

THE FUTURE PLANNING OF YORK  
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Dear York Civic Trust Member

As you will be aware, we held a seminar on the Future Planning of York last Tuesday at the National Centre for Early Music. It was attended by over 150 YCT members.

We started with two presentations on some factual constraints in the planning process—the nature and objective of the Green Belt (presented by Jane Grenville, our Trustee and Chair of Planning Committee); and the process of Strategic Housing Market Assessment (presented by Bill Woolley, former Deputy Chief Executive of the Council and a member of our Planning Committee). These two presentations are contained in the separate pdf document included in this mailing.

We then went on to the core of the seminar—working out the views of York Civic Trust members on some key issues. The questions are contained at the end of the presentation above; and below, on the next three pages, are the broad, summarised results of those questions. Clearly, it is a challenge consulting such a large number of people, and the results cannot be detailed or nuanced. But they do provide some stimulating suggestions to explore further. Our Planning Committee will consider these results, and decide on our next steps. It is probable that we will hold more seminars on more closely-focussed topics in the future.

We are committed to exploring the views of our supporters. In this way we aim to become a more authoritative and influential organisation. Thank you for your help!

David Fraser

Chief Executive





## The responses to binary questions on three key issues

(compiled from sticky dots on posters)

<b>Housing</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
We need more housing, including affordable housing, in York	108	86%
York has enough housing for its citizens already	18	14%
(Undecided)	4	

<b>Green Belt</b>		
No development should be allowed in the Green Belt	39	30%
Development in the Green Belt could be allowed in some circumstances	90	70%
(Undecided)	1	

<b>Transport</b>		
Travel solutions should take account of private car use	50	40%
Travel solutions should be designed around public transport, and pedestrians	74	60%
Undecided	6	