

**Proposals not supported by the Panel**

N.o.	Proposal	Source	Panel discussion
1	Require all houses to get an Energy Performance Certificate even if not for sale. This certificate gives home owners, tenants and buyers information on the energy efficiency of their property.	Individual, Harrogate Borough	It was felt that whilst this would provide information on the energy efficiency of homes it wouldn't help individuals to actually install measures to improve energy efficiency and therefore would not contribute to sustainability. The Panel were also concerned about the cost of obtaining the certificate and that this cost may be passed onto the individual householder.
2	To supply natural gas by pipe to the village of Thornton Le Moor and other isolated communities off the mains gas network, to eliminate reliance on expensive bottled gas.	Individual, Hambleton District	It was felt that this would be very expensive and unrealistic. Some also felt that we should not be increasing dependency on natural gas and should be seeking to supply renewable energy to isolated communities off the gas network.
3	Powers transferred from all Quangos to Local Government control	Town Council, Scarborough Borough	It was agreed that there are too many Quangos and should be fewer. However, most felt that the proposal was far too generic and needed to specify which Quangos. Any transfer of power should also result in a transfer of funding. There were concerns about the capacity of local bodies to take on additional responsibilities.
4	Allowing the local authority no more than 15% of second homes within a ward.	Town Council, Scarborough Borough	There was some agreement among the Panel on the principle, but most felt that setting a figure was far too prescriptive. However, there were concerns about the potential negative consequences of the proposal such as a detrimental impact on the tourism industry. There were also concerns about the difficulty of enforcing such a regulation and the likely reduction in council tax income.
5	Require Councils to provide a specified number of allotments per 100 households.	Town Council, Scarborough Borough	The Panel strongly agreed with the principle of making more allotments available as demand is undoubtedly increasing. The issue of finding available land was discussed at length. It was felt that this proposal would place unrealistic demands

			<p>on Parish/Town Councils as the statutory allotment authority given the shortage of available land.</p> <p>The Panel did not support the proposal, but agreed that there is more work to be done to try and resolve the issues outside of this process. Suggested issues for consideration included all eight North Yorkshire local authorities investigating possible land release and the designation and protection of existing allotments.</p>
6	Proposal to generate electricity using tidal/wave power. They would like to see a transfer of funds from central government to local government to investigate this form of renewable energy.	Town Council, Scarborough Borough	There was general agreement with the principle of generating electricity from tidal/wave power, but the Panel felt that responsibility should remain at a national government level as local government does not have the necessary knowledge base or expertise.
7	Winter fuel payments for the terminally ill	Elected Member Area Forum, Hambleton	The Panel felt the proposal would provide huge benefit in times of need and support people to stay in their own home. However, further investigation has found that winter fuel payments are made to people aged 60 or over including those who are disabled or terminally ill. The heating costs of terminally ill people arise throughout the year, not just in winter and disability living allowance provides additional weekly financial support of up to £5,915 a year related to an individual's circumstances.