Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority **Item 8**

16 December 2025

Adoption of the Clapham Cum Newby Neighbourhood Plan 2025 - 2030

Purpose of the Report

1. To formerly 'make' the Clapham Neighbourhood Plan, for the purpose of adopting it as part of the local development plan within the National Park.

Recommendations

2. That the Authority agrees:
   a. To formally 'make' the Clapham Neighbourhood Plan
   b. To comply with the Regulations relating to the making of the Clapham Neighbourhood Plan and its publication

Strategic Framework

3. The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic planning framework.

   - Corporate Plan objective 24:
     "Work with neighbouring authorities to produce a single, updated Local Plan for the whole of the National Park by 2025, which will help achieve the vision and objectives in the National Park Management Plan".

Background

4. In September 2018 the Authority resolved to approve the designation of the Clapham 'Neighbourhood Area' for the purpose of plan-making. Since then, a steering group appointed by the Parish Council has been preparing the Plan. It straddles the National Park boundary so officers from the National Park Authority, Craven District Council and subsequently North Yorkshire Council, have jointly supported the Parish Council in its preparation and submission.

5. The Clapham Neighbourhood Plan is a community led framework, which sets out a vision, objectives and planning policies for issues such as design matters, infill housing and the conservation of green spaces, the historical environment and wildlife. The Plan does not attempt to allocate new sites for residential or other uses.

6. The Plan was submitted for independent examination in July 2024. The Examiner issued a report in December 2024 suggesting various amendments which all parties were

agreeable to. The Plan was then the subject of a Parish referendum on the 18 September 2025. The subject of the referendum was the following question;
'Do you want North Yorkshire Council and Yorkshire Dales National Park to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Clapham cum Newby to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'
The result was 153 votes in favour and 15 against. In accordance with the Regulations, the Plan is now deemed to have been successful and will form part of the statutory development plan for the Parish area, up to 2030.

Financial Implications

7. The cost to the Authority of the Plan is limited to a small amount of officer time since 2018. Using a standard procedure however, the Authority hope to be able to claim back its costs from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government.

Legal Implications

8. The Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Plan will now become part of the adopted development Plan for the National Park and North Yorkshire. Planning decision makers such as the National Park Authority and the Planning Inspectorate, must now give the Neighbourhood Plan weight in development decision making, alongside national planning policy and the strategic policies of the adopted and emerging Local Plan for the Neighbourhood area.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Implications

9. There are no significant implications.

Conclusion

10. The Clapham Neighbourhood Plan can now be 'made' and used by the Authority and others, to guide development decisions within that part of the National Park.

11. The Parish and its main settlement of Clapham is split by the National Park boundary. The likelihood is that new development will occur in both parts of the Parish. The expectation is that the Plan will add clarity to decision making and enhance the quality of new development. The **Annex** to this report contains the formal decision statement that the Authority will now publish on its planning policy webpage.

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Background Papers: The Neighbour Plan and its background documents are available here for inspection.

Clapham Cum Newby Neighbourhood Development Plan 2025 - 2030
Regulation 19 Decision Statement

Section 38A(9) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)
Regulations 19 and 20 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

16 December 2025

In accordance with Regulation 19 above, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is issuing this 'Decision Statement' in relation to the Clapham Cum Newby Neighbourhood Plan.

Following an independent examination of the Plan and its written representations, Nigel McGurk BSc (Hons) MCD MBA MRTPI, concluded in his report of examination that subject to a number of modifications the Clapham cum Newby Neighbourhood Development Plan meets the basic conditions set out in law and recommended that the Plan should proceed to referendum.

A referendum of electors within the Clapham cum Newby designated area was held on Thursday 18th September 2025 and posed the question:
Do you want North Yorkshire Council and Yorkshire Dales National Park to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Clapham cum Newby to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

The outcome of the referendum was that 91.07% voted 'yes' and 8.93% voted 'no'. The Plan has therefore been successful, and the National Park Authority will now bring it into force, in the part of the neighbourhood area inside the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The purpose of the Plan is to guide decisions on planning applications and proposals for new development.

The Plan can be inspected at:

- The National Park Offices, Colvend, Grassington between 9:00am and 4:30 pm

or online at:

- The Clapham Neighbourhood Plan page of the Yorkshire dales National park Authority

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