

# Plan-it Bradford



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Plan-it Bradford is the e-newsletter that keeps you up to date with the latest planning policy news and the progress being made on the Local Plan for the Bradford District.

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## Core Strategy Partial Review: Shaping our Future Policies

The Core Strategy forms an essential part of the Local Plan for the Bradford District. It sets out how many homes the District needs and where these should be provided. It also establishes strategic employment, transport and infrastructure priorities and policies to protect and enhance the natural and built environment. We use the Core Strategy policies to help with decision making in determining planning applications.

As the Core Strategy is an important document it is vital that the Council reviews it and makes sure it is relevant and up to date.

After changes in national planning policy and updated local priorities the Council has identified key areas in the Core Strategy that require reviewing, particularly around housing and employment.

### Scoping Report Consultation

In January, the Council published a Scoping Report which identified the range of policies which needed to be updated following important recent local and national policy changes.

We would like to thank those who took the time to respond to the consultation.

A total of 162 responses were received from local residents, local business owners and agents and

developers and there were over 1,600 comments made! The majority of these were received through the online survey questionnaire.

These representations have been analysed by the Local Plan Team and summarised into a Statement of Consultation report which will be available alongside the next stage of consultation.

### Preferred Options Consultation

This consultation sets out the Council's 'preferred options' for the Partial Review of the Core Strategy, along with the reasonable alternatives which have also been considered. The consultation document will clearly outline the proposed changes to the adopted policy wording and set out the new policy on Creating Healthy Places.

We welcome your feedback on the proposed policies, supporting

documents and new and updated evidence base studies.

An online survey questionnaire will be available again to log your comments. Please note that you will have to complete the survey for each policy comment that you wish to make.

Please note it is not necessary at this stage to submit any information relating to sites or site promotion documents.

**Public consultation  
will start on  
Tuesday 30th  
July 2019 for an  
extended period of  
8 weeks, until 5pm  
on Tuesday 24th  
September 2019.**

# Updates to the Bradford District Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The council is undertaking a review of the adopted CIL Charging Schedule alongside the Core Strategy Partial Review following the Government's response to consultation on Reforming Developer Contributions and proposed changes to the CIL regulations due in September 2019.

The CIL review will include updated evidence on viability which will include a whole plan viability assessment currently being undertaken in line with national planning guidance. The emerging assumptions will be made available as part of the evidence supporting the Core Strategy Partial Review.

Should you have any further queries about the CIL please contact a member of the Development Plan Group by email:

CIL@bradford.gov.uk or telephone (01274) 433679.

## Local Plan Timetable Update

The Council is in the process of preparing a number of Development Plan Documents (DPDs) which will form part of the Local Plan for the Bradford District. The key planning documents are listed below along with an indication of their current progress and anticipated public consultation timetable:

Document	Stage	Due Date
Core Strategy DPD	Adopted	18th July 2017
Core Strategy DPD - Partial Review	Preferred Option	Public Consultation: Tuesday 30th July – Tuesday 24th September 2019
Allocations DPD	Further Issues & Options	October 2019
Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan DPD	Adopted	12th December 2018
Shipley & Canal Road Corridor Area Action Plan DPD	Adopted	12th December 2018
Waste Management DPD	Adopted	17th October 2017
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	Approved	21st March 2017
	In force from	1st July 2017
	Updates	9th July 2019

## Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) Update

The Allocations DPD will allocate land to meet the District's needs over the plan period to 2037 for new homes, and will identify sites for gypsies and travellers, sites for business and industry, and if required sites for infrastructure and community uses such as schools and road improvements.

It will also identify a network of green spaces which will be protected and enhanced.

Work on the Allocations DPD is being carried out in parallel with the Core Strategy Partial Review so this will reflect both existing and emerging amended strategic policies.

Recent work has been focused on developing the evidence base, including land supply updates, strategic sites, and studies providing Green Belt, open space and employment land reviews. A new District wide transport model is also being developed.

The Statement of Consultation which summarises the comments raised at the previous Issues and Options stage has been published and is available on the website.

The next consultation stage will be Preferred Options which will take place in October. This will indicate both the development sites which the Council thinks should be allocated to meet the District's needs and those which the Council thinks should be rejected.

The Council will also shortly publish an updated version of the Site Assessment Methodology document first published at Issues and Options stage and as part of the Green Belt Selective Review methodology.

# Neighbourhood Planning Update

Within the Bradford District there are 12 designated Neighbourhood Areas producing Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP). Each Town/Parish Council are working at their own pace, however in recent months there have been a number of developments which are worth noting.

## Addingham

The Council is now in receipt of the Inspectors Report following an Independent Examination. The next steps are to produce a Regulation 18 Statement of Reasons report which will be presented to the Executive Committee in September. This will be followed by a public referendum within the parish of Addingham which will determine if they wish for the plan to come into force.

## Steeton-with-Eastburn & Silsden

The Parish and Town Councils have recently submitted their plan to the Council under Regulation 15. The Council is currently preparing a public consultation on the draft plan. Further details about this consultation will be issued in due course.

The table below provides a summary of the progress being made on Neighbourhood Plans in the Bradford District:

<b>Addingham</b>	Independent Examination complete Report to Executive – September
<b>Baildon</b>	Work on NDP stopped
<b>Bingley</b>	Work in progress
<b>Burley-in-Wharfedale</b>	Adopted
<b>Cullingworth</b>	Work on NDP stopped
<b>Harden</b>	Work in progress
<b>Haworth, Cross Roads &amp; Stanbury</b>	Regulation 15 submission to Council expected shortly
<b>Ilkley</b>	Work in progress
<b>Menston</b>	Work in progress
<b>Oxenhope</b>	Work in progress – working towards Regulation 14 consultation
<b>Steeton-with-Eastburn &amp; Silsden</b>	Regulation 15 submission to Council Regulation 16 consultation in preparation
<b>Wilsden</b>	Regulation 14 consultation – June 2017 Work in progress

For further information, please visit our Neighbourhood Planning webpages at: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/>.

For information regarding a particular Parish/Town Council's progress, please visit their website directly.

# Public Consultation on the Draft Homes and Neighbourhoods Design Guide SPD

Bradford Council has produced a new Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on Homes and Neighbourhoods which brings together the very latest thinking in housing and urban design. This has involved a wide range of community and housing partners.

The purpose of the guide will be to achieve a step change in the quality of new housing development in the District in support of policies in the Local Plan Core Strategy. It will help to ensure that the significant level of housing growth needed in the District to meet future need will be designed to create healthy, inclusive, sustainable places to live for everyone, which are also financially viable to build.

The Council intends to adopt the guide as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) meaning that it will be used to influence and assess the design quality of planning applications. It will apply to all scales of housing development from an individual home to a neighbourhood.

Bradford Council would like to hear your ideas, opinions and views on the new design guide which aims to make new homes and neighbourhoods more sustainable and healthier places to live.

**Public Consultation will start on Tuesday 30th July 2019 for an extended period of 8 weeks, until 5pm on Tuesday 24th September 2019.**

Further details of the consultation, the Draft Homes and Neighbourhoods SPD and the Comment Form will be available on the 'Current Consultations' link on the Council's homepage from 30th July.

# Evidence Base Update

It is essential that the Local Plan is based upon up-to-date and robust evidence to underpin the approach and policies in the Plan. To ensure this, and to support the policy development process, a number of significant studies and updates have been completed.

The following updated studies will be published during the Core Strategy Partial Review Preferred Option consultation:

- Employment Land Review
- Green Belt Selective Review
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Open Space Assessment
- Retail and Leisure Study
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment.

## Coming soon... Tell us about your local open spaces!

We will soon be carrying out a survey with local residents and user groups of open spaces across the District. The survey will ask people which types of open spaces (parks, play areas, amenity spaces) they use, why they use them and what they think of the quality of the provision. It will also ask whether people think there is enough open space in their local area and how they travel to open spaces.

We are keen to get as many views as possible including why people don't visit their local open spaces. All this information will be used to help identify the needs and demands for open space in the District, which in turn will support the designation of open space sites in the Allocations DPD. It will also help to set the standards for the provision of open space in new developments.

**Look out for the link to the survey on the Council's website soon.**

The Council's planning policy evidence base are available to view online at: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/evidence-base/>

## A new Consultation Portal is on its way

There are exciting times ahead for the Local Plan Team as we are in the process of purchasing new consultation software, called OpusConsult, which will help both you and the Local Plan Team during future consultations.

OpusConsult is fully GDPR compliant software which will allow you to comment on specific parts of the consultation documents. In addition OpusMaps software will allow you to submit comments on specific sites.

This consultation software will give you the convenience of your own account to save, view and submit your comments to us.

It is hoped that training and testing of the new software will be undertaken in time for the next consultation on the Allocations DPD which will take place later this year!

## Keeping Updated

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