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Andrew Jones MP  
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Dear Mr Jones,

### **Response to Councillor Collett's letter regarding Draft Local Plan proposals in Hampsthwaite**

I have reviewed Mr Collett's letter and provide my response as follows.

Mr Collett begins his letter by stating that there is no evidence that the Council are taking seriously comments from residents within Hampsthwaite and the rest of the district in response to the Local Plan public consultation.

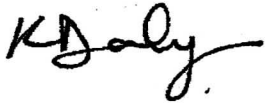
I would like to reassure you that the Council has taken a full and thorough approach to the consideration of comments received in response to the Local Plan consultations. The Council received over 12,000 comments in response to the public consultations on the Draft Local Plan (November 2016) and the Additional Sites Consultation (July 2017). Each of these comments has been individually processed and recorded by the Planning Policy team.

Officers have summarised the key issues raised by consultees and have responded to the issues raised. The analysis of consultee comments has informed the preparation of the Publication Draft Local Plan which will be presented to Elected Members in December. Members have already been informally briefed on the outcomes of these consultations and they will also receive the full Harrogate District Draft Local Plan Consultation Report 2017 for consideration alongside the Publication Draft Local Plan at Full Council in December. Public consultation on the Publication Draft Local Plan and supporting evidence (including the Consultation Report) is anticipated to commence in the New Year.

Mr Collett raises specific concerns within his letter about the classification of Hampsthwaite as a Primary Service Village, the methodology used to determine the housing requirement for Harrogate District and the draft allocation of site HM9. The Draft Local Plan and the Additional Sites consultations provided consultees with the opportunity to review the Councils draft policies and supporting evidence base and to make comments for consideration by officers. The issues raised by Mr Collett within his letter have been raised by a number of consultees and formal responses have been received from Hampsthwaite Parish Council to the Draft Local Plan and Additional Sites consultations. As such Mr Collett will be able to review in full the formal response of policy officers to the comments received through the two consultations, within the Harrogate District Draft Local Plan Consultation Report.

I hope this response will assure Councillor Collett that all comments from respondents to our formal consultations have been recorded and given full consideration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Daly', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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