

GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Gargrave NDP Update

October 2017

As you may remember, the Parish Council has been working on a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Gargrave. This update / briefing note sets out the latest position.

The Draft NDP was published for formal consultation back in 2016. Following advice from Natural England, further detailed work is required on the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) before the NDP can be submitted formally to Craven District Council. This is a legal requirement and the process will be tested at the Examination of the NDP. To progress without this work being completed would risk the NDP failing the Examination and not progressing to a local referendum.

The work on the SEA / HRA is being undertaken by Craven District Council. They have indicated that this will be completed by the end of the year.

In the meantime a new draft of the Craven Local Plan has been published for consultation. The Gargrave NDP has been revised and updated taking into account detailed comments from Craven District Council, and the latest policies and proposals in the emerging new Craven Local Plan.

The key changes in relation to the NDP are:

1. The total housing requirement for Gargrave has been increased to 150 houses. Taking into account existing planning permissions and recent new development, the net requirement is 108 houses over the NDP period up to 2032. The proposed housing sites in the Gargrave NDP should provide around 68 new houses, predominantly through the 2 large sites at Marton Road and Neville House which would provide around 58 houses. The other 2 sites (G2/1 off North Street and G2/3 off Low Green) should together provide around 10 houses.
2. The emerging new Craven Draft Local Plan also identifies a site to the east of Eshton Road beyond the caravan site for Extra Care Homes (50 units) - GA009. This site has not been included in the NDP as a site allocation at this stage as it was not put forward by North Yorkshire County Council in time to be considered through the NDP process. However it is shown on the NDP Policies Map as a proposed site in the emerging new Craven Draft Local Plan. The amended settlement boundary now includes the proposed site GA009 as identified in the emerging new Craven Local Plan. In addition the NDP has a supporting policy for care home provision in Gargrave. Hopefully therefore our NDP will still be considered to be in "general conformity" with the new Local Plan at Examination.

We invite comments on these proposed changes and then we intend to move forward with the submission of Gargrave NDP to Craven District Council as soon as the SEA / HRA work is completed - hopefully by the end of the year or very soon afterwards.

The NDP will be published for a further 6 weeks formal consultation by Craven District Council following Submission. Therefore there will be another opportunity for everyone to comment at that stage. The Parish Council will keep you informed about timescales for this, but all representations will have to be sent to Craven District Council.

The Examiner will consider any further representations as part of his or her Examination.