

7 March 2013 – Responses to Supplementary Questions

From the Chairman of Council to Mr Wray (minute 213):

“Unfortunately you are making a comparison between two totally different situations, therefore I cannot compare the merits of the two offers.

The Helmsley Outdoor pool is a registered charity, not a privately owned facility. It receives an annual grant of £8,750 in order to deliver a service for the Council, that is swimming, to the public.

The Bowls Club is a private members club who do not deliver a service on behalf of the Council, they lease a building from the Council. The original purchase price has little relation to the rental value of the property. The ‘market rent’ for the site is approximately £40,000. The RIBC are paying £10,000 per year, that is a £30,000 subsidy in my view. It is not RDC’s facility but a Council owned investment property from which the Council is not obtaining a realistic return.”

From the Leader of Council to Cllr Andrews (minute 219):

“I write further to the question you raised under the Leader’s Questions session of the Council meeting on 7 March 2013 in respect of which I promised a written answer.

The question you asked related to the District Council’s approach to consultation responses received in relation to the Schedule of Proposed Further Changes (Main Modifications) published on 16.01.13 in relation to the Ryedale Plan: Local Plan Strategy Examination process.

In preparing this response I have sought advice from the Council’s Officers and this reply takes that advice into account.

The question you asked was as follows:

From the public consultation, will comments be available to Members and are Members going to have the opportunity to debate these, especially as a policy change may be required because of the cattle market.

To properly answer the question I believe it is necessary to set out the relevant background information.

The key background information is as follows:-

1. You will recall that the Council meeting on 17 May 2012 considered a report from the Head of Planning and Housing which updated Members on the progress towards the submission of the Plan for examination and sought authority to provide the Council’s response to all questions, issues and matters raised at the examination and to request, if necessary, that the Inspector recommend modifications to the document which would make it sound.

You may also recall Councillor Raper moved and Councillor Legard seconded the recommendations in the report. The Council adopted the recommendations in the report and resolved as follows:

“That Council delegate authority to the Head of Planning and Housing and Officer team to:

- (i) Provide a response to all questions, issues and matters raised during the examination;*
 - (ii) To make a request to the Inspector appointed to examine the Plan to recommend, if necessary, modification to the document which would make it sound.*
2. The Examination in Public for the Ryedale Plan – Local Plan Strategy commenced on 11 September 2012;
 3. The appeal decision for the appeal by the Fitzwilliam (Malton) Estate in relation to the proposed retail development at the Malton Livestock Market site was published on 29 October 2012;
 4. As part of the examination in public process for the Ryedale Plan – Local Plan Strategy, the Inspector has required modifications to the strategy for a number of reasons including the need to take into account the appeal decision relating to the Livestock Market site;
 5. There has been consultation on the proposed changes which were published on 7 January 2013. All consultation responses have been forwarded to the Inspector as part of the Examination process;
 6. The Examination in Public will reconvene on 22 May 2013 to deal with any outstanding issues which will include retail issues;
 7. Once the Examination in Public is concluded the Inspector will then produce his final report for Council to consider.
 8. The final inspectors report will then be reported to Council. It is at that point that Council needs to make a decision on whether or not to adopt the Ryedale Plan: Local Plan Strategy.

Against this background the answer to your questions are as follows:-

- (a) Members of Council may see the public consultation responses on the Council website;
- (b) Members of Council will not have the opportunity to debate the consultation responses because the Examination process is still ongoing;
- (c) Members will have the opportunity of debating on the issue of whether or not to adopt the recommendations in the Inspector’s final report. “