

“All local authorities (bar Harrogate) across North Yorkshire and York share a common allocation policy to determine how social housing is let.

Applicants will need to meet one of the following criteria;

- Currently live in the partnership area and have been resident for at least 6 out of the last 12 months; or*
- Have lived within the partnership area for at least 3 years out of the last 5 years; or*
- Are employed in the partnership area. Employment is defined as meaningful permanent full or part time. Not casual, seasonal or voluntary.*
- Have an essential need to move to live close to another person, who currently lives in the partnership area, and who has been resident for the last 5 years, to provide or receive essential daily care or support. Where accepted applicants may be subject to localised bid restrictions, within the district/Local Authority where the family member resides.*
- Has a close family member (mother, father, adult son, adult daughter, adult brother, adult sister): currently residing in the partnership area and who has been a resident for the last 5 years and with whom they have an established close relationship*
- A local authority within the partnership area has accepted either a relief duty (reason to believe homeless, eligible and in priority need) or a main housing duty referral from the applicant from another local authority under the terms of the Housing Act 1996 as revised by the HRA 2017.”*

Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme

Regrettably the contractors have not completed all of the work that remains to be finished. Consequently the site has not been taken back by the Borough Council so, formally, remains a construction site.

I have requested that the implementation of the scheme is scrutinised by the Places & Future Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

RS Tera National Championships 2021 at Filey Sailing Club

I am sure many people enjoyed the sight of over 100 boats being sailed by youngsters in Filey Bay over the Bank Holiday. Some of the youngsters and parents had travelled from as far as the Isle of Wight to allow their children to participate in the event.

At the Commodore's Welcome event, I spoke to the recently installed new Commodore, Emma Wilson, about the future of the club.

During my visit, it was most pleasing to hear one of the parents tell the Commodore that the warmth of the welcome they had received at Filey far exceeded that from any other venue they had visited.

Filey Sea Wall

A design consultant has been appointed and work on the structures is expected to commence next year.

Personal Water Craft

The Portfolio Holder has confirmed the information I had previously reported, that an internal working group has been established to consider options to ensure the waters along the Borough's coastline can be used by all in a safe manner. The aim is that options will be presented to SBC Members later in the year.

I will request that consultation with the Coble Landing User Group and the Town Council is included in the process.

Water Safety

Following the recent fatality and the incident at the end of August, I have contacted the Leader of SBC and the Chief Executive to request that signs warning of the potential danger of swimming during certain conditions are installed at all access points to the bay south of Primrose Valley.

My email: *"You will no doubt be aware that a 55 year old man lost his life a few weeks ago in Filey Bay, off Reighton Gap. He was caught in a riptide.*

Last Saturday evening there was another incident along the southern stretch of Filey Bay. Thankfully, this time there was no fatality but 2 lifeboats attended the incident together with the Coastguard helicopter, the Coastguard and the Air Ambulance.

One person was airlifted straight to Scarborough Hospital with another airlifted to Filey Country Park before transferring, via ambulance, to the hospital.

Again the cause was a riptide.

The area of Filey Bay to the south of Primrose Valley is well known for movements of sand that create the ideal conditions leading to riptides.

As a youngster, I was always warned by my father not to swim in Filey Bay any further south than Primrose Valley.

I am informed that the Filey RNLi took posters etc to the Reighton Gap area, I believe the caravan camp, earlier this year but none were displayed by the camp management."

I have requested that SBC investigate the possibility of erecting prominent and permanent signs warning of the danger of swimming in these areas at all the access points south of Primrose Valley.

Dog Fouling

Officers have started a review of the Council's approach to dog fouling. Consultation will include Overview & Scrutiny.

Silver Birches

It was pleasing to have the information I was given, In Confidence, at the opening of the Extra Acre facility has been confirmed by NYCC.

Silver Birches will be retained as a locality hub providing Dementia and Rehab Services from the building.

I was informed that some reconfiguration of the building may be necessary.

Below is an extract from the report to the NYCC Executive.

"4.0 Proposal

4.1 It is proposed that both Ashfield Skipton and Silver Birches be retained by the Council, for conversion into locality Care and Support Hubs based on from the successful model at Station View. This approach reflects the need for additional facilities of this kind as part of local health economies (e.g. Craven and Scarborough/Filey/Whitby/Ryedale)

4.2 These hubs will offer a flexible range of bed based support, which is responsive to local need.

Initial configurations for both settings will include long and short term capacity for people living

with dementia, as well as a range of short break, interim and rehabilitation capacity.

4.3 Each hub will be flexible to changing local need with the type of capacity available changing over time.

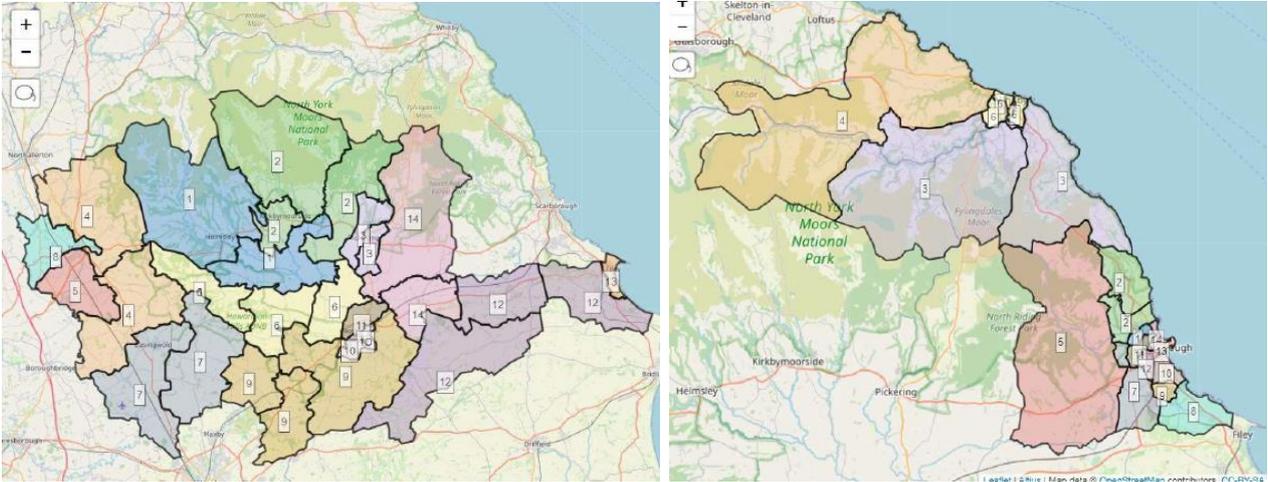
The proposed initial configuration for the Filey hub will be as follows:

Silver Birches, Long Term Dementia, Dementia Respite, Rehab Beds, Interim Beds, Short Breaks."

Unitary Authority

At a meeting of SBC Group Leaders convened to discuss the possible electoral arrangements for the new Unitary Authority, I raised concern at the proposal by NYCC to base areas on the respective Parliamentary Constituency boundaries.

If approved, this would mean that Filey is included in an area reaching almost as far West as the A1. The distance from Filey to the furthest part of the proposed area would be significantly more than from Filey to the Northern point of the Borough.



I stated that it had been bad enough having Councillors from Whitby taking decisions about Filey but to have Elected Members from the Thirsk area, area 8 on the map, was even worse. I stated that at least with Whitby there was a coastal kinship, this fitting with the “shared community interest” selection criteria specified by Westminster.



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