

Responses on the Pre-Submission Draft Earswick Neighbourhood Plan

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Para/Table/ Map ref	Comments
Para 1.5	This statement is incorrect. This paragraph should be clarified to distinguish the Neighbourhood Plan and emerging Local Plan approaches. To be clear the emerging Local Plan follows a criteria based methodology based upon the spatial strategy which helps to determine the most sustainable and preferred site allocations; it does not state that <i>'there should be no building development on any part of the existing Green Belt within the parish boundaries'</i> . Whilst the latest consultation draft of the emerging Local Plan (summer 2016) does not propose to allocate any sites within Earswick Parish, the Local Plan will only protect the Green Belt from inappropriate development in line with the National Planning Policy Framework. It should also be noted that references should also be to the 'draft Green Belt' as the inner boundaries will be set through the emerging Local Plan.
Map, Page 5	The Earswick Parish Map seems to be skewed and should be rectified for accurate representation. Also, whilst we appreciate the copy right statement is shown, please could this be amended to reference "City of York Council licence No. 1000 20818".
Table 1, item 4	For your information, the Habitat Regulation Assessment prepared for the Publication Draft Local Plan (2014) identified that recreational disturbance was the key vulnerability at Strensall Common and was looked at in more detail concluding that no significant effects were likely based upon the sites included in that edition of the Plan. We concur that the Earswick Neighbourhood Plan, given that it does not allocate sites for development and promotes conserving and enhancing the local nature conservation sites, is not likely to have a significant effect on the Natura 2000 network of sites, including Strensall Common.
Table 1, item 5	There is merit in expanding this answer to set out the types of proposed uses at the local area level to ensure clarity of what the plan will do.
Table 1, item 6	We would advise expanding this answer to describe the type of future projects the plan will influence. Particular reference should be given to the Windfall policy and in what circumstances planning permission would be granted.
Table 1, item 8 (pg 9)	Reference to the Green Belt should be 'Draft Greenbelt'. Reference should be made to the boundaries of the draft Green Belt being set through the emerging Local Plan. Furthermore, there is some uncertainty in relation to windfall development. Reference should be made as to the impacts of this policy and the magnitude of the effects.

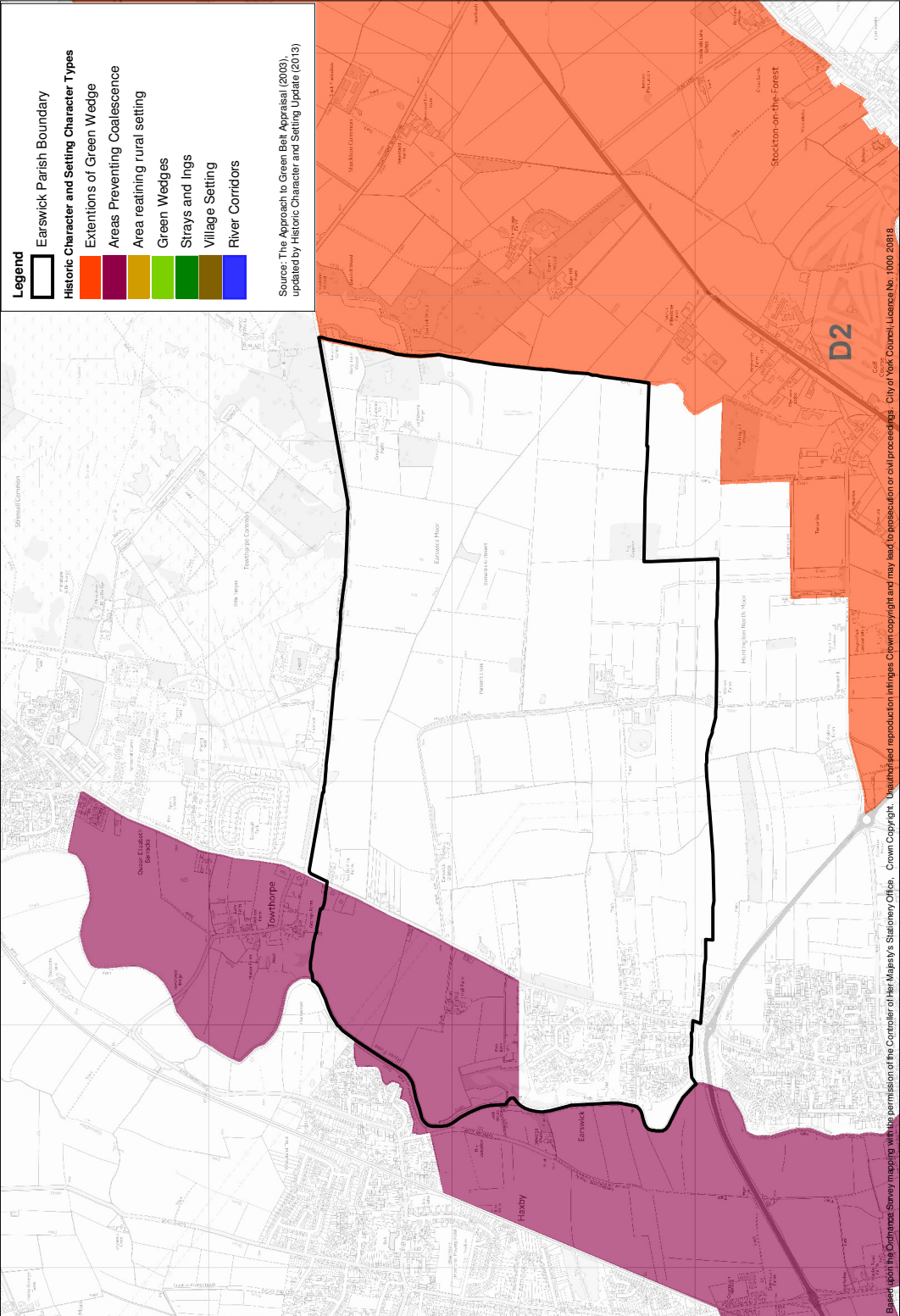
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Table 2, Item 1 (pg 13)	For clarity the answer to this question should expand on what projects and activities and allocating of resources will be. From our reading of the plan, there will be a positive influence for the local green infrastructure network, promoting of connectivity with other areas of York through enhanced sustainable transport corridors and support for windfall housing development provided it meets conditions set out in policy. These provide a neighbourhood level framework whilst supporting the emerging Local Plan. In this case it is likely to have a positive impact but not significantly positive.
Table 2, item 4 (pg 14)	We consider that the answer to this question should be expanded to consider environmental problems in the neighbourhood plan area. For example, consideration for flood risk alongside the River Foss, heritage assets (designated and non-designated), landscape and nature conservation sites at a minimum to help identify whether the policies set out are likely to have a positive or negative effect on existing environmental problems. The answer should then be revised to reflect consideration of these points.
Table 2, Item 6 (pg 14)	The question of probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of effects is not adequately answered in relation to the policies set out in the plan. We consider that that policy in relation to heritage assets and nature conservation for example, may have a positive effect for at least the duration of the plan in conjunction with the emerging Local Plan. For clarity, further information with reference to probability, duration and frequency of effects should also be given in relation to the windfall policy and what the likely (uncertain) effects are from this type of development.
Table 2, item 7	Cumulative impacts should also refer to the emerging Local Plan. Cumulative effects are likely to be positive, but not significant as a result of the policies on the Plan.
Table 2, item 9	Reference could be made to policy ENP13 in the plan as an example of minimising risk to human health. Safety of residents is also referred to in safe crossing of the ring-road into Hunnington as part of the transport policy.
Table 2, item 10	For clarity, the potential for effects is likely to be limited to the neighbourhood plan area. The exception to this is the consideration for landscape, including support for openness, which is likely to have a wider positive impact on the historic character and setting of York.
Table 2, item 11 (pg 15)	We recommend that further information is included in this answer. Consideration for the River Foss designation is required in relation to the policies. Also, referencing support for the landscape in the neighbourhood plan area.

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	Consideration for landscape, including support for openness is likely to have a wider positive impact on the historic character and setting of York. Furthermore, given the plan does not allocate sites for development minimises vulnerability of the area to change although incremental windfall development does cause some uncertainty. Impacts of windfall development is likely to be minimised through application of the policy criteria together with policy in the emerging Local Plan but should be considered in the context of this question.
	In addition, the emerging Local Plan conserves area of Historic character and setting as part of the spatial strategy for localising development. Part of these areas fall within the Earswick Neighbourhood Plan Area. This is used as part of the Local Plan criteria for determining in suitable allocations as it sets out areas critically important for the historic character and setting of York. This section should refer to the impacts of the plan on these areas as they form a key evidence base underpinning the emerging Local Plan. An extract of these is attached.
Para 6.8, page 16	Reference should be made to the windfall policy given that this is acceptable subject to the policy criteria in combination with the emerging local Plan. For clarity, this paragraph should be clear that proposals which come forward of a scale that may impact on Strensall Common, will be subject to further work to understand any effects/mitigation required..
Para 7.3	Subject to the amendments listed above, we concur with the conclusion that the Earswick Neighbourhood Plan, as proposed through the Pre-Submission Consultation, is unlikely to have significant environmental impacts. As such, SEA is not required.
Para 7.4	Subject to the amendments above, we concur that the Earswick Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have an impact on Strensall Common or other sites in the Natura 2000 network and that an HRA is not required.

Historic Character and Setting Character Types within Earswick Neighbourhood Plan Area





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Dear Mr. Towleron,
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Strategic Environmental Assessment**

We write in response to your e-mail of Monday 5 December 2016, and the enclosed Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations (HA) Assessment Screening Report for the Earswick Neighbourhood Plan. For the purposes of this consultation, Historic England will confine its advice to the question, "Is it likely to have a significant effect on the environment?" in respect to our area of concern, cultural heritage. Our comments are based on the information supplied with the Screening Opinion.

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Having considered the SEA & HA Screening Report, we confirm that we concur with the conclusion that an SEA Screening Report will not be required.

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Historic England strongly advises that the conservation and archaeological staff of the City of York Council are closely involved throughout the preparation of the plan and its assessment. They are best placed to advise on; local historic environment issues and priorities, including access to data held in the HER (formerly SMR); how the policy or proposal can be tailored to minimise potential adverse impacts on the historic environment; the nature and design of any required mitigation measures; and opportunities for securing wider benefits for the future conservation and management of historic assets.



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We would appreciate it if you forwarded a copy of this letter to Earswick Parish Council and/or their consultants.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 16/01/2017

Dear Mr Towler,

Earswick Neighbourhood Plan SEA Screening

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency regarding the above mentioned Neighbourhood Plan. We have reviewed the information submitted and wish to make the following comments.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

We would like to highlight that it is the role of the Council to advise the Parish Council if there is a need for formal Strategic Environmental Assessment of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Our role, as a statutory consultee, is to provide guidance on the significance of any potential environmental effects.

We have considered the draft plan and its policies against those environmental characteristics of the area that fall within our remit and area of interest. Having considered the nature of the policies in the Plan, we consider that it is unlikely that significant negative impacts on environmental characteristics that fall within our remit and interest will result through the implementation of the plan. We have no further comments to make in this instance.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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