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<b>General</b>	Comment - green infrastructure, paragraph 2.15, includes a network of multifunctional open spaces, including strays and village greens, waterways, street trees and street verges and green corridors etc. York unique historic environment concentrates almost entirely on the historic with no reference to the surrounding villages. Paragraph 2.22, the assembly rooms could be included here as national importance in English architectural history.	188/13930	
	Comment – should reorder the beginning of section 2 as follows: - geography, landscape, York historic environment and population.	238/14036	English Heritage
	Comment - no mention of water of drainage. York states green infrastructure 2.15. Recommend this be extended to include other water based blue infrastructure.	295/14154	Yorkshire Water Services Ltd
	Objection - the section on York’s Unique Historic Environment contains no reference to other historic sites especially those in rural areas. These include listed properties, medieval sites and elsewhere where archaeological remains exist. Parts of the parish Plans and Villages Design Statements. Why these sites are not included if the rural area is to be included in the York Local Plan. They request a statement within the Local Plan outlining what is excluded.	1589/17554	Nether Poppleton Parish Council
	Comment - seems that the interests of the residents of York are secondary to those of the tourists. We need to rebalance the York economy away from this form of economic activity.	3151/8115	
	Comment - welcome acceptance that the local plan has a clear responsibility to contribute to the city’s ambition to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Welcome the importance placed on the production of renewable energy sources in tackling the global challenges faced by climate change. Although there is no currently no reference to this being the case. These figures should be regarded as a minimum target. To improve restrictions on the level of capacity produced by renewable energy sources within the city would be contradictory to the aims of national and the local guidance.	4382/11347	Peel Environmental & North Selby Mine Waste Ltd
<b>Para 2.04 2.05</b>	Objection - further detail is required here to highlight specific planning themes that require cross- boundary working. The principal concern is the need to work collaboratively with Selby District Council and the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. In relation to the Lower Derwent Valley and its international and national nature conservation designations.	1399/17356	RSPB

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<b>Para 2.05</b>	Comment - why not worked closely with Leeds City Region to obtain funding to deliver a Green Infrastructure Strategy in York?	4819/14314	York Environment Forum (Natural Environment Sub Group) & Treemendous York
<b>Para 2.07</b>	Objection - extra housing proposed will lead to an increase in population which will become unsustainable. If this is projected into the future (60 years) will need a larger area of development than proposed in a 15 year plan.	1272/207	
<b>Para 2.11</b>	Objection – whilst this section acknowledges that tourism is an important component of York’s economy, the plan does not propose a specific policy to this effect. Whilst a number of strands may be drawn out of existing suite of policies, it is suggested that a specific policy be drafted which would fully reflect and given weight to the sustainable tourism objectives set out at paragraph 2.11.	550/16785	
<b>Para 2.13</b>	Support - the identification of views of the Minster as one of the key defining features of the city	238/14037	English Heritage
<b>Para 2.18</b>	Comment - pleased to see the York New City Beautiful reported here. However it does not appear to form part of the evidence base for the Local Plan. The concept of City Parks and Country parks referred to here is not developed or mentioned elsewhere in the Local plan. Supports the proposals in the New City Beautiful report and feels that that these suggestions have been overlooked, to the city’s detriment.	1665/9966	York Environment Forum
<b>Para 2.20</b>	Support - pleased to see that the importance of green infrastructure to the sustainability of the city is recognised. However more should be said regarding the need to increase green infrastructure, specifically within more urban areas, and the wider social benefits this could bring. Looking forward it could be prudent to include a short section which highlights the need and the desire, to expand green infrastructure provision within the city centre, linking existing green infrastructure with the new habitats and new green space within urban areas.	3/11621	Environment Agency
<b>Para 2.22 - 2.24</b>	Support - provides a good overview of the historic environment of the city and the challenges that it faces.	238/14038	English Heritage
<b>Para 2.25</b>	Comment - include a new paragraph on the proposals for York’s historic environment that was set out in “York’s New City Beautiful Towards an Economic vision”.	238/14039	English Heritage
<b>Para 2.27</b>	Comment - no mention of resident’s ecological footprint here. This is very important too.	1665/9967	York Environment Forum
<b>Para 2.29</b>	Objection - in relation to green belt issues the admission that the city centre has not benefited from the growth and retail expenditure which has been allowed no occur by the approval of further out of town development .This does not seem to be backed up	2416/6583	

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	by any clear policy on how this may be addressed.		
<b>Para 2.34</b>	Comment - recommend that the following sentence is added to paragraph 2.34 "Another key challenge is to make provision for increasing the supply of land for housing to meet the growth in households".	659/15062	Persimmon Homes
	Support - agree that there is a backlog on supply of supported housing. Consider that there is a need for further employment opportunities to take up the unemployed and that employment should come before housing. The universities are likely to continue to expand and part of their expansion should be provision of student accommodation on site, not relying on York City' to provide for them.	1589/17555	Nether Poppleton Parish Council
<b>Para 2.34 – 2.39</b>	Support - welcome this comment and supports the aspirations for delivering the right amount and mix for housing. Agrees that needs to accommodate a more balanced housing mix and meet York's housing needs. Need to release more land for development.	1337/17261	Halifax Estates
<b>Para 2.35</b>	Comment - recommend that the following sentence is added to paragraph 2.35 "The local plan needs to make provision for increasing the supply of open market housing that will in turn deliver more affordable housing".	659/15063	Persimmon Homes
<b>Para 2.36</b>	Objection - little progress on utilising inner urban sites to reduce the balance.	2416/6584	
<b>Para 2.40</b>	Objection - the local plan emphasises the importance of delivering adequate community facilities, many of the appropriate requirements (schools, adequacy of local roads etc) do not appear to have been considered. Both Copmanthorpe sites score 8 for public transport when the minimum score is 9, yet both are still put forward.	5767/14436	
<b>Para 2.49</b>	Comment – York St John University has had university status since 2006 and as such, we would like the reference to its 'recent university status' removed.	38/12910	York St John University
<b>Para 2.55</b>	Comment – would like to update to include latest survey results for: Times higher award for 2013 rated the university as 9th for student experience up from 58 <sup>th</sup> in 2012. It is the first post -1992 university to be included in the top ten. National student survey for 2011 rated the university within the top twenty in the UK for student satisfaction. Applications for 2013 entry continued the trend of year on year increase. Higher tariff points are increasingly required and achieved (A level scores).	38/12911	York St John University
<b>Para 2.56</b>	Comment - Joseph Rowntree theatre at Haxby Road is part of a major enhancement of sports and performing arts facilities.	38/12912	York St John University