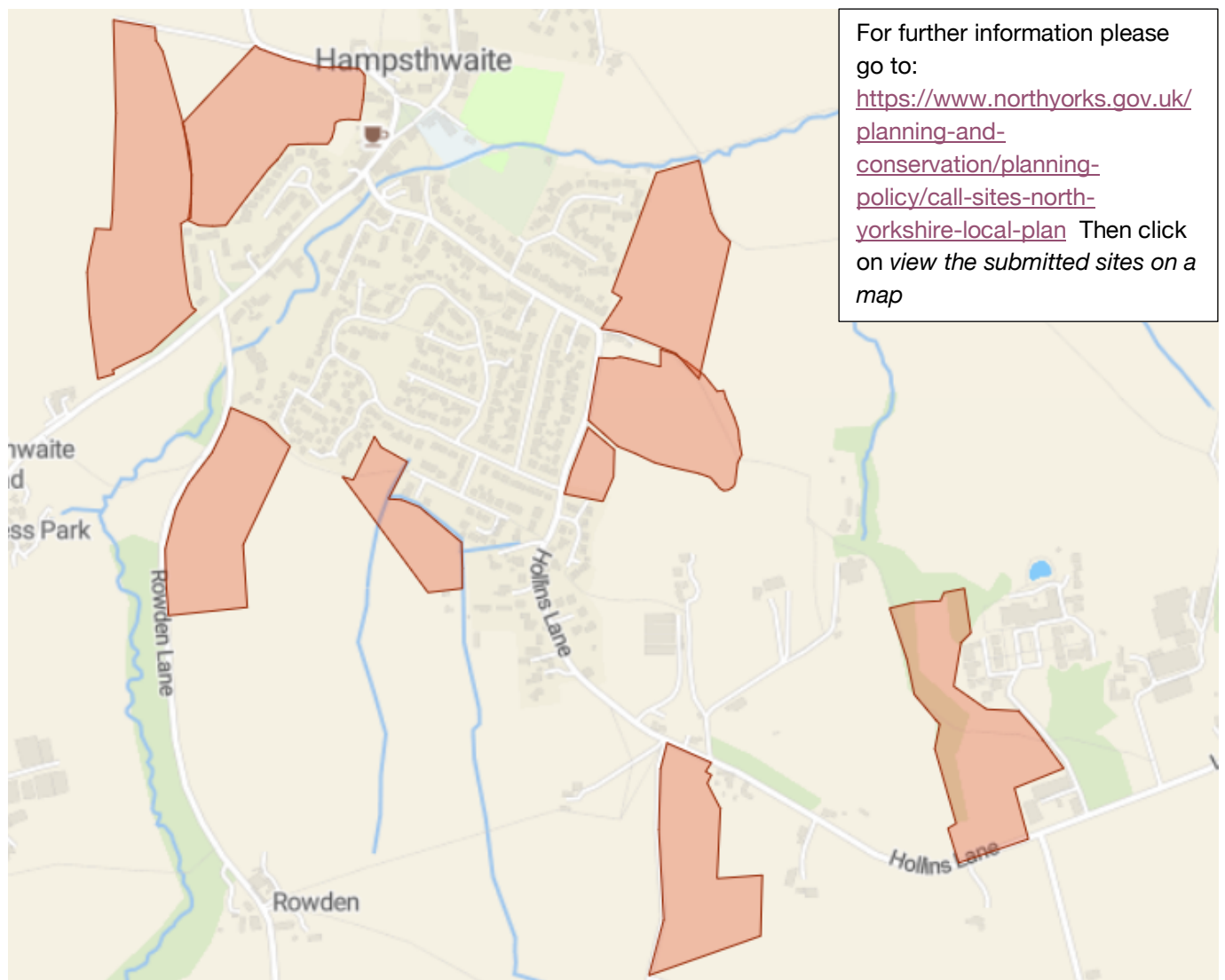


Hampsthwaite Housing

Local planning authorities need to regularly identify and update their supply of sites for housing development as part of their adopted local plan. North Yorkshire Council is currently drawing up a new county wide local plan and a new consultation (Issues and Options) is about to begin. From March 2025 Harrogate's current local plan and its 5 year housing supply will now be judged against new NYC's housing targets as outlined in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The previous NYCC's county wide housing figures of 2315 pa will nearly double to 4077 pa which will inevitably lead to increased house building across the county. This means that more proposed housing development within our village and its surrounding areas is highly likely.

This new housing target significantly weakens NYC's ability to resist development as it automatically renders the existing Harrogate Borough Council local plan out of date. When a plan is deemed to be out of date there is a presumption in favour of substantial development.

NYC had already called for the submission of potential development sites from landowners, agents and developers for consideration before these new targets were announced. The map below shows those plots of land within the village that have been offered for possible development.



The merits of each site are yet to be assessed and there is no certainty at this stage that any or all of these sites will be adopted in the new local plan but as this could be some years off we are at risk of speculative development being approved.

However, the map of offered sites once again indicates the vulnerability of existing green open spaces around Hampsthwaite.

In the future we may want to consider the wider issues of more housing development in our village such as the appropriateness of developments, their sustainability, affordability, the impact on landscape and infrastructure. At this stage until definitive sites are allocated, we should be mindful of the implications this has for us all.

Hampsthwaite Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and keep residents informed of all planning developments. Please contact www.hampsthwaite-pc.org.uk for further information. You can also follow the link on the Hampsthwaite Parish Council website to the Call for Sites page at NYC or follow the link from www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/planning/call-sites-north-yorkshire-local-plan

Hampsthwaite Action Group (HAG) was established in 2017 to scrutinise and oppose inappropriate building development in the village and successfully challenged several planning applications at that time.

The group will now re-form and begin again to take action against excessive and inappropriate development around the village. Going forward HAG is looking for new members who will support these actions. If you wish to join HAG's mailing list and get involved please send an email with your name and contact details to: jud.charlesworth@btinternet.com or call 01423 771935.

Data regulations require former HAG supporters to re submit their details.