



City of York Local Plan Modifications Consultation 2023

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Q1

Do you confirm that you have read and understood the privacy notice? You must select 'Yes' in order to take the survey.

Yes

Page 2: Register for consultation

Q2

Your name:

Stephen Pittam

Q3

Contact details: Please provide email and/or address

Organisation (optional) York Human Rights City Network

Address

City/town

Post code

Email address

Q4

Do you wish to be notified when the City of York Local Plan is adopted by the Council? If yes we will use contact details provided above

Yes

Page 3: Your response

Q5

To which consultation document does this response relate? Please note, links shown beside each option are for associated documents.

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To which section does this response relate?

Section 5: Housing

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Q7

To which modification does this response relate?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q8

To which modification does this response relate?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q9

To which modification does this response relate?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q10

To which modification does this response relate?

MM5.11 Policy H5: Gypsies and Travellers

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Q11

To which modification does this response relate?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q12

To which modification does this response relate?

Respondent skipped this question

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To which modification does this response relate?

Respondent skipped this question

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To which modification does this response relate?

Respondent skipped this question

Page 13: Section 10: Managing Development in the Green Belt

Q15

To which modification does this response relate?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q16

To which modification does this response relate?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q17

To which modification does this response relate?

Respondent skipped this question

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To which modification does this response relate?

Respondent skipped this question

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To which modification does this response relate?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q20

To which modification does this response relate?

Respondent skipped this question

Page 19: New evidence documents

Q21

To which evidence document does this response relate?

Respondent skipped this question

Page 20: Comment Form

Q22

Do you support or object to the proposed modification(s)?

Object

Q23

If you object, please select your reason from the list below (select all that apply):

Not positively prepared - i.e. strategy will not meet development needs

Not effective - i.e. it won't work

Q24

Please set out the reasoning behind your support or objection:Please note there is a 1000 character limit, therefore if your reason for support or objection is longer than this, please summarise the main issues raised.

For the reasons explained in the attached statement.

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Statement from the York Human Rights City Network

on the City of York Council Local Plan and its December 2022 paper on Provision for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

The York Human Rights City Network is a civil society partnership hosted jointly by York CVS and the Centre for Applied Human Rights at the University of York. The Network has been working since 2011 on York becoming a Human Rights City. In 2017 all political parties represented on the City of York Council agreed to the City declaring itself as the UK's first Human Rights City. York became one of 7 cities across Europe to have this status.

In February 2023 the City of York Council re-committed itself to the 2017 Declaration which includes the statement:

As the United Kingdom's first Human Rights City we are committed to making our vision real, putting fundamental rights at the heart of our policies, hopes and dreams for the future.

At our meetings in January 2023 and March 2023 the Network's Steering Group has heard about the profound disappointment of the York Travellers Trust at the failures of the Council's Local Plan to include suitable provision for the future accommodation needs of York's historic Gypsy and Traveller community and other communities with a nomadic lifestyle such as boat dwellers.

In particular we have heard about:

- i. The failure to identify appropriate sites where new pitches will be placed, and to include enforceable obligations for developers to support the creation of new sites;
- ii. The failure to allow for the possibility that new sites be included as an exception to the Green Belt (although it is for other forms of affordable housing);
- iii. At the same time, planning to extend the current large and unsuitable site at Osbaldwick (as an exception to the Green Belt) by up to 13 new pitches.
- iv. Requiring major housing developments to include Traveller pitches. This is a laudable objective but won't happen because it will be strongly opposed by house builders & developers.

The Network is concerned that these developments may breach the Council's obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Equality Act 2010. We note that the Equality and Human Rights Commission has engaged with York Council over these matters. Of deeper concern is that the Council's approach appears to have failed to meet its own aspiration to put fundamental rights at the heart of its

policies, and to enable the Gypsy and Traveller communities to have any chance of fulfilling their hopes and dreams for the future.

We call upon the City of York Council to revise its approach, and to engage and to work constructively with the York Travellers Trust to find a better and legally workable plan for Travelling people that will meet the needs of all the citizens of York.

Further, we call upon the Planning Inspectorate to insist that York takes its equality and human rights responsibilities seriously and comes up with a better and legally workable plan.

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The Executive Committee

York Human Rights City Network

23 March 2023