

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

At a meeting of the charity trustees of The North Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England CIO number 1174989 ("CPRENY") held on 21 March 2025, the trustees RESOLVED that:

1. The objects of the charity, being 'TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION OF THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE AND IN PARTICULAR NORTH YORKSHIRE INCLUDING REDCAR & CLEVELAND AND ITS TOWNS AND VILLAGES AND THE BETTER DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT' be replaced by the following:

*"to promote and encourage for the benefit of the public the improvement and protection of the English countryside, in particular that of North **and East** Yorkshire **as defined by CPRE from time to time**, and its towns and villages and the better development of the rural environment"*

2. The name of the charity, being '**THE NORTH YORKSHIRE BRANCH OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND**' be replaced by the following:

"CPRE North and East Yorkshire"

3. The references to the charity, being 'THE BRANCH' be replaced by the following:

"the charity"

because the trustees are satisfied that the Charity Commission consented to the amendment to the charity's objects under Section 226(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011 on 13 December 2024 and the amendments to the objects, name and references to the charity in its constitution will not change the charity's activities but are necessary to avoid confusion for its members, supporters and volunteers, the organisations and planning authorities with which the Charity collaborates, and the general public.



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Chair

STATEMENT OF REASONS OF THE TRUSTEES FOR PASSING SPECIAL RESOLUTION FOR THE CHARITY

1. The trustees of CPRENY are cognisant of their responsibility to regularly review the constitution of the charity and keep it up to date. This special resolution to make amendments to the name and purposes of the charity and references to the charity in the constitution will ensure greater clarity in its governance documentation, facilitate its fundraising and campaigning activities, and avoid confusion for its members, supporters, and volunteers; the organisations with which the charity collaborates; the planning authorities with which the charity works; and the general public.
2. CPRE is a national charity which was established in 1926. Its vision is for countryside and green spaces that are accessible to all, rich in nature and playing a crucial role in responding to the climate emergency. It advocates nationwide for countryside with sustainable, healthy communities and available to more people than ever, including those who have not previously benefited. CPRE works with/alongside a network of 'local CPREs' which have been established, as independent charities, in each county in England. The North Yorkshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England was the 'local CPRE' for North Yorkshire and was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organization ("CIO") at the Charity Commission on 4 October 2017 under a Trust Deed dated February 2017 and subsequently revised in February 2021. It has been referred to as CPRE North Yorkshire or CPRENY.
3. In late 2021, CPRE requested CPRENY to consider expanding its area of interest to include East Yorkshire, given the decision made by the trustees of the 'local CPRE' for East Yorkshire to dissolve that charity due to operational challenges. At a General Meeting called in February 2022, the trustees of CPRENY proposed a resolution to include East Yorkshire in the charity's area of interest. The resolution was passed by the members present in accordance with its constitution. In mid-2022, CPRENY received the balance of funds held by the former CPRE East Yorkshire (and Hull) when it ceased its activities in late 2021.
4. With respect to the amendments to the constitution:
 - a. Amending the area of interest specified in the name and purposes of the charity to include East Yorkshire is suitable and effective given the resolution proposed by the trustees and passed by the members of CPRENY to include East Yorkshire in its area of interest and the decision by CPRE to transfer the continuing members and remaining fund balances of CPRE East Yorkshire to CPRENY.
 - b. Amending the reference in the purposes and elsewhere in the constitution to CPRENY to 'the charity' rather than 'the branch' is suitable in that it recognises that CPRENY, the CIO, is not a branch of CPRE legally or financially and has separate legal status from CPRE.