

# North Yorkshire Partnerships

## Working together

### **Workshop 1: Shaping the new North Yorkshire Local Plan**

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#### **Description**

Local Plans set out a vision and framework for the future development of an area. Local Plans address needs and opportunities in relation to housing, the local economy, community facilities and infrastructure. They should safeguard the environment, enable adaptation to climate change and help secure high quality accessible design.

The workshop focused on how to engage partners and communities in the preparation of the plan with a particular focus on under represented groups.

#### **Notes**

##### **The Local Plan**

The North Yorkshire Local Plan will present the development priorities for the county (excluding the National Parks) and be used to determine planning applications after 2028. It will set out a vision for the future and outline the Council's policies for housing, the economy, the environment and other planning issues, whilst also allocating land for new development.

##### **Increasing understanding about what Local Plans can do**

- Groups were tasked with placing concepts and ideas in a *Can* column and a *Can't* column
- For instance, 'Encourage good design' went in the *Can* column, whereas 'Determine car parking strategy' went in the *Can't* column

##### **Discussing engagement with the Local Plan**

- Groups were asked to share ideas about how the local authority might achieve better engagement with seldom heard voices
- Ideas included:
  - Use parish newsletters
  - Identify and attend existing focus groups
  - Go to libraries

- Publish a video
- Go into schools and careers fairs
- Engage with Community Anchors, Community Partnerships, Citizens Assembly and Disability Forums
- Strengthen relationships with other NYC departments

### **Exploring planning issues facing seldom heard groups**

- Groups were asked to share issues that their communities face that the Local Plan might address
- Issues included:
  - Only a very small percentage of all housing is fully accessible
  - Affordable housing is needed for young people
  - Town centres should be more accessible
  - Some small towns have hidden poverty
  - Many people are worried about good access to services
  - Improving digital connectivity is crucial
  - More accessible transport needed across all types of modes

### **Progress**

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