

Bradford Local Plan

Core Strategy Examination Session Day One

Matter 2: Spatial Vision and Objectives

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Venue: Victoria Hall, Saltaire

Key issue:

Is the Spatial Vision for Bradford justified, effective, locally distinctive and appropriate, reflecting the Sustainable Community Strategy, community views and issues raised during the preparation of the Plan, and are the Strategic Objectives appropriate, effective, justified and soundly based, and will they help to deliver the spatial vision of the Plan?

Response

- 1.1 The Spatial Vision and Strategic Objectives are justified, locally distinctive and appropriate. They were developed as a spatial expression of the Community Strategy and were informed by it and associated evidence. The Vision and Objectives were subject to several stages of consultation and engagement in particular at issues and options and further issues and options stages (see respective statements of consultation for further details). The vision was informed by the key issues facing the District and as far as possible include local distinctiveness. Paragraph 2.21 to 2.24 sets out the high level alignment of the Core Strategy with the Community Strategy. Appendix 2a to the Core Strategy sets out the relationship between the objectives and policies of the plan.

Issue 2.1: Spatial Vision:

- a. **Does the Vision set out an appropriate, justified, effective and locally distinctive Spatial Vision for the future development of Bradford over the plan period in a clear and positive manner, providing a sound basis for the strategic policies in the Plan and giving sufficient strategic direction for the area to 2030, with an appropriate balance between economic growth, sustainable development, infrastructure requirements, environmental and social matters, and between brownfield and greenfield sites;**
- b. **Should the plan period be extended beyond 2030?**

Response

- 2.1 The Plan sets out an appropriate, justified and effective spatial vision for future development to 2030. The vision is anchored in the key issues and opportunities facing the district. It provides appropriate local distinctiveness where relevant and appropriate. It provides a positive vision in support of sustainable development of homes, economic growth and associated infrastructure. It has been informed by the community strategy and associated evidence base. While supporting growth to meet future needs the vision recognises the important environmental, cultural and historic assessments of the district and how they benefit and shape the District.
- 2.2 The headline spatial vision is supported by more detailed place specific visions which provide further spatial distinctiveness for the different areas and communities of the District (paragraphs 3.5 – 3.12) and outcomes within the Sub Area Policies in section 4 of the Plan.

- 2.3 The Place specific Visions highlight the need importance and focus of urban regeneration and use of brownfield land in particular within the Regional City of Bradford.
- 2.4 The NPPF require a Local Plans to be drawn up over an appropriate time scale, preferably a 15-year time horizon, take account of longer term requirements, and be kept up to date. The NPPF allows the Local Planning Authority to determine the appropriate plan period.
- 2.5 The Plan period to 2030 is considered an appropriate providing 15 years from the anticipated adoption of the Core Strategy. The Local Development Scheme anticipates that the full set of DPDs being in place by April 2017 with the adoption of the Allocations DPD. The Core Strategy provides a clear 15 year plan period for strategic planning purposes. Given the scale of the anticipated uplift in Housing delivery and also the uncertainty of long terms housing projections it is clear that the monitoring of the plan is bound to point to the need for its review well within its period to take account of housing outputs and future household projections and to provide a firm basis for rolling forward the 5-year supply.

Issue 2.2 Strategic Objectives:

- a. **Does the Plan identify all the relevant Strategic Objectives, including those which have cross-boundary implications, and should any of the strategic priorities be amended to reflect the concerns of consultees?**

Response

- 3.1 The Objectives cover the key strategic matters relevant to the Core Strategy in order to deliver the Spatial Vision, which have been informed by the evidence and tested extensively through the early stages of consultation. Appendix 2 sets out the key linkages between the Objectives and corporate priorities and Leeds City Region Strategic priorities.
- 3.2 The Objectives cover the appropriate cross boundary issues as far a relevant and appropriate to the nature of the document.
- 3.3 It is not considered that amendments are required to make the objectives in order to make the plan sound. Changes proposed by consultees relate in the main to minor issues of emphasis or additional considerations which the Council do not believe are necessary.