	X	There are no clear links to this objective
EC1 - To strengthen and diversify the local economy by supporting a range of opportunities for employment and training particularly in sustainable locations.	Will the option/policy support local services and businesses? Will the option/policy create new jobs? Will the option/policy increase access to jobs?	X	There are no clear links to this objective
EC2 - To support tourism and recreation industry by ensuring that development contributes to the local economy and provides opportunities for enjoying the Park's special qualities.	Will new tourism proposals be supported by the option/policy? Will the option/policy support the retention of existing tourism related businesses? Will the option/policy support tourism businesses that provide a greater understanding of the special qualities of the National Park?		The draft policy will have an uncertain/positive impact on this objective as the historic environment is important to the tourism and recreational industry. Its impact is uncertain as the draft policy may result in new proposals not being permitted if they are considered to erode the character and special qualities of the special interest, integrity and significance of any heritage asset and /or its setting. The draft policy is considered to have a positive impact as the historic environment is intrinsically important to the public's experience of the National Park and its protection will therefore contribute to the local economy.
<u>Conclusion</u>			
The draft policy will have positive impacts overall by ensuring that development proposals will only be permitted where they do not erode the special qualities of the North York Moors or the special interest, integrity and significance of any heritage asset and/or its setting, whether designated or non-designated. The assessment has highlighted conflicts/uncertainties that may arise with proposals for new uses for historic buildings and new economic proposals which may affect the historic environment but each proposal will			

need to be determined on its merits and such conflicts are to be expected. The proposed modification brings the wording of the policy in accordance with the NPPF and it provides an additional element of justification for substantial harm. This is not considered to change the overall positive outcome of the SA.

## **ENV9 Historic Landscape Assets**

### **Draft policy intention**

To include a specific policy for the protection of historic landscape assets. Development proposals affecting the historic landscape assets of the North York Moors will be required to conserve and enhance its landscape quality and character, and the public's experience of it. The Authority will seek to preserve features in situ. Where this is not possible adequate provision for recording should be made.

No alternative options were considered at Preferred Options stage.

### **Audit Trail Preferred Options July 2018 to Publication March 2019 Version**

Changes to the policy have been made to the draft policy following responses from Historic England. The policy now requires development proposals to 'conserve' and enhance its landscape quality and character rather than 'preserve', Battlefields have been removed from the list of assets as there are none known and the policy requires preservation of historic landscape assets in situ where this is not justified a Written Scheme of investigation will be required.

### **Recommendations, including mitigation:**

No changes recommended.

### **Main Modification to Pre- Submission Draft**

To add additional historic landscape asset features to the bullet points in the policy list to include; The early enclosure landscapes of the 12th and late 16th Centuries and the Parliamentary enclosures of the late 18th and 19th Centuries; - The 18th Century water races of the southern Moors such as at the Duncombe Estate; - The network of extant trenches, bombing decoys, anti-tank defences and radar installations from the First and Second World Wars; - The remains of the structures associated with rabbit-farming along the southern edges of the North York Moors. The modification has been considered in relation to SA Objectives E1 and E5. The amended policy wording has not changed the outcome of the SA.

ENV9 – Historic Landscape Assets						
Key	Positive impact	X No direct link	Neutral link	Uncertain impacts	Negative impacts	Significant Negative Impacts
SA Objective	Prompts		Impact on	Effects and Mitigation		

		Objective	
E1- To maintain and enhance the quality and character of the landscape of the North York Moors, including the special qualities of remoteness and tranquillity	<p>Will the National Park landscape and special qualities be protected and enhanced?</p> <p>Will landscape character improve?</p> <p>Will tranquillity improve or deteriorate?</p>		The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective, as it will seek to ensure that historic landscape assets will be conserved and enhanced taking into consideration the elements which contribute to their significance and, where relevant, the public's experience of them. In this way the draft policy maintains and enhances the character and landscape of the National Park. <a href="#"><u>This policy has been further enhanced by listing the additional landscape assets.</u></a>
E2 - To protect water, soil and air quality, and reduce pollution, and improve efficiency of water use.	<p>Will the policy/ option have an adverse impact on Groundwater Source Protection Zones or cause discharge into a river?</p> <p>Will best and most versatile Agricultural Land be protected?</p> <p>Would the policy option result in the re-use and clean-up of contaminated land?</p> <p>Would the option or lead to the worsening of air quality?</p>		The draft policy could have neutral/positive impacts on water/soil/air quality depending on where the sites are located. Historic field boundaries/hedges/garths often follow the pattern of water courses and protection of these features could therefore have a positive impact on the protection of water/air quality.
E3 - To reduce the causes of climate change and ensure future development is resilient to climate change, including reducing the impact of flooding and avoiding flood risk.	<p>Will the option/policy increase the resilience of habitats to climate change?</p> <p>Will the policy option/policy increase resilience to climate change risks such as lower water availability, increased subsidence or heatwaves?</p> <p>Will the option/policy increase surface or fluvial flooding or will development be vulnerable to flooding?</p> <p>Will greenhouse gasses be reduced?</p>		The draft policy could have neutral/positive impacts on climate change/flooding depending on where the sites are located. Historic field boundaries/large veteran trees/hedges/farmsteads/ fords and other watercourses contribute to land stabilisation and to the prevention of flooding as do harbour and harbour wall.
E4 - To maintain and enhance conditions for biodiversity and avoid irreversible losses or damage to designated nature conservation sites protected species and geological assets.	<p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance internationally and locally designated biodiversity/geodiversity sites? (including SPAs, SACs, Ramsar Sites, SSSIs, SINCs, LNRs and RIGs)</p> <p>Will important habitats and species outside of protected sites be affected?</p> <p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance established tree cover or hedgerows which would be impossible to replace in the short to</p>		The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective, as it will seek to ensure that historic landscape assets will be conserved and enhanced taking into consideration the elements which contribute to their significance and, where relevant, the public's experience of them. In this way the draft policy maintains and enhances conditions for biodiversity in these landscapes. Landscape features, largely undesignated, such as mature or veteran trees, hedges and historic boundaries and enclosures are afforded protection and these are important for biodiversity as are other landscapes such as SPA's, SACs and other designated sites. These designated sites are important from a biodiversity and geodiversity point of view.

	medium term?		
E5 - To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings and to help facilitate opportunities for greater access to and understanding of the historic environment	<p>Will historic features of interest (Conservation areas, Listed building, SAM, Areas of Archaeological importance) be protected?</p> <p>Will non designated heritage assets be protected?</p> <p>Will historic character be enhanced?</p> <p>Will the option/policy lead to a greater understanding of the historic environment?</p>		The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective, as it will seek to ensure that the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings will be conserved and enhanced taking into consideration the elements which contribute to their significance and, where relevant, the public's experience of them. The required Written Scheme of Investigation will allow a greater understanding of historic landscape assets which are not to be maintained in situ. <a href="#">This policy has been further enhanced by listing the additional landscape assets.</a>
E6 - To re-use brownfield land and empty buildings bearing in mind their potential nature conservation and heritage value.	<p>Will the option/policy encourage the re use of brownfield sites?</p> <p>Will the option enhance heritage assets and protect important habitats?</p>		The draft policy will have an uncertain impact on this objective as there may be a conflict between a new use for an empty building or land if the character, integrity or setting of the historic landscape asset is not conserved or enhanced.
S1 - To foster and maintain vibrant local communities and encourage a sense of community and belonging.	<p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance facilities that are important to local communities?</p>		The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective as historic landscape assets are important to communities. Protection from development which fails to conserve or enhance a historic landscape assets will enhances their sense of community and belonging.
S2 To provide affordable, decent housing in accessible locations to meet the needs of local people, including the young.	<p>Will affordable housing be supported by the option/policy?</p> <p>Will affordable housing increase in line with demand in accessible locations?</p>	X	There are no clear links to this objective
S3 - To protect and enhance access to community facilities, leisure and recreation opportunities and access to the countryside.	<p>Will the option/policy increase or decrease access to health/wellbeing and recreational facilities?</p> <p>Will the option/policy increase opportunities for access to the countryside?</p>		The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective as historic landscape assets are important to communities and their protection from development which fails to conserve or enhance a historic landscape asset helps to enhance recreational opportunities and access to and enjoyment of the countryside and its historic features.
S4 - To make sure new development is easily accessible to essential services, to help reduce the need to travel and	<p>Will the option/policy result in shorter journeys to local services?</p> <p>Will the option/policy encourage development in locations where public transport is</p>	X	There are no clear links to this objective.

minimise the environmental impact of transport.	available? Will the policy encourage active travel such as walking/cycling on nearby PROW? Could the policy improve air quality by minimising the need to travel?		
EC1 - To strengthen and diversify the local economy by supporting a range of opportunities for employment and training particularly in sustainable locations.	Will the option/policy support local services and businesses? Will the option/policy create new jobs? Will the option/policy increase access to jobs?	X	There are no clear links to this objective.
EC2 - To support tourism and recreation industry by ensuring that development contributes to the local economy and provides opportunities for enjoying the Park's special qualities.	Will new tourism proposals be supported by the option/policy? Will the option/policy support the retention of existing tourism related businesses? Will the option/policy support tourism businesses that provide a greater understanding of the special qualities of the National Park?		The draft policy will have an uncertain/positive impact on this objective as historic landscape assets are important to the tourism and recreational industry. Its impact is uncertain as the policy option may result in new proposals not being permitted if they are harmful to the character, integrity or setting of a historic landscape asset but the policy option is will have a positive impact as historic landscape assets are important to the public's experience of the National Park and their protection will therefore contribute to the local economy.
<p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <p>Overall the draft policy will have positive impacts by seeking to ensure that historic landscape assets, <u>including the additionally identified assets</u>, will be conserved and enhanced taking into consideration the elements which contribute to their significance and, where relevant, the public's experience of it.</p>			

## **ENV12 Supporting the Conservation and Reuse of Designated Heritage Assets 'At Risk'**

### **Draft policy intention**

To secure the long-term future of a designated heritage asset (on the At Risk Register) and where a proposal is otherwise in conflict with the Development Plan and meets the tests outlined in National Guidance the Authority will assess whether the public benefits of securing the conservation and re use of the assets significantly outweigh and disadvantages associated with departing from other policies within the Plan. This could also be applied to a non-designated heritage asset in exceptional cases.

### **Audit Trail Preferred Options July 2018 to Publication March 2019 Version**

No changes have been made to this draft policy.

**Recommendations, including mitigation:**

No changes recommended.

**Main Modification to Pre- Submission Draft**

This policy has been deleted following the response from Historic England and further consideration by the Authority. The initial intention of the policy was to help support the reuse of buildings at risk through providing alternative uses which were the most appropriate for the building but which may not comply with other policies in this plan as a result of their often remote and secluded locations. However, any policy which would imply that additional new development (which would normally be contrary to policies within this Plan) would be supported provide financial input to restoring the asset is not an approach officers would want to see in the context of National Park designation. Instead, officers recognise that in these limited circumstances where this type of 'enabling' development could be appropriate, applications should be considered on their merit and if needed, approved contrary to policy in order to pursue the NP's first purpose of conserving the built environment of the National Park. Additional supporting text has been added under SPI to provide guidance on such an application would be considered. The instances where this may happen are likely to be very limited.

ENV12 – Supporting the Conservation and Reuse of Designated Heritage Assets 'At Risk'						
Key	Positive impact	X No direct link	Neutral link	Uncertain impacts	Negative impacts	Significant Negative Impacts
SA Objective	Prompts		Impact on Objective	Effects and Mitigation		
E1- <del>To maintain and enhance the quality and character of the landscape of the North York Moors, including the special qualities of remoteness and tranquillity</del>	<del>Will the National Park landscape and special qualities be protected and enhanced?                      Will landscape character improve?                      Will tranquillity improve or deteriorate?</del>			<del>The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective, as it will seek to ensure that designated heritage assets on the BAR (or a non-designated asset) will be preserved in appropriate circumstances. In this way the policy option maintains and enhances the quality and character of the landscape of the National Park.</del>		
E2 - <del>To protect water, soil and air quality, and reduce pollution, and improve efficiency of water use.</del>	<del>Will the policy/ option have an adverse impact on Groundwater Source Protection Zones or cause discharge into a river?                      Will best and most versatile Agricultural Land be protected?                      Would the policy option result in the re-use and clean-up of contaminated land?                      Would the option lead to the worsening of air</del>		X	<del>There are no clear links to this objective</del>		

	quality?		
E3 - To reduce the causes of climate change and ensure future development is resilient to climate change, including reducing the impact of flooding and avoiding flood risk.	<p>Will the option/policy increase the resilience of habitats to climate change?</p> <p>Will the policy option/policy increase resilience to climate change risks such as lower water availability, increased subsidence or heatwaves?</p> <p>Will the option/policy increase surface or fluvial flooding or will development be vulnerable to flooding?</p> <p>Will greenhouse gasses be reduced?</p>	X	There are no clear links to this objective
E4 - To maintain and enhance conditions for biodiversity and avoid irreversible losses or damage to designated nature conservation sites protected species and geological assets.	<p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance internationally and locally designated biodiversity/geodiversity sites? (including SPAs, SACs, Ramsar Sites, SSSIs, SINCs, LNRs and RIGs)</p> <p>Will important habitats and species outside of protected sites be affected?</p> <p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance established tree cover or hedgerows which would be impossible to replace in the short to medium term?</p>		The draft policy will have an uncertain impact on this objective, as it will seek to ensure that designated heritage assets on the BAR and their settings (or a non-designated site), are conserved and this may have an uncertain impact on conditions for biodiversity and geological assets. These are unlikely to be designated sites.
E5 - To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings and to help facilitate opportunities for greater access to and understanding of the historic environment	<p>Will historic features of interest (Conservation areas, Listed building, SAM, Areas of Archaeological importance) be protected?</p> <p>Will non-designated heritage assets be protected?</p> <p>Will historic character be enhanced?</p> <p>Will the option/policy lead to a greater understanding of the historic environment?</p>		The buildings have been specifically listed/designated due to their contribution to the historic environment of the area and the draft policy will therefore have a positive impact on this objective.
E6 - To re-use brownfield land and empty buildings bearing in mind their potential nature conservation and heritage value.	<p>Will the option/policy encourage the re-use of brownfield sites?</p> <p>Will the option enhance heritage assets and protect important habitats?</p>		The outcome of this is uncertain as the draft policy may not encourage the re-use/development of some brownfield/empty buildings due to its heritage value. (i.e. the conversion/reuse will have a detrimental impact on its heritage/setting) This will depend on the site and the proposals.

S1 - To foster and maintain vibrant local communities and encourage a sense of community and belonging.	<p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance facilities that are important to local communities?</p>		The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective as heritage assets are important to communities and their conservation enhances their sense of community and belonging. The draft policy takes into account the public benefits of securing the conservation and re-use of the asset.
S2 To provide affordable, decent housing in accessible locations to meet the needs of local people, including the young.	<p>Will affordable housing be supported by the option/policy?</p> <p>Will affordable housing increase in line with demand in accessible locations?</p>	X	There are no clear links to this objective
S3 - To protect and enhance access to community facilities, leisure and recreation opportunities and access to the countryside.	<p>Will the option/policy increase or decrease access to health/wellbeing and recreational facilities?</p> <p>Will the option/policy increase opportunities for access to the countryside?</p>		The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective as heritage assets are important to communities and their conservation, taking into account the public benefits of securing the conservation and re-use of the asset as required by the draft policy, may provide opportunities to enhance access to community facilities, leisure and recreation opportunities and access to the countryside.
S4 -To make sure new development is easily accessible to essential services, to help reduce the need to travel and minimise the environmental impact of transport.	<p>Will the option/policy result in shorter journeys to local services?</p> <p>Will the option/policy encourage development in locations where public transport is available?</p> <p>Will the policy encourage active travel such as walking/cycling on nearby PROW?</p> <p>Could the policy improve air quality by minimising the need to travel?</p>	X	There are no clear links to this objective.
EC1 -To strengthen and diversify the local economy by supporting a range of opportunities for employment and training particularly in sustainable locations.	<p>Will the option/policy support local services and businesses?</p> <p>Will the option/policy create new jobs?</p> <p>Will the option/policy increase access to jobs?</p>	X	There are no clear links to this objective.
EC2 - To support tourism and recreation industry by ensuring that development contributes to the local economy and provides	<p>Will new tourism proposals be supported by the option/policy?</p> <p>Will the option/policy support the retention of existing tourism related businesses?</p>		The draft policy will have an uncertain/positive impact on this objective as heritage assets are important to the tourism and recreational industry. Its impact is uncertain as the draft policy may result in new proposals for re-use not being permitted if they are harmful to a heritage assets (Building at Risk) or non-designated asset but the draft policy will have a positive impact as heritage assets are important to the public's

opportunities for enjoying the Park's special qualities.	Will the option/policy support tourism businesses that provide a greater understanding of the special qualities of the National Park?		experience of the National Park and their conservation and re-use will therefore contribute to the local economy.
<p><u>Conclusion</u></p> <p>The draft policy will have positive impacts overall by ensuring that development proposals to conserve/reuse buildings at risk (and non-designated assets) will only be permitted, taking into account the public benefits of securing the conservation and reuse of the assets and ensuring that the benefits significantly outweigh the disadvantages associated with departing from other policies within the Plan. The assessment has highlighted uncertainties that may arise with proposals for new uses for buildings and new economic proposals which may affect the heritage assets but each proposal will need to be determined on its merits and such conflicts are to be assessed.</p>			

## UE1 Small Scale Tourism Accommodation

### Draft policy intention

To include a policy which permits the development of new small scale tourism accommodation development within a settlement listed in the hierarchy. Proposals should be within close proximity to an existing residential unit. In the Open Countryside proposals should be physically and functionally linked to an existing business or residential unit for management purposes. All sites should be well screened. Detailed criteria are included to ensure that the proposals have a low environmental impact, do not lead to unacceptable harm in terms of noise and activity, should not be within a residential curtilage, does not detract from the character, tranquillity or visual attractiveness of the area and development should be of high quality design. Any camping and glamping proposals with a floor area greater than 25sqm and connected to a foul drainage system will be considered as a cabin and chalet proposal for which there are additional requirements in relation to the proximity to the road network and car parking requirements. The draft policy also states that proposals for new static caravan sites will not be permitted.

Two alternative options for this policy were considered at Preferred Options Stage;

1. To retain current Core Strategy Policy DP16 (Chalets and Camping Sites).
2. To not include a policy and rely on policy in the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 28).

### Audit Trail Preferred Options July 2018 to Publication March 2019 Version

Significant changes have been made to the policy it is now an amalgamation of preferred options policies UE1 (Camping and Glamping) and UE2 Cabins, Chalets, Caravans and Motorhomes). UE1 permits the development of new small scale accommodation to the main built up area of the defined settlements or to areas where there is an available business or dwelling which could be used to manage the site. The draft policy now includes all forms of tourist development, except new permanent build which is included as new UE2.

### Recommendations, including mitigation:

No changes

### Main Modification to Pre-Submission Draft

The wording of the policy has been changed, (final para, first sentence) to read '**Proposals for new static caravans sites or the conversion of existing camping or caravanning sites to statics will not be permitted.**'

The supporting text has been amended (para 5.12, first sentence.) to read 'The policy does not allow for the provision of new static caravans, except where existing sites are being remodelled to bring about an environmental improvement or extended.'

UE1 Small Scale Tourism Accommodation						
Key	Positive impact	X No direct link	Neutral link	Uncertain impacts	Negative impacts	Significant Negative Impact
SA Objective	Prompts	Impact on Objective	Effects and Mitigation			
E1- To maintain and enhance the quality and character of the landscape of the North York Moors, including the special qualities of remoteness and tranquillity	<p>Will the National Park landscape and special qualities be protected and enhanced?</p> <p>Will landscape character improve?</p> <p>Will tranquillity improve or deteriorate?</p>		<p>The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective, as it will seek to ensure that sites are screened by existing topography, buildings or vegetation and respect the sensitivity of the local landscape. <b>The policy as amended will ensure that new static caravan sites or extensions to existing static caravan sites are not permitted in order to minimise the impact of new static caravans on the National Park landscape.-</b></p>			
E2 - To protect water, soil and air quality, and reduce pollution, and improve efficiency of water use.	<p>Will the policy/ option have an adverse impact on Groundwater Source Protection Zones or cause discharge into a river?</p> <p>Will best and most versatile Agricultural Land be protected?</p> <p>Would the policy option result in the re-use and clean-up of contaminated land?</p> <p>Would the option lead to the worsening of air quality?</p>		<p>The impacts of the draft policy on water/soil/air quality are uncertain as it will depend on the location and type of development which is proposed. Proposals are required to have a low environmental impact.</p>			
E3 - To reduce the causes of climate change and ensure future development is resilient to climate change, including reducing	<p>Will the option/policy increase the resilience of habitats to climate change?</p> <p>Will the policy option/policy increase resilience to climate change risks such as lower water availability, increased subsidence or</p>		<p>The impacts of the draft policy on reducing the impact of climate change and flooding are uncertain as it will depend on the location and type of development which is proposed however proposals are required to have a low environmental impact.</p>			

the impact of flooding and avoiding flood risk.	<p>heatwaves?</p> <p>Will the option/policy increase surface or fluvial flooding or will development be vulnerable to flooding?</p> <p>Will greenhouse gasses be reduced?</p>		
E4 - To maintain and enhance conditions for biodiversity and avoid irreversible losses or damage to designated nature conservation sites protected species and geological assets.	<p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance internationally and locally designated biodiversity/geodiversity sites? (including SPAs, SACs, Ramsar Sites, SSSIs, SINCs, LNRs and RIGs)</p> <p>Will important habitats and species outside of protected sites be affected?</p> <p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance established tree cover or hedgerows which would be impossible to replace in the short to medium term?</p>		The draft policy preferred option will have an uncertain impact on this objective, as it does not specifically seek to ensure that the development should not lead to the loss or damage to an ecological asset so as to endure that this should protect biodiversity within and outside internationally and locally designated biodiversity sites. The draft policy does have a specific size restriction and requires minimum ground connection with no mains drainage in order to minimise its environmental impact.
E5 - To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings and to help facilitate opportunities for greater access to and understanding of the historic environment	<p>Will historic features of interest (Conservation areas, Listed building, SAM, Areas of Archaeological importance) be protected?</p> <p>Will non designated heritage assets be protected?</p> <p>Will historic character be enhanced?</p> <p>Will the option/policy lead to a greater understanding of the historic environment?</p>	X	There are no clear links to this objective.
E6 - To re-use brownfield land and empty buildings bearing in mind their potential nature conservation and heritage value.	<p>Will the option/policy encourage the re use of brownfield sites?</p> <p>Will the option enhance heritage assets and protect important habitats?</p>	X	There are no clear links to this objective.
S1 - To foster and maintain vibrant local communities and encourage a sense of community and belonging.	<p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance facilities that are important to local communities?</p>		The draft policy will have a positive impact as it will allow some existing residents to develop small scale (up to 12 units) businesses and the expansion of existing businesses. The draft policy requires that there should be no unacceptable harm in terms of noise and activity on the immediate neighbourhood. The draft policy will also not allow development within residential curtilages to protect the residential amenity of the occupiers and that of nearby properties. These draft policy requirements will help to foster and maintain vibrant communities.

<p>S2 To provide affordable, decent housing in accessible locations to meet the needs of local people, including the young.</p>	<p>Will affordable housing be supported by the option/policy? Will affordable housing increase in line with demand in accessible locations?</p>	<p><b>X</b></p>	<p>There are no clear links to this objective as this is not a housing policy.</p>
<p>S3 - To protect and enhance access to community facilities, leisure and recreation opportunities and access to the countryside.</p>	<p>Will the option/policy increase or decrease access to health/wellbeing and recreational facilities? Will the option/policy increase opportunities for access to the countryside?</p>	<p><b>X</b></p>	<p>There are no clear links to this objective.</p>
<p>S4 - To make sure new development is easily accessible to essential services, to help reduce the need to travel and minimise the environmental impact of transport.</p>	<p>Will the option/policy result in shorter journeys to local services? Will the option/policy encourage development in locations where public transport is available? Will the policy encourage active travel such as walking/cycling on nearby PROW? Could the policy improve air quality by minimising the need to travel?</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="width: 15px; height: 100%; background-color: orange;"></div> <div style="width: 15px; height: 100%; background-color: green;"></div> </div>	<p>The impact of this is uncertain/positive as sites may be in locations that are not easily accessible and will not help to reduce the need for travel and minimise the environmental impact of transport. The draft policy does make a distinction between camping/glamping less than 25 sq. and larger developments and chalet/cabin developments which should be accessible to the existing road network and have adequate parking.</p>
<p>EC1 - To strengthen and diversify the local economy by supporting a range of opportunities for employment and training particularly in sustainable locations.</p>	<p>Will the option/policy support local services and businesses? Will the option/policy create new jobs? Will the option/policy increase access to jobs?</p>		<p>Camping and other forms of tourist accommodation are important for recreation which has benefits for local communities/land owners and the local tourism economy. The draft policy will allow land owners and businesses to diversify to provide small scale enterprises and will allow a more diverse range of accommodation type. (Up to 12)</p>
<p>EC2 - To support tourism and recreation industry by ensuring that development contributes to the local economy and provides opportunities for enjoying the Park's special qualities.</p>	<p>Will new tourism proposals be supported by the option/policy? Will the option/policy support the retention of existing tourism related businesses? Will the option/policy support tourism businesses that provide a greater understanding of the special qualities of the National Park?</p>		<p>Camping and other forms of tourist accommodation are important for recreation and for providing opportunities for enjoying the Park's special qualities and this in turn benefits the local economy and the local tourism economy. The draft policy will allow land owners and businesses to diversify to provide small scale enterprises and will allow a more diverse range of accommodation type. (Up to 12)</p>

### Conclusion

The draft policy will have a number of positive impacts by allowing a greater and more diverse range of accommodation, in different locations of a greater number. The draft policy also provides specific size limitations, requires limited ground connection and specifies that it should not be sited within a residential curtilage, ensuring that development has a small environmental footprint and seeks to ensure that there is no unacceptable harm in terms of noise and activity on the neighbourhood. The draft policy makes a distinction between camping/glamping less than 25 sq.m. m and larger developments and chalet/cabin developments which should be accessible to the existing road network and have adequate parking and this should ensure that larger scale developments will be in the more sustainable locations.

## **BL1 Employment and Training Development**

### **Draft policy intention**

To include a policy which permits employment and training development in accordance with the hierarchy as set out in Strategic Policy B and focusses employment and training within the main built up areas of Helmsley and the Larger Villages. Small scale employment and training developments are permitted within the built up areas of the Smaller Villages and the re use of an existing building within the open Countryside is permitted for small scale employment/training. All development proposals are expected to meet development management principles relating to landscape impact and the impact of the development on the neighbourhood and the road network.

One alternative option for this policy was considered at Preferred Options Stage;

1. To retain the current approach set out in Core Strategy DP10 – New Employment and Training Development.

### **Audit Trail Preferred Options July 2018 to Publication March 2019 Version**

A minor change has been made to the draft policy such that development for employment and training within Open Countryside will be required to meet the requirements of Policy CO12. In addition the draft policy also includes additional criteria that employment and training proposals that are part of a Whole Estate Plan, endorsed by the National Park Authority will be permitted.

### **Recommendations, including mitigation:**

No changes recommended.

### **Main Modification to Pre-Submission Draft**

~~The policy wording has been amended to include in the first line~~ 'Development of new or existing small scale employment and training development will be permitted.'  
In addition a new criterion (2) has been added to C, to read;

'C2. Where it involves the small extension of an existing building in accordance with the requirements of Policy CO12.'

BL1 - Employment and Training Development						
Key	Positive impact	X No direct link	Neutral link	Uncertain impacts	Negative impacts	Significant Negative Impacts
SA Objective	Prompts		Impact on Objective	Effects and Mitigation		
E1- To maintain and enhance the quality and character of the landscape of the North York Moors, including the special qualities of remoteness and tranquillity	<p>Will the National Park landscape and special qualities be protected and enhanced?</p> <p>Will landscape character improve?</p> <p>Will tranquillity improve or deteriorate?</p>			The draft policy will have a positive impact on this objective, as it will seek to ensure that only development of an appropriate scale is permitted and it should not individually or cumulatively be detrimental to the character and appearance of the wider landscape.		
E2 - To protect water, soil and air quality, and reduce pollution, and improve efficiency of water use.	<p>Will the policy/ option have an adverse impact on Groundwater Source Protection Zones or cause discharge into a river?</p> <p>Will best and most versatile Agricultural Land be protected?</p> <p>Would the policy option result in the re-use and clean-up of contaminated land?</p> <p>Would the option lead to the worsening of air quality?</p>			The impacts of the draft policy option on water/soil/air quality are uncertain as it will depend on the location and type of development which is proposed.		
E3 - To reduce the causes of climate change and ensure future development is resilient to climate change, including reducing the impact of flooding and avoiding flood risk.	<p>Will the option/policy increase the resilience of habitats to climate change?</p> <p>Will the policy option/policy increase resilience to climate change risks such as lower water availability, increased subsidence or heatwaves?</p> <p>Will the option/policy increase surface or fluvial flooding or will development be vulnerable to flooding?</p> <p>Will greenhouse gasses be reduced?</p>			The draft option will permit development in sustainable locations i.e. Helmsley and the Larger Villages where the road network has the capacity to serve the development without detriment to highway safety and therefore is likely to have a positive impact on reducing the causes of climate change.		
E4 - To maintain and enhance conditions for	Will the option/policy protect and enhance internationally and locally designated			The impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity are considered to be uncertain as it will be dependent on the location and type of development which is proposed.		

biodiversity and avoid irreversible losses or damage to designated nature conservation sites protected species and geological assets.	<p>biodiversity/geodiversity sites? (including SPAs, SACs, Ramsar Sites, SSSIs, SINCs, LNRs and RIGs)</p> <p>Will important habitats and species outside of protected sites be affected?</p> <p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance established tree cover or hedgerows which would be impossible to replace in the short to medium term?</p>		
E5 - To conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their settings and to help facilitate opportunities for greater access to and understanding of the historic environment	<p>Will historic features of interest (Conservation areas, Listed building, SAM, Areas of Archaeological importance) be protected?</p> <p>Will non designated heritage assets be protected?</p> <p>Will historic character be enhanced?</p> <p>Will the option/policy lead to a greater understanding of the historic environment?</p>	X	There are no clear links to this objective.
E6 - To re-use brownfield land and empty buildings bearing in mind their potential nature conservation and heritage value.	<p>Will the option/policy encourage the re use of brownfield sites?</p> <p>Will the option enhance heritage assets and protect important habitats?</p>		Support for employment and training development in existing buildings, <u>with the addition of small scale extensions, where appropriate,</u> will have a positive impact on this objective.
S1 - To foster and maintain vibrant local communities and encourage a sense of community and belonging.	<p>Will the option/policy protect and enhance facilities that are important to local communities?</p>		The draft option will have positive impact on this objective as it will ensure that new employment and training opportunities <u>involving new or existing businesses</u> are permitted in settlements, in Open Countryside and where proposals are part of a Whole Estate Plan and this should encouraging vibrant communities.
S2 To provide affordable, decent housing in accessible locations to meet the needs of local people, including the young.	<p>Will affordable housing be supported by the option/policy?</p> <p>Will affordable housing increase in line with demand in accessible locations?</p>	X	There are no clear links to this objective.
S3 - To protect and enhance access to community facilities,	<p>Will the option/policy increase or decrease access to health/wellbeing and recreational facilities?</p>	X	There are no clear links to this objective.

leisure and recreation opportunities and access to the countryside.	Will the option/policy increase opportunities for access to the countryside?		
S4 - To make sure new development is easily accessible to essential services, to help reduce the need to travel and minimise the environmental impact of transport.	<p>Will the option/policy result in shorter journeys to local services?</p> <p>Will the option/policy encourage development in locations where public transport is available?</p> <p>Will the policy encourage active travel such as walking/cycling on nearby PROW?</p> <p>Could the policy improve air quality by minimising the need to travel?</p>		The draft option will have a positive impact on this objective as it will ensure that new development <u>involving new or existing businesses</u> <del>is</del> are permitted in the larger settlements in the Hierarchy helping to minimise the need to travel and minimise the environmental impact of transport.
EC1 - To strengthen and diversify the local economy by supporting a range of opportunities for employment and training particularly in sustainable locations.	<p>Will the option/policy support local services and businesses?</p> <p>Will the option/policy create new jobs?</p> <p>Will the option/policy increase access to jobs?</p>		The draft option will have positive/uncertain impact on this objective as it will ensure that new development is p <u>involving new or existing businesses are</u> permitted in accordance with the settlement Hierarchy. Development proposals adjacent to the main built areas of the settlements are not permitted, only development within the built up areas of the settlements are permitted. This may detract from the local economy as development on the edges of Helmsley and Larger Villages is not permitted. <u>The amended wording to permit small extensions on existing buildings in Open Countryside will have a positive impact in strengthening the local economy meaning that existing businesses can expand in their existing location and new businesses can establish and develop appropriately.</u>
EC2 - To support tourism and recreation industry by ensuring that development contributes to the local economy and provides opportunities for enjoying the Park's special qualities.	<p>Will new tourism proposals be supported by the option/policy?</p> <p>Will the option/policy support the retention of existing tourism related businesses?</p> <p>Will the option/policy support tourism businesses that provide a greater understanding of the special qualities of the National Park?</p>		The draft option will have positive impacts as it will ensure that the local economy is supported by permitting small scale tourism and recreational proposals in accordance with the settlement hierarchy, in Open Countryside and as part of agreed Whole Estate Plans.
<u>Conclusion</u>			
The draft policy will have positive and uncertain impacts by ensuring that <u>existing and new</u> employment and training development proposals will only be permitted in accordance with the settlement hierarchy and subject to other requirements relating to landscape, amenity and road network. The draft policy may have an uncertain impact in terms of the local economy as developments are not permitted adjacent to Helmsley and the Larger Villages this is to be balanced against the positive impact in terms of protecting the appearances of the edges of the larger settlements which are important from a visual landscape point of view. <u>The policy allows small extensions to buildings in Open Countryside and this will have positive impacts in terms of the local economy.</u>			



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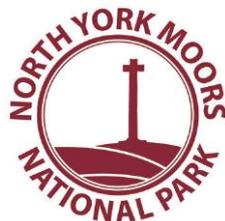


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