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Dear Cllr. Fisher,
**Strensall with Towthorpe Neighbourhood Plan
Informal Consultation Response**

Thank you for consulting Historic England in connection with the draft Neighbourhood Plan prepared for Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council.

The Strensall with Towthorpe Neighbourhood Plan Area is situated 9.6 Km/5.9 miles to the north east of York. It contains designated heritage assets including 10 grade II listed buildings and three Conservation Areas: Strensall, Strensall Railway Buildings and Towthorpe. It will also have non-designated (local) assets-historic buildings and sites, including sites of archaeological interest, historic areas and landscapes all of which may be of value to the Strensall with Towthorpe community. We would advise that these local heritage assets are individually identified on a list or a schedule and on maps, and that specific policies are developed to recognise and protect them, possibly as additional clauses to DH1 or within the Development Guidance policies.

We note that a Character Appraisal has been produced which includes "local landmarks", but this does not appear to be included as an Appendix to the Neighbourhood Plan, which we believe is an omission.

We would suggest that the Queen Elizabeth Barracks and Towthorpe Line (if appropriate) sites require detailed investigation to determine whether they are of sufficient quality to warrant designation as Conservation Areas, or Local Character Areas. However we note and welcome the Development Guidance policies and particularly policies DG4 and DG5.

The [Conservation and Archaeological Officers](#) at York Council are the best placed people to assist Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council in the further development of the Neighbourhood Plan. They can help the Parish Council to consider how the strategy might address the area's heritage assets.



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We would also recommend that Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council speak to the staff at York Council who look after the [Historic Environment Record](#) and give advice on archaeological matters. They should be able to provide details of not only any designated heritage assets but also locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Some Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line via the Heritage Gateway (www.heritagegateway.org.uk). It may also be useful to involve local voluntary groups such as the local Civic Society, local history groups, building preservation trusts, etc. in the production of the Neighbourhood Plan.

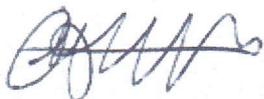
York Council will have been providing you with general support in the production of the Strensall with Towthorpe Neighbourhood Plan. National Planning Practice Guidance is clear that where it is relevant, Neighbourhood Plans need to include enough information about local heritage to guide planning decisions and to put broader strategic heritage policies from the local authority's local plan into action at a neighbourhood scale. If appropriate this should include enough information about local non-designated heritage assets including sites of archaeological interest to guide decisions.

We have produced further information and guidance on how heritage can best be incorporated into Neighbourhood Plans. This signposts a number of other documents which Strensall with Towthorpe Parish Council might find useful in helping to identify what it is about the area which makes it distinctive and how it might go about ensuring that the character of the area is retained. These can be found at:-

<http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/>

We hope this advice is of assistance, but if you require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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