



NORTH YORKSHIRE HOUSING STRATEGY

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CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE (JANUARY 2010)

Thank you for taking the time to read through the Draft Strategy and Action Plans. Please complete the following questionnaire. Your contribution will help us to develop the Strategy for the next four years. This questionnaire consists of 31 questions.

Q1 The Vision

The proposed vision for the North Yorkshire Housing Strategy is:

'To make York and North Yorkshire an inclusive place where everyone can have access to decent affordable homes and effective support when they need it.'

Do you agree this is an appropriate vision for the North Yorkshire Housing Strategy?

(Please tick **one** box)

Yes

No

If you ticked
'No' please
explain
further:

Q2 Strategic Priorities

The following four strategic priorities have been identified through previous consultation:

- 1. Enabling the provision of more affordable homes**
- 2. Reducing homelessness**
- 3. Improving access to housing services**
- 4. Making best use of the existing housing stock**

Are these priorities appropriate for North Yorkshire? (Please tick **one** box)

Yes

No

If you ticked
'No' please
explain
further:

Q3 What percentage share of any future sub-regional funding should be allocated to each priority?

(Please allocate percentage values to each of the following priorities making sure they total 100%)

- 1. Enabling the provision of more affordable homes
- 2. Reducing homelessness.....
- 3. Improving access to housing services
- 4. Making best use of the existing housing stock

Q4 Are there any other strategic priorities that you think should be included?

(Please detail below)

Q5 Strategic Priority number 1 - Enabling the provision of more affordable homes

As detailed in the draft strategy, do you think the key issues identified within this priority are appropriate? *(Please tick **one** box)*

- Yes No

*If you ticked
'No' please
explain
further:*

Q6 Are there any other key issues this strategic priority should address?

(Please detail below)

Q7 The following six actions have been identified to enable the provision of more affordable homes.

(Please tick one box per statement to indicate their importance to you)

	<i>Very Important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Unimportant</i>	<i>Very Unimportant</i>
1. Routinely update information on the housing market.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Increase the amount of public and other land brought forward for affordable housing through the planning process.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Identify and obtain sustainable funding for the North Yorkshire Rural Housing Enabler programme.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Identify a package of rural sites to ensure delivery of additional rural affordable homes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Make home ownership and mortgage rescue products available to more people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Use Council Tax money from Second Homes to fund additional affordable housing for vulnerable client groups.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q8 Are there any other actions that you think should be included?

(Please detail below)

Q9 Strategic Priority number 2 - Reducing homelessness

As detailed in the draft strategy, do you think the key issues identified within this priority are appropriate? *(Please tick one box)*

Yes

No

If you ticked 'No' please explain further:

Q10 Are there any other key issues this strategic priority should address?
(Please detail below)

Q11 The following four actions have been identified to reduce homelessness.
(Please tick one box per statement to indicate their importance to you)

	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Unimportant</i>	<i>Very Unimportant</i>
1. Increase homelessness prevention levels.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Develop a comprehensive housing, advice and information service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Continue to reduce the use of temporary accommodation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Reduce youth homelessness across York and North Yorkshire.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q12 Are there any other actions that you think should be included?
(Please detail below)

Q13 **Strategic Priority number 3 - Improving access to housing services**

As detailed in the draft strategy, do you think the key issues identified within this priority are appropriate? *(Please tick **one** box)*

Yes

No

*If you ticked
'No' please
explain
further:*

Q14 **Are there any other key issues this strategic priority should address?**
(Please detail below)

Q15 The following six actions have been identified to improve access to housing services.
(Please tick one box per statement to indicate their importance to you)

	<i>Very Important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Unimportant</i>	<i>Very Unimportant</i>
1. Implement an integrated Choice Based Letting system across participating areas of North Yorkshire.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Enable vulnerable people to achieve sustainable independent living with appropriate housing provision and support.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Increase the level of housing choice for older people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Improve communication with Gypsy and Traveller Community to better understand their needs and aspirations and respond to these including identifying preferred locations for additional sites.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Respond to the housing and support needs of Black and Minority Ethnic and Migrant Worker communities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Begin to address issues of financial inclusion and worklessness.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q16 Are there any other actions that you think should be included?
(Please detail below)

Q17 Strategic Priority number 4 - Making best use of the existing housing stock

As detailed in the draft strategy, do you think the key issues identified within this priority are appropriate? *(Please tick **one** box)*

Yes

No

If you ticked 'No' please explain further:

Q18 Are there any other key issues this strategic priority should address?
(Please detail below)

Q19 The following eight actions have been identified to make best use of the existing housing stock. *(Please tick one box per statement to indicate their importance to you)*

	<i>Very Important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Unimportant</i>	<i>Very Unimportant</i>
1. Ensure all social housing tenants live in decent homes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Routinely update information on existing housing stock.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Support targeted regeneration in those areas which require it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Positively address under-occupation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Provide assistance to encourage people to maintain and improve their own homes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Pilot the extension of Choice Based Lettings to include private sector landlords.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Develop a sub-regional Landlord Accreditation scheme by 2014.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Reduce the number of households in fuel poverty by 20%.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q20 Are there any other actions that you think should be included?
(Please detail below)

Q21 Are there any other comments you would like to make about the North Yorkshire Housing Strategy? (Please detail below)

Q22 Are you a stakeholder OR resident in North Yorkshire? (Please tick **one** box)

Stakeholder Resident

Q23 If you ticked 'Resident' to question 22, which district do you live in?
(Please tick **one** box)

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of York | <input type="checkbox"/> Richmondshire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craven | <input type="checkbox"/> Ryedale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hambleton | <input type="checkbox"/> Scarborough |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harrogate | <input type="checkbox"/> Selby |

Q24 If you are a resident within North Yorkshire, how would you describe the area you live in? (For the purposes of this survey, please think of a village as rural and a town as urban) (Please tick **one** box)

- Rural Urban

EQUALITY MONITORING QUESTIONS

We want to make sure that the services we deliver do not unfairly discriminate against anyone. To help us make sure that we are doing this correctly and meet requirements placed upon the Council by Government, it would be helpful if you could answer the following questions about yourself.

You do not have to answer these questions. The information you provide will be anonymous. No personal information will be used in collating the statistical data. However, by answering these questions you will help us to make sure that our services are fair and accessible to everyone. All personal information supplied by you on this form will be processed by Hambleton District Council in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Q25 What is your gender? (Please tick **one box** only)

Male

Female

Q26 Which age group do you belong to? (Please tick **one box** only)

Under 11 years

35 to 44 years

11 to 14 years

45 to 54 years

15 to 17 years

55 to 64 years

18 to 24 years

65 to 74 years

25 to 34 years

Over 75 years

Q27 Which of the following best describes your ethnic background? (*Please note these categories are based on Census Classifications*)

(Please tick **one box** or write your response in 'Other')

White British (English, Scottish, Welsh)

Asian or Asian British Indian

White Irish

Asian or Asian British Pakistani.....

Black or British Caribbean.....

Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi

Black or British African

Asian or Asian British Kashmiri

White and Black Caribbean.....

Other ethnic groups Chinese

White and Black African.....

Other ethnic groups Gypsy/Traveller....

White and Asian.....

Any other ethnic background not listed above (please state):

Q28 What is your sexual orientation? (Please tick **one box** only)

Bisexual

Heterosexual/straight

Lesbian/Gay

Q29 *The Disability Discrimination Act (1995) considers a person disabled if:
'You have a longstanding physical or mental condition or disability that has lasted or is likely to last at least 12 months, and this condition or disability has a substantial adverse effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.'*

Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out under the Disability Discrimination Act (2005)? (Please tick **one box** only)

- Yes
 No

Q30 **If you ticked 'Yes' to question 29, please indicate the type of impairment from the following list?** (Please tick **one box** only)

- Physical impairment (such as difficulty using your arms or mobility issues)*
 Sensory impairment (such as blind, deaf or a serious hearing impairment)
 Mental health condition (such as depression or schizophrenia)
 Learning disability (such as Downs syndrome or dyslexia)
 Long-standing illness or health condition (such as cancer, HIV, diabetes or epilepsy)

Other (please specify):

Q31 **What is your religion or belief?** (Please tick **one box** only)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Buddhist</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Jewish</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Christian</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Muslim</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Hindu</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sikh</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Humanist</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>No religion</i> |

Other (please specify):

Many thanks for taking the time to complete this survey. Your views are valued and will be taken into account when reviewing and finalising the strategy document for approval by the Board.

Please return your completed questionnaire no later than Friday 19th March 2010 to:

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