

**York Local Plan Preferred Options – Summary Of Responses
About the Plan**

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Policy, Site, Table, Figure, Para etc.	Comments	Ref.	Name (where business or organisation)
About the Plan	<p>Objection - without a clear and unequivocal statement of intent as to how detailed policies, plans and projects and other activities will be treated as and when they arise, the strategy will not be Habitats Regulations compliant and potentially will be left open to legal challenge at later stages. This risk is easily remedied, encouraged to work with Natural England to assist in the preparation and presentation of an appropriate statement. Suggest it would make sense for each collaborating authority to adopt a similar form of words in the Introduction to each of their Plans so as to make their Strategy Documents Habitats Regulations compliant. Based on the introduction to the Selby Plan the following statement should be included at Introduction page ii (vix) as a visually emphasised section. This will ensure that everyone is aware from the outset that these provisions apply universally where there are potentials for impacts on internationally protected sites. It might read as follows: "Habitats Regulations Assessment - The Council has undertaken a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) in compliance with the EU Habitats Directive and the UK Habitats Regulations. This HRA ensures protection for Natura 2000 sites against deterioration or disturbance from plans, projects or activities (alone or in combination with other plans, projects and activities) on the features for which they are designated. The Assessment also considers areas designated as Ramsar Wetlands of International Importance. A HRA will be required at the lower tier plan stage for any plans, projects or activities, which may have a significant effect on Natura 2000 and Ramsar sites."</p>	4413/11430	Carstairs Countryside Trust
	<p>Comment - paragraph (vi) on page (ii) states that local plan visioning workshops were held in October 2012. These were not communicated. Who participated in the workshops and what was the result?</p>	5667/13338	