

# RIPON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM

FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2019



Polling cards have been sent out to Ripon voters.  
This referendum asks you the question:

**“Do you want Harrogate Borough Council to use the Ripon Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in the Ripon Neighbourhood Area?”**

In 2011 the Government decided to give local people more say in how the places in which they live, are planned. This is Neighbourhood Planning showing how land and buildings are developed and the environment protected.

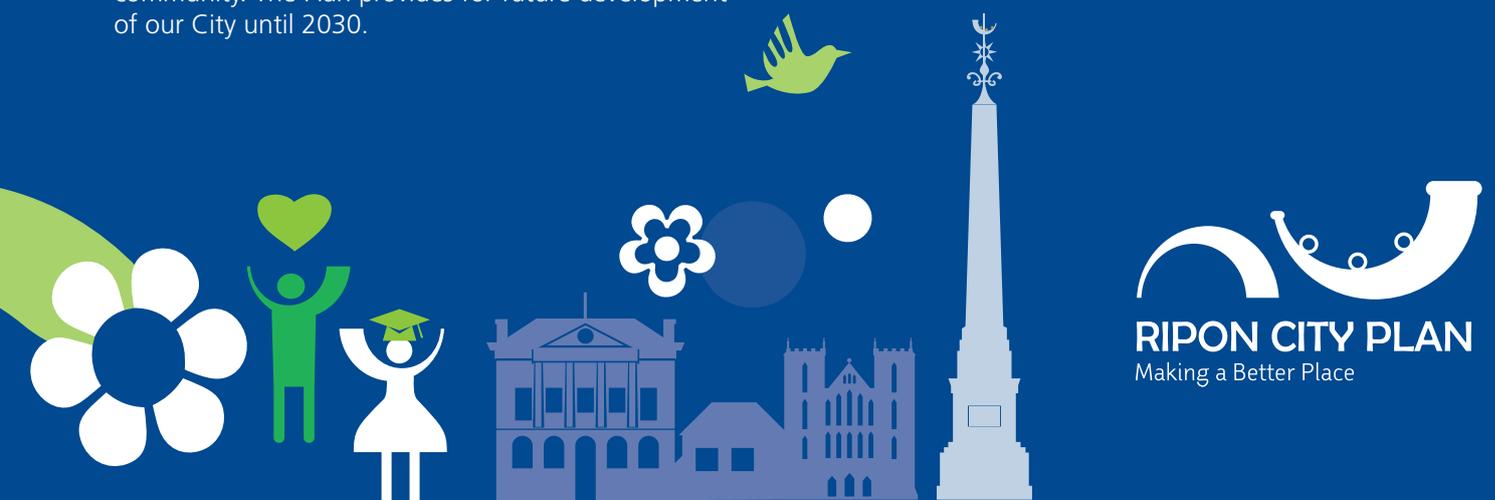
Five Ripon organisations - Ripon City Council, Ripon Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Ripon Civic Society, the Chapter of Ripon Cathedral and the then Greater Ripon Improvement Partnership - came together to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan and from then on Ripon City Council has ensured that the Plan has passed through all its stages so that local people can at last show their support.

A Neighbourhood Plan for Ripon will provide us, the local residents, with more control over where development should go and how it can benefit the community. The Plan provides for future development of our City until 2030.

The Plan, branded as the Ripon City Plan, is founded upon your feedback and views and modifications by an independent examiner. It contains policies and community actions which provide ways forward to some of the problems you have identified. Copies of the Plan are available at Ripon Town Hall and Library or go to [www.riponcityplan.com](http://www.riponcityplan.com)

If passed at referendum our Plan must be adopted by Harrogate Borough Council and used to decide all planning applications in the City. It is not advisory.

**OUR PLAN FOR OUR CITY:  
GIVING US A GREATER SAY  
IN THE FUTURE OF RIPON**



**RIPON CITY PLAN**  
Making a Better Place

## WHAT DOES THE RIPON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SAY?

### PROTECT RIPON'S SETTING:

- landscape character
- skyline
- external lighting

### PROTECT OUR GREEN SPACES:

- amenity open space and other open land
- Local Green Space
- recreation open space and its replacement

### IMPROVE THE CITY CENTRE AS "THE MEETING PLACE OF CHOICE" BY:

- focussing on four quarters - Market Place, Northern, Spa and the Cathedral Precinct - the type of development that will be supported and how they each can be improved
- comprehensive improvements east of Market Place
- comprehensive improvements to the Market Place, Westgate and west of Market Place
- protecting larger hotels

### NEW DEVELOPMENT THAT IS:

- Ensuring new housing is built to an appropriate density and has effective landscaping
- Supporting self-build and custom housebuilding
- Protecting existing footpaths and completing new paths
- Providing facilities for cycling
- Supporting facilities for people with mobility impairment

- Supporting additional allotments
- Providing public art
- Providing health and education community facilities in south Ripon
- Supporting further development of Ripon Leisure Centre
- Screening the sewage treatment works

### COMMUNITY ACTIONS THAT:

- support the regeneration of Bondgate and Ure Bank
- set out how the Barracks should be redeveloped
- provide opportunities to support Ripon Hospital arising from relocation of Spa Baths
- to request North Yorkshire County Council to investigate new highways and traffic measures
- encourage opening of a railway to improve access to Ripon

Together these make the Ripon Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan does not allocate any sites for housing development

Please remember

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