

Proposals not taken to the Panel for consideration

N.o.	Proposal	Source (where applicable)	Reason for proposal not being taken to the	Response to proposal
1	Council to only provide one bin bag rather than two (money-saving measure).	Individual, Harrogate Borough	No action required from central government	Harrogate Borough Council provide up to two black sacks per domestic property per week. When one sack of waste is left, only one new sack will be left in replacement. All other Councils in North Yorkshire generally provide a wheeled container for the containment of the waste rather than bin bags. There are, of course, a small number of exceptions where the property may not be suitable for a wheeled bin and it is normal therefore to provide a sack service in these circumstances. Harrogate residents are requested to place their waste in the black sacks – as provided by the authority. These sacks are of suitable quality and size to safe guard the collection team from Health & Safety issues (i.e. manual handling of sacks, piercing or splitting of sacks) and reduce the risk of increased littering. Periodic quality monitoring continues to show that the average residual waste arisings per property remains at 2.5 bags per property per week. Therefore provision of 2 bags per property will ensure that waste is properly contained and reduces the risk of increased littering. For more information visit www.letstalkrubbish.com
2	Charge OAPs reduced rate for buses and swimming.	Individual, Harrogate Borough	No action required from central government	In 2008 Harrogate BC Council decided to reject the government's proposal (from April 1st 2009) for FREE swimming for the over 60's. However whilst this was a Harrogate BC decision each District Council was free to make its own decision locally. Providing OAPs with free off-peak bus travel is already covered by existing legislation (Transport Act / Concessionary Bus Travel Act).
3	Wider public to be invited to school events/plays etc.	Individual, Harrogate Borough	No action required from central government	These decisions are down to the discretion of individual headteachers. In many schools this type of activity is already undertaken.
4	Schools to develop "luncheon clubs" with external speakers.	Individual, Harrogate Borough	No action required from central government	These decisions are down to the discretion of individual headteachers. In many schools this type of activity is already undertaken.

5	Schools ask public for donations e.g. gardening tools.	Individual, Harrogate Borough	No action required from central government	These decisions are down to the discretion of individual headteachers. In many schools this type of activity is already undertaken.
6	People encouraged to wear more clothes rather than consumer more heating energy.	Individual, Harrogate Borough	No action required from central government	All eight local authorities in North Yorkshire work together to encourage households to reduce energy use. This support can take the form of specific grants to improve the energy efficiency of a home or interventions aimed at encouraging people to avoid wasting energy. The Energy Saving Trust is a non-profit organisation that provides free impartial advice. The Energy Saving Trust aims to cut carbon emissions by promoting the sustainable and efficient use of energy in households, small businesses, the public sector and the transport sector. The Energy Saving Trust advice centre for North Yorkshire and the Humber provides free, impartial advice on their helpline and at public events.
7	Reduce road speeds to 20mph.	Individual, Harrogate Borough	No action required from central government	This is the subject of a recent Department for Transport (DfT) consultation with responses to be received by mid July. North Yorkshire County Council as Highways Authority will consider the proposal to reduce road speeds to 20 mph and a number of other road safety measures proposed by Government and respond outlining how they should be applied or amended in order to benefit North Yorkshire. At this stage we are unable to say what the outcome of this consultation exercise will be.
8	All schools to introduce 'mock elections' to encourage interest/participation in the democratic process.	Individual, Harrogate Borough	No action required from central government	To encourage participation in the democratic process North Yorkshire County Council has implemented Youth Councils. There are around twenty local Youth Councils planned in total, plus a county-wide Youth Council bringing representatives together from across the County. Youth Councils are based on three key features; democracy; young people having access to power; and young people being able to act on things that matter to them. They are supported by colleagues at the County Council, but it is the young people who chair/run/decide agenda items. The Youth Councils are also responsible for spending/granting a large proportion of a Youth Opportunity Fund. In time it is hoped to engage with the wider UK Youth Parliament.

9	Lots of competitions to be developed locally advertising litter campaigns, houses which have reduced their energy bills (and how), numbers of children cycling to school, etc.	Individual, Harrogate Borough	No action required from central government	<p>The Energy Saving Trust is a non-profit organisation that provides free impartial advice. One of the areas in which the Energy Saving Trust provides support and advice to communities is through Community Action for Energy (CAFE). People come to CAFE for help and support with a range of initiatives, anything from making their community building more energy efficient or bringing renewable energy to their community, to helping local people save money on their fuel bills. We're able to offer advice, training, technical support and information and you can also tap into the accumulated knowledge and experience of hundreds of on-going projects. You can find out more information about CAFE at www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/cafes. The energy Saving Trust also produce case studies giving examples of people who have reduced their energy bills through changing their behaviour, insulation or installing renewable technologies.</p>
10	Promote suggestion boxes on footpaths and bridleways to include information on weather conditions, medical emergencies, recognition of plants and flowers of nutritional and medicinal benefit etc to walkers and horse riders.	Individual, S'borough District	No action required from central government	<p>Over a number of years the Countryside Service team have been working with members of the public to raise awareness of the natural and historic environment and to provide access to these valuable assets through maintaining and enhancing the Public Rights of Way network. The Countryside Service provide information on the Countryside through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The County Council's website - Articles on walks in the Countryside in the NY Times - A range of information leaflets - One Natural and one Historic Environment Day event each year - Stands at the various agricultural shows around the County <p>Members of the public who wish to get more involved can join up as Countryside Volunteers and take part in regular tasks to maintain and enhance the countryside of North Yorkshire.</p> <p>As part of emerging work programmes, the Countryside Service team will be focussing more on working with local communities on projects to maintain and enhance their local environment. The provision of local circular walks, with interpretation panels that point out features of interest for members of the public, will be a key part of these projects.</p>

11	A number of suggestions are given for the care and keeping of animals, particularly horses and also recommendations for buying a horse.	Individual, S'borough District	No action required from central government	The Animal Welfare Act 2006 makes it an offence for a person to cause unnecessary suffering to an animal. North Yorkshire County Council is authorised to enforce this Act in respect of farm animals and will co-ordinate the appropriate response to any complaints that suggest this Act has been breached. The RSPCA take action to prevent cruelty, promote kindness to and alleviate suffering of animals, including horses.
12	Reduce traffic by 50% on the A59 between Skipton and Knaresborough by opening up the old railway line as a link road.	Individual, Harrogate Borough	No action required from central government	<p>On 28 April 2009 the Executive of the County Council approved an initial £3m towards identifying and implementing a package of transport improvement measures in Harrogate and Knaresborough. This package includes a review of the currently protected route of the A59 Harrogate Northern Bypass and the investigation and development of possible alternative major schemes (costing more than £5m). It is anticipated that the bulk of this work will be carried out during the next two years.</p> <p>Major schemes are not funded directly by the County Council but rather by a Regional Funding Allocation from central government which is distributed by the Regional Transport Advisory Board (RTAB). The investigation of major schemes as part of the Harrogate and Knaresborough Package will develop any appropriate scheme to a stage where the County Council can seek funding from the RTAB when they next invite bids.</p>
13	Promotion of a safety device, the roadlite, to reduce road accidents at night. Roadlites keep traffic flowing even in unlit areas and are easily installed and maintained.	Individual, Harrogate Borough	No action required from central government	Cannot find out anything about this device so unable to comment. North Yorkshire County Council as Highways Authority do consider any new technologies and their potential to make travel safer. We would assess this device in that way should we be approached and information/data provided by the manufacturer.
14	Highlights the process and difficulties of trying to make such changes locally as opposed to recommending a particular proposal	Individual, Selby District	No action required from central government	N/A

15	Suggest the addition of a small station on the Leeds-Harrogate-York railway line near Knaresborough to improve access to public transport in the area.	Group, Harrogate Borough	No action required from central government	Response being sought
16	Restrictions on motorcycle usage, including an increased police presence, because of speeding and noise pollution.	Individual, R'shire District	Not felt that the proposal would promote sustainability and is not realistic and workable.	North Yorkshire County Council as Highways Authority work closely with partners, including North Yorkshire Police, to reduce the number and severity of road collisions including motorcycle crashes. They also work with the motorcycling communities to promote awareness of how to ride the more challenging routes safely, safer riding training and practice and consideration for other road users and communities who live along the more popular biker routes.
17	Comments in relation to the village of Huby - maintain the roads, clean them, provide decent footpaths, discourage drivers from parking near the school, encourage more cycling and therefore maintain the roads for their safety. In addition limit housing and interference from local authorities.	Individual, Hambleton District	No action required from central government	North Yorkshire County Council are working with Huby school who have produced their own Travel Plan to look at how people travel to school and how they could help more to walk and cycle. This plan revealed that 65% of their pupils do walk to school already. We offer cyclist training to every primary school in the county and promote and support walking and cycling to school wherever we can. We provide ready made lesson plans, educational resources and expert advice free of charge to teachers. We also run special events and promotions to encourage and help schools, Governors and families to increase the numbers of pupils who walk or cycle to school. In autumn 2008 the County Council commenced cycle training in Huby for the first time in a number of years and due to its success it will be repeated again this autumn. The School Travel Plan requested a 20 mph zone and improvements to the footpaths. These requests currently sit on the reserve list of works.

18	To upgrade the children's play area on Belmont field in Starbeck, by making it more appealing to slightly older children e.g. installing an arial runway. This may lead over time to a consequential decrease in graffiti and anti social behaviour. Young people are a group of the community in Starbeck which appear to be poorly catered for.	Individual, Harrogate Borough	No action required from central government	Response being sought
19	Would like to see a park provided in Northallerton to improve leisure facilities in the town. Suggested location the old swimming baths near the Applegarth car park.	Individual, Hambleton District	No action required from central government	<p>During the wide ranging consultation that occurred when the Renaissance Market Towns (RMT) Masterplan was undertaken by the Northallerton and Villages Community Forum in 2004, the need for a town centre based park was put forward by local residents.</p> <p>The final Northallerton RMT Masterplan included this project as a high priority for delivery. It has subsequently been included in the Northallerton & Villages Community Plan and as an allocation in the proposed Local Development Framework.</p> <p>The proposed location is to the rear of the Applegarth, taking in Castle Hills, and land up to the boundary of the Railway. The project is currently being explored further and a business case developed to enable it to be proposed to funders such as Yorkshire Forward in their current funding programmes. Negotiations will have to be undertaken with land owners and once funding and agreements to sell are in place development of the park can begin.</p>

20	Suggestion from the Campaign for Real Ale that a strategy is developed to ensure that local independent breweries and pubs are maintained as part of a local sustainable community to be developed with the county, district councils, interested community groups and businesses with a community focus.	Group, Craven District	No action required from central government	Response being sought
21	Create a 26 mile marathon between Whitby - Scarborough - Filey. This would have a range of benefits including job creation, improved health, social inclusion etc.	Individual S'borough Borough	No action required from central government	Scarborough Borough Council works with clubs and organisations in the area and supports a number of events through funding and/or provision of resources. Scarborough Athletic club organises a 10 kilometre race on an annual basis. Should a proposal for a 26 mile event be put forward by any of the clubs/organisations in the area the Council would work with the organisations regarding its feasibility and provide support and advice to the organisers.
22	A place on the District Council's Planning Committee for Town/Parish Councillors with full voting rights.	Town Council S'borough Borough	Not felt that the proposal would promote sustainability and is not realistic and workable.	This would require a change to the Town and County Planning Act 1990 which states that a Council of a District will be the Planning Authority for the district and it is the elected members of that Council who are responsible for determining the planning applications taking into account planning considerations. Parish and Town Councils are consulted on planning applications in their areas.
23	A joint Planning Committee with a 50/50 split between District and Town/Parish Councillors.	Town Council S'borough Borough	Not felt that the proposal would promote sustainability and is not realistic and workable.	This would require a change to the Town and County Planning Act 1990 which states that a Council of a District will be the Planning Authority for the district and it is the elected members of that Council who are responsible for determining the planning applications taking into account planning considerations. Parish and Town Councils are consulted on planning applications in their areas.

24	Town/Parish Councils to have a decision on licensing hours and licensing in general.	Town Council S'borough Borough	Not felt that the proposal would promote sustainability and is not realistic and workable.	This would require a change to the Licensing Act 2003 which states that a licensing authority is the Council of a District in England (or County Council where there are no districts).
25	Housing provided for reserved occupations/essential workers within towns.	Town Council S'borough Borough	No action required from central government	Through Scarborough Borough Council's local development framework process the Council is looking at ways in which new housing developments are targeted towards local needs. Policies which restrict the occupation of new dwellings would need to consider national planning policies and would be subject to external scrutiny.
26	Management of the Community Rail Partnership to come under the control and management of the community.	Town Council S'borough Borough	Not felt that the proposal would promote sustainability	The Esk Valley Railway line is one of the first community railways and has been designated as a community rail pilot line. It is supported by the not for profit Esk Valley Railway development company whose board consists of community representatives. The role of the company is to ensure a sustainable branch line whilst bringing significant economic, social and environmental benefits to Whitby and the Esk valley.
27	Proposal to develop an arts strategy for Scarborough Borough. Resources are not available within the Council to undertake the development and delivery of a new arts strategy. The project would involve a series of consultations and the delivery of appropriate services.	Group, S'borough Borough	Not felt that the proposal would promote sustainability	

28	Introducing a local currency as they do in Leith to promote local spending.	Individual, S'borough Borough	Not felt that the proposal is realistic and workable.	Some Councils have tried to introduce a local currency e.g. Calderdale Green currency and these have failed as the production of a local currency was costly and impractical. Organisations in Scarborough offer discount voucher booklets to promote the area.
29	Making spare council land available for allotments.	Individual, S'borough Borough	No action required from central government	Scarborough Borough Council has an allotment task group which is looking at the provision of allotments in the Borough. The group is looking at various sites to see if change of usage to allotments is feasible.
30	Encourage community compost bins.	Individual, S'borough Borough	No action required from central government	Scarborough Borough Council operates kerbside collection for green waste and sells the compost to the public. There are also soil improver give away days. Home composting bins are also sold at reduced prices.
31	Plant fruit trees.	Individual, S'borough Borough	No action required from central government	
32	To construct a micro hydro-electricity scheme to collect energy from Scalby Weir and High Mill Weir. The aim being to establish a community led, local sustainable energy source. The proposal describes the establishment of a Committee to raise funds for the project.	Individual, S'borough Borough	No action required from central government	The Environment Agency is responsible for management of this watercourse. Any proposals would need to take into account flooding, angling and other environmental issues.

33	Proposal to set up a Community Warden Service to address issues such as dog fouling, litter etc. They would like to see this function (and associated funds) transferred from Scarborough BC to Parish Councils.	Town Council S'borough Borough	Not felt that the proposal would promote sustainability	Scarborough Borough Council has no specific funding for a community warden service. The Council has completed a review of its externalised dog control service and is to bring it back in house. The in house service will be reviewing all existing controls and the rolling out of Dog control orders under the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 in full consultation with partner organisations. Under the Act Town and Parish Councils can themselves issue and enforce a dog control order subject to agreement with the District Council. The feasibility of this with other options will be looked at as part of district councils review of Dog Control Orders.
34	For NY Police to enforce bye-laws that have been made by Parish Councils. For example Appleton Wiske Parish Council has adopted a bye-law for its play area which states that young people are not able to use it after a certain time in the evening – to address issues of anti-social behaviour in the locality. The Parish Council would like the police to help enforce this.	Group, Hambleton District	No action required from central government	<p>In terms of enforcing bye-laws, enforcement can be carried out by authorised officers of the authority or parish council who have passed the bye-law. Alternatively the Police also have the power to enforce bye-laws and this power extends to PCSO's. Though granted enforcement powers by statute, the Police have a general discretion regarding whether to exercise these powers. Whether NYP choose to enforce a bye-law may depend on the specific circumstances and in some cases it may be deemed more appropriate for the local authority to take responsibility for enforcement or other existing legislation may be deemed a more effective tool for tackling a particular problem. They do enforce some limited bye-laws where no other legislation is available to deal with a particular issue.</p> <p>In the case highlighted by Appleton Wiske Parish Council they have invoked a by-law in respect of the play area which states that young people are not able to use it after a certain time in the evening to address issues of anti-social behaviour in the locality. There is sufficient 'national' legislation already in place to deal with anti-social behaviour so there</p> <p>There are also a number of issues to be aware of with enforcing bye-laws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maybe difficulties in enforcing due to public access to land - common/private/public - and • Parish Councils in adjoining/different areas drawing up different bye-laws covering identical • Problems in administering the enforcement process - if police enforce it then they will have • Issues around whether such offences were 'recordable' and by whom