

Glossary and Definitions

2004 Act	Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
ABI	Annual Business Inquiry
AC	Audit Commission
Advancing Together	The over-arching framework or vision for the region, towards which key regional partners have agreed to work.
Affordable housing	As defined in Annex B of PPS3. Affordable housing includes social rented and intermediate housing, provided to specified eligible households whose needs are not met by the market.
Allocated	Refers to land identified for a particular land use within a development plan that has not yet been the subject of planning permission for development. It does not include sites that have been started, are under construction or completed.
AMR	Annual Monitoring Report prepared by local authority or Regional Planning Body
AONB	Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty - a national landscape designation providing special protection of the area's natural beauty.
Assembly	The Yorkshire and Humber Assembly
AT	Advancing Together
Biodiversity	The richness and variety of plants, insects, birds, mammals, and all living things in the world
BREEAM	BRE Environmental Assessment Method
CA	Countryside Agency - merged with English Nature and parts of DEFRA to create Natural England in 2006
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority - The CAA is the UK's specialist aviation regulator responsible for Air Safety, Economic Regulation, Airspace Regulation, Consumer Protection, Environmental Research & Consultancy
CAMs	Catchment Abstraction Management Strategies
CHP	Combined Heat and Power
CLG (DCLG)	Department for Communities and Local Government; created in 2006 and includes responsibility for local and regional planning
CO2	Carbon Dioxide
Completed dwelling	A dwelling is regarded as completed when it becomes ready for occupation whether it is occupied or not.
Contextual Indicators	Factors to be monitored to assess the effectiveness of RSS policies. They relate to matters where RSS is likely to have a significant effect as implemented through the actions of other bodies, principally local planning and highway authorities
Core Indicators	The suite of national regional level indicators released in 2005 by ODPM. The Core Indicators are intended to be a common set of shared indicators to be monitored in all regions to determine whether the national objectives for sustainable development are being achieved.
COU	Change of use - Buildings or land formerly in other uses.

Council tax	A tax levied on households by local authorities based on the estimated value of the property and the number of people living in it.
Countryside Character Area	Areas of distinctive landscape, wildlife and natural features as defined by Countryside Agency
Countryside Character Assessment	An assessment of countryside character. Replaced by Landscape Character Assessment.
Countryside Stewardship	DEFRA scheme. Making payments to farmers to enhance and conserve the landscapes and their wildlife and history and to help people enjoy them. This scheme operates outside Environmentally Sensitive Areas only. Ceased in 2004 and replaced by ESS.
Decent Homes Standard	Government standard to ensure that all properties must have reasonably modern facilities, be warm and weatherproof.
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.
Derelict land and buildings	Land damaged by previous industrial or other development that it is incapable of beneficial use without treatment.
Developed	Should be considered the same as completed.
Development Plan/ Local PLAN/ Unitary Development Plan	Sets out policies and proposals for the development and use of land. The Local Plan/Unitary Plan for a local area is now the RSS and Development Plan Documents, which are one type of Local Development Document that form part of the Local Development Framework. These have replaced Local Plans and Unitary Development Plans.
DVDZ	Dearne Valley Development Zone
Dwelling	Dwelling is a self- contained unit of accommodation. Self- containment is where all rooms in a household are behind a door, which only that household can use.
EA	Environment Agency
Ecological footprint	The ecological footprint is a broad measure of resource use which highlights where consumption is exceeding environmental limits.
EfW	Energy from Waste
Employment land supply	Includes sites that are allocated in Development Plans and sites with planning permission. It does not include sites that have been started, under construction or completed.
Employment Type	Monitoring uses the categories as defined by the 1987 Use Class Order for employment.
EN	English Nature
English Nature	Merged with Countryside Agency and parts of DEFRA to create Natural England in 2006
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA)	ESAs are subject to a DEFRA scheme, offering farmers incentives for adopting environmentally friendly practices. Replaced by ESS.
Environmental Stewardship Scheme	A new scheme introduced in 2005 to support environmental management on farms. There are three levels of scheme: Entry Level, Organic and Higher Level. Each of these has different requirements and payment schemes.
ESS	Environmental Stewardship Scheme
ESU	European Size Units

EU Bathing Directive	Directive aimed at the reduction of pollution in coastal bathing waters.
Farm diversification	Generally involves a new use for agricultural land, away from core agricultural activities, other than one that is already allowed under permitted development rights.
FBS	Farm Business Survey
Flood Plain	Land adjacent to a watercourse over which water flows in times of flood or would flow but for the presence of flood defences, where they exist.
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
General Quality Assessment (GQA) (Chemical and Biological)	The Environment Agency measure of chemical and biological water quality.
GHG	Green house gases
GOYH	Government Office of Yorkshire and Humber
Green Belt	Land designated in development plans to be kept open in accordance with PPG2.
Greenfield Site	Not Previously Developed Land
Gross Floorspace	Gross floorspace is the total floor space of the proposed development ascertained by external measurement of the building. It includes the floorspace devoted to corridors, toilets, storage etc. It does not include any area external to the building.
Gross internal floorspace (office and leisure)	This should include all internal areas, but exclude external walls.
Gross Number of Dwellings	All dwellings completed (including gains from conversion).
GVA	Gross value added
HIP	Housing Investment Programme
HMA	Housing Market Assessment – see SHMA
HSSA	Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix - Yearly compilation of information about the dwelling stock (completions and additions to the stock) found within the Local Authority. Used to inform the formulation the Housing Strategy.
HTZ	Humber Trade Zone
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IRF	Integrated Regional Framework. New high-level framework that will replace Advancing Together.
Implementation Action Plan	Will link closely with the findings of the Annual Monitoring Report and provide an annual basis for identifying, coordinating and carrying out actions to achieve the delivery of the new RSS (The Yorkshire and Humber Plan).

LA	Local Authority - There are 21 local (district, borough and unitary) authorities in Yorkshire and Humber and one County Council. There are also two National Park Authorities that are covered by the RSS for Yorkshire and Humber.
LBIA	Leeds Bradford International Airport
Local Character assessment	Replaced Countryside Character Assessment as evaluation tool to help development policies and take decisions on developments at a local level
LDF	Local Development Framework
LFS	Labour Force Survey
Local Government Yorkshire and Humber	LGYH. Formerly the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Assembly and became operational in April 2009.
Listed Buildings	Buildings of special architectural or historic interest protected under the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill 2008	Legislation that proposes the new Regional governance arrangements and the production of an integrated strategy.
Local Development Document	Term for various types of local planning document drawn up by local authorities; one type of which is Development Plan Documents that are part of the statutory development plan (with the RSS).
Local Development Framework	Folder within which various types of Local Development Documents will sit to provide local planning framework.
Main Urban Areas	Main cities and towns of the region
Market and Coalfield Towns	Variety of towns outside the main urban areas, which act as local service centres.
MBC	Metropolitan Borough Council
MRF	Materials Recycling Facility
MW	Megawatts
National Park	Site with statutory national landscape designation to provide special protection of the areas natural beauty and which also offers significant opportunities for open-air recreation.
Natural England	New agency created in 2006 through merger of Countryside Agency, English Nature and parts of DEFRA.
Net additional dwellings	New dwellings completed, plus gains from conversions less losses from conversions, plus gains from change of use minus losses from change of use and less demolitions.
Net internal floorspace (office and leisure)	This includes most space useful to an occupant's business, but excludes common areas, stairwells, foyers, walls, lift shafts etc
Net internal floorspace (retail)	Retail net internal area should be measured for the amount of trade sales space which customers have access to.

Net site area and net site density	Net site area includes roads within the site, private garden space, car parking areas, incidental open space and landscaping and children's play areas (where provided). It excludes major distributor roads, primary schools, open spaces serving a wider areas and significant landscape buffer strips.
NMU	Non Motorised Users
NOMIS	Official labour market statistics for local and national areas.
ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, now replaced by CLG
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
ONS	Office for National Statistics
Output indicators	Factors to be monitored to help assess whether the RSS vision, objectives and overall strategy is being achieved and to provide an understanding of the evolving context in which RSS is operating. They relate to matters that are only partially affected by RSS policies.
Outstanding Planning permissions	Outstanding planning permissions include sites with live outline or full planning consent, including dwellings under construction (but not completed) and outline permissions where no detailed planning permission exists.
PDL	Previously Developed Land - As defined in Annex B of PPS3 i.e. land which is or was occupied by a permanent structure (excluding agricultural or forestry buildings) and social infrastructure
PIR	Progress in the Region
Plan, Monitor, and Manage (PMM)	Approach involving: plan for an intended outcome, monitor the proposed outcome against targets and indicators and manage the process
Proposed Changes	Secretary of State Proposed Changes to the Yorkshire and Humber Plan (The Plan) (Draft RSS). Published September 2007
PPC	Planning Pollution and Control Limits
PPGs	Planning Guidance Policy - documents produced by central Government setting out its policies on different areas of planning - to be replaced by PPSs
PPSs	Planning Policy Statements. Set out the National planning policies on a range of topics which Local Authorities and Regional Planning Bodies and should take into account when developing RSSs and LDFs.
Progress in the Region	A report produced by Yorkshire Futures to provide an economic, social and environmental analysis of Yorkshire and Humber against the objectives of Advancing Together
Ramsar Sites	Sites listed under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance. All sites are designated as SSSIs, some will also be SPAs and/or SACs
REGIS	Environment Agency waste management database
RELS	Regional Employment Land Survey - Survey to be carried out and kept up to date by the Assembly.
RES	Regional Economic Strategy - the Region's 10-year strategy for sustainable economic growth in the region, led by Yorkshire Forward
RES	Rural Enterprise scheme applications

RHADS	Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield
R-ISEW	Regional index of sustainable economic well-being
RPB	Regional Planning Body - the body responsible for drawing up and helping to implement the RSS - the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly
RPG	Regional Planning Guidance – replaced by RSS
RSDf	Regional Sustainable Development Framework
RSL	Registered Social Landlord
RSS	Regional Spatial Strategy - prepared by each RPB in England to set out a long term strategic strategy for the region that forms part of the development plan for a local area (with Development Plan Documents) once issued by the Secretary of State
RTS	Regional Transport Strategy (part of the RSS)
SA	Sustainability Appraisal
SAC	Special Area of Conservation - site with statutory protection of international importance to biodiversity. Designated under EC Directive on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora.
SAP	Species Action Plan - Action plan for the protection of Endangered Species
SAP	Standard Assessment Procedure
SAP rating	The SAP is the Government's recommended system for energy rating of dwellings.
SBS	Small Business Service
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment - Assessment and mitigation of significant environmental impacts arising from plans and Programmes
Settlement Network	Hierarchy of settlements within Proposed Changes to The Plan (based on the Regional Settlement Study 2004). Key diagram found within Proposed Changes to the Plan on page 31.
SFRA	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
SHLAA	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments - Technical document that forms part of the LDF evidence base that identifies available, suitable, achievable sites for housing.
SHMA	Strategic Housing Market Assessment - Technical document as part of the LDF evidence base that identifies local housing market characteristics and local housing needs.
SPA	Special Protected Area - site with statutory protection of international importance to biodiversity.
SSSI	Sites of Special Scientific Interest - site with statutory protection of national or international importance
Sustainability Appraisal	Appraisal of plans, strategies and proposals to test them against agreed sustainability objectives
SYCF	South Yorkshire Community Forest - One of 12 National Community Forest Initiatives with specific objectives and targets for woodland planting and community access.

SYP	South Yorkshire Pathfinder -the Housing Market Renewal initiative in parts of South Yorkshire
Town Centres	ODPM have developed a national model to compare Areas of Town Centre Activity for statistical monitoring and comparisons.
The Plan	The Yorkshire and Humber Plan
UCO	Use Classes Order, 2005 ODPM
UCS	Urban Capacity Study - Meant to identify available, or potential available land for housing development in urban areas to inform the re-allocation of housing land and review of development plans. Replaced by SHLAA.
UDP	Unitary Development Plan, to be replaced by LDFs
UKBAP	UK Biodiversity Action Plan
Vacant Buildings	Unoccupied buildings, that are structurally sound and in a reasonable state of repair (i.e. capable of being occupied in their present state).
VAT	Value Added Tax
Vacant Dwellings	Estimated using Council Tax records and/or local survey data. Second homes, holiday lets, dwellings in unlicensed accommodation and flats/houses normally occupied by students are not included. Dwellings that are empty because of a change of occupant or those which are undergoing modernisation, repair or conversion, or are awaiting demolition as well as newly completed properties that have not yet been occupied are counted as vacant. Where the LA has counted groups of bedsits as one dwelling, the groups can only count as vacant when all are vacant.
Windfall Sites	Sites which have not specifically been designated as being available for development in a development plan, but which unexpectedly become available for development
WML	Waste Management Licence
The Yorkshire and Humber Plan	The current Regional Spatial Strategy adopted in May 2008.
The Yorkshire and Humber Strategy	The new integrated strategy for the Region that will supersede the RSS and the Regional Economic Strategy.