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General	Comment – the plan needs to better explain on page 2 the enhanced status of neighbourhood plans over that of parish plans and village design statements.	59/12630	Dunnington Parish Council
	Comment – should include a section on ‘York New city Beautiful: Towards an Economic vision’ based on paragraphs 1.6 to 1.8 of the Core Strategy Submission (Publication). If it is still a current document which has been used to inform the plan and its strategy then reference should be made to it in this section.	238/14035	English Heritage
	Comment - the Plan currently understates and downgrades the significance of Neighbourhood Planning in the whole Local Plan and planning process. It needs to better explain on page 2 the enhanced status of Neighbourhood Plans over that of Parish Plans and Village Design Statements.	1457/17385	
	Support – support for paragraph 1.11 and 2.14. Support the Regional Strategy for Yorkshire and Humber (RSS) which provides that the existing York Draft Green Belt and its policies should be retained plus the development plan would continue to include the RSS York Draft Green Belt policies. Challenge that this has not been done within the Local Plan.	1589/17550	Nether Poppleton Parish Council
	Objection - the Plan understates and downgrades the significance of Neighbourhood Planning in the whole Local Plan and planning process. The Local Plan needs to better explain on page 2 the enhanced status of Neighbourhood Plans over that of Parish Plans and Village Design Statements.	5178/12329	
	Comment – page 2 states that neighbourhood plans are a key element of neighbourhood planning, how have these neighbourhood plans been taken into account in the Local Plan?	5667/13339	
	Paragraph 1.07	Support – Selby District Council is satisfied that there has been satisfactory ongoing cross-boundary cooperation between Selby and York through officer and members bodies, not least the Leeds City Region and York and North Yorkshire board/technical officer group.	9/11653
Comment – the East Riding of Yorkshire Council is committed to working with City of York Council on cross boundary issues as we progress out local plans and would like to progress at the earliest opportunity the preparation of a joint document or Memorandum of Understanding to address the key planning issues between the authorities.		10/11694	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Objection – to gain a full understanding of the local plan there should a narrative on the council’s approach to the Duty to Cooperate with adjacent authorities which describes their approach to plan preparation. It is not clear whether the Local Plan and its strategy has been prepared in association with adjoining authorities. There is no		46/12585	Heslington Village Trust

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	evidence for example whether the council has explored delivering part of its housing need beyond the green belt boundary. Reviews of neighbouring authorities' plans (Harrogate and Hambleton) may allow the accommodation of some of York's housing growth in new settlements beyond York's green belt boundary.		
Paragraph 1.07 Continued	Objection – to gain a full understanding of the local plan there should be a narrative on the approach to the Duty to Cooperate with adjacent authorities which describes their approach to plan preparation. It is not clear whether the Local Plan and its strategy have been prepared in association with adjoining authorities. There is no evidence for example whether delivering part of housing need beyond the green belt boundary has been explored. Reviews of neighbouring authorities' plans (Harrogate and Hambleton) may allow the accommodation of some of York's housing growth in new settlements beyond York's green belt boundary.	48/12594	Heslington Parish Council
	Comment – it is incumbent on the council to ensure that co-operation continues through the plan making process and the implications of the new plan together with the emerging strategies of authorities with whom it shares housing market areas need to be considered. Evidence Base – the cross boundary working paper (June 2013) shows little material evidence of firm actions or high level agreements on strategic issues. There is no identified agreement or action upon how the authorities will work together to supply the homes required in the region.	145/13855	Home Builders Federation
	Support – welcome recognition of the importance of close working with neighbouring authorities in the cross boundary working paper. Objection – would like confirmation and reference made in the Local Plan that will engage in continuous and close working with neighbouring authorities to assess and meet the indentified full development needs of the area. Would recommend the following sentence be added to paragraph 1.7 'The council will engage in continuous and close working with its neighbouring authorities to asses and meet the identified full development needs of the area'.	659/15061	Persimmon Homes
	Support – the Duty to Cooperate is a legal requirement which cannot be rectified at examination and required continuous engagement. Noted that since the previous Inspectors assessment the Council has made significant and welcomed progress.	673/16834	Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd
	Comment – there is no suggestion that, for example, Hambleton District may have been consulted to work out whether the village of Shipton with its exceptional potential for a Park & Ride rail link might be considered along term better location for perhaps 5,000 houses that those identified in the plan.	994/17010	

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Paragraph 1.07 Continued	Comment - noted that in 2012 the Council passed the Duty to Co-operate "test". The Council will still need to demonstrate that it has not only continued to undertake this ongoing dialogue and agreement with the adjoining authorities, but will also need to successfully demonstrate this to an Inspector at the Local Plan Examination in Public.	1337/17260	Halifax Estates
	Support – the Duty to Cooperate is a legal requirement which cannot be rectified at examination and required continuous engagement. Noted that since the previous Inspectors assessment the Council has made significant and welcomed progress.	1514/17466	Monks Cross North Consortium
	Objection – whilst Section 1 of the Local Plan includes a paragraph on the 'duty to co-operate' and refers to subsequent paragraphs later in the plan, there does not appear to be any convincing evidence to demonstrate that the 'duty to co-operate' has been undertaken appropriately for the plan. For example, there is no evidence of issues identified and how these have or will be addressed jointly.	1668/15021	Barratt & David Wilson Homes
	Objection – concerns in relation to whether through the Local Plan the Council has sufficiently discharged its duty to cooperate as required by the Localism Act and the NPPF. It requires effective cross boundary planning to meet in full the objectively assessed needs of the housing market areas. York is failing to meet its own objectively assessed needs, let alone, meeting unmet needs of the neighbouring authorities.	1705/9775	Gladman Developments
	Support – note that since the previous inspector's assessment the Council has made significant and welcomed progress in relation to the duty to cooperate.	6351/16050	Gladedale Estates
	Objection – to gain a full understanding of the local plan there should a narrative on the council's approach to the Duty to Cooperate with adjacent authorities which describes their approach to plan preparation. It is not clear whether the Local Plan and its strategy have been prepared in association with adjoining authorities. There is no evidence for example whether the council has explored delivering part of its housing need beyond the green belt boundary. Reviews of neighbouring authorities' plans (Harrogate and Hambleton) may allow the accommodation of some of York's housing growth in new settlements beyond York's green belt boundary.	6439/16158	
Para 1.08	Objection – amend this paragraph to refer to the creation of a List of Local heritage Assets as stated in paragraph 16.5 e.g. '...the introduction of a new neighbourhood layer to the planning system....is aimed at giving people the opportunity to shape the places they live in my nominating features of local significance for the create of a List of Local Heritage Assets'.	188/13929	
	Objection - little clear evidence of how neighbourhood planning is to be achieved.	2416/6580	
Para 1.09	Comment – there is a requirement that Neighbourhood Plans should be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. In order to assist those	238/14034	English Heritage

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	preparing such documents it would be helpful to set out which of the policies in the local plan are considered to be 'strategic'.		
Para 1.13	Support – the university supports the strategy for York vision of being a world class centre for culture, education and learning for all.	38/12909	York St John University
Para 1.13 & 1.14	Support – pleased to see the objective of making York a leading environmentally friendly city included in The Strategy for York vision. Comment – the ambition the Strategy for York of using development to improve the environmental sustainability of the city is aspiration and in accordance with national policy.	3/11620	Environment Agency
Para 1.14	Comment – these are laudable aims but their implementation, especially of environmental quality for existing residents doesn't seem to be followed through.	2416/6581	
Para 1.17	Objection – the fifth priority listed here should read 'to protect and enhance the environment'. This is to ensure that these priorities are consistent with the aims of paragraphs 9 and 109 of the National Planning Policy Framework to deliver a net gain in biodiversity.	1399/17355	RSPB
Para 1.23	Comment – these are laudable aims but their implementation, especially of environmental quality for existing residents doesn't seem to be followed through.	2416/6582	