

Walton Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of representations submitted to the independent examiner in accordance with paragraph 9 of Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Reference	Consultee	Summary of comment
Wnpsd1	Environment Agency	Happy to confirm that they have no comments to make at this time.
Wnpsd2	Coal Authority	<p>Having reviewed the Neighbourhood Plan it does not allocate any sites for built development which would be affected by mining legacy. The plan does identify two Protected Areas of Search, however this only reflects proposals in the Wakefield Plan that already contains the necessary framework to address mineral sterilisation.</p> <p>Therefore, the Coal Authority has no specific comments to make on the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
Wnpsd3	Equality and Human Rights Commission	The Commission does not have the resources to comment on all consultations, but will respond to consultations where it considers they raise issues of strategic importance.
Wnpsd4	Health and Safety Executive	We have concluded that we have no representations to make on this occasion. This is because our records show that the <i>Walton Neighbourhood Development Plan</i> boundary and the land within does not encroach on the consultation zones of major hazard installations or MAHPs.
Wnpsd5	National Farmers' Union	The NFU do not raise any specific issues.
Wnpsd6	National Grid PLC	An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid's electricity and gas transmission apparatus which includes high voltage electricity assets and high pressure gas pipelines. National Grid has identified that it has no record of such apparatus within the Neighbourhood Plan area.
Wnpsd7	Historic England	<p>Historic England welcomes the proposed Plan, and in particular supports the intentions of Section 3.3 Heritage and Policy 4 of the Plan.</p> <p>We would however like to suggest a minor amendment to the second bullet point in Policy 4, in order that it reads as follows: <i>Respecting established key views and vistas of and from heritage assets, existing historic building lines and arrangements of front gardens, railings or hedges.</i></p>

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Wnpsd8	West Yorkshire Archaeology Advice Service	The area covered by policy 11, should it be developed, should be subject to further archaeological investigation and recording. It would be helpful for would-be developers to be informed of this in the Neighbourhood Plan and for Policy 11 be amended to ensure that any temporary use of the site should also have no adverse effect upon the potential archaeological interest of the site.
Wnpsd9	West Yorkshire Archaeology Advice Service	Protected Area of Search Site 13 Waterways Land – although the WY Historic Environment Record does not currently have direct evidence of archaeological remains surviving within this area, given its size (13.17 hectares) & what we know about the general area of this part of West Yorkshire, it is highly probable that archaeological investigation would recover evidence for late Iron Age & Romano-British activity here as well. Given the WNP vision (p.5) states that Walton is proud of its heritage which it wishes to cherish, WYAAS would recommend that the WNP should alert would-be developers to the archaeological potential of PAS Site 13.
wnpsd10	Canal and River Trust	<p>In relation to PAS13, which is partly owned by the Trust, we note that the Submission Draft Plan acknowledges that the land use allocation will be retained as protected area of search (PAS).</p> <p>However, we acknowledge that the submission draft plan considers that the site is out of kilter with the policies of the WNP (and indeed of the Wakefield Local Plan) and hence the WNP will set out a policy which prevents permanent development of it within the Plan Period and further will seek to have it taken out of PAS and put into the Green Belt as part of a subsequent Wakefield Local Plan review.</p> <p>As the Trust will be consulted on a future review of the Local Plan, we will provide our comments on this aspect at the appropriate time. However, at this time, the submission draft plan acknowledges that PAS13 land will be retained and therefore will conform with the Adopted Local Plan.</p>
wnpsd11	Canal and River Trust	In relation to the restoration of the Barnsley Canal, we note that the Submission Draft Plan states 'The Local Plan policy supports the restoration of the Canal and also safeguards land occupied by and adjacent to the Canal for cycling or footpath networks. The WNP supports this approach and does not therefore need a separate policy to replicate this.

Representations may be viewed in full at:

http://wakefield.objective.co.uk/portal/spatial_policy/np/waltonnp/wnpsd/wnpsd