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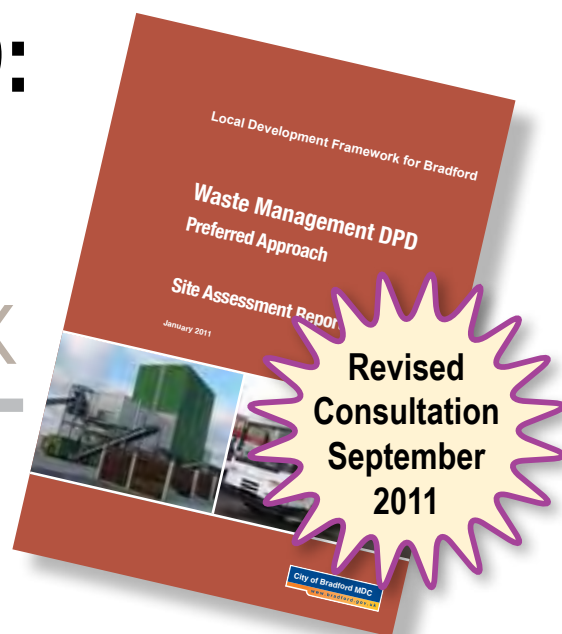
Plan-it Bradford is the newsletter that keeps you up to date with the latest progress being made on the Local Development Framework and emerging planning policy for Bradford.

The LDF Group are currently finalising the Core Strategy Preferred Approach report which is expected to be available for public consultation later this year. This is later than expected due to the need to develop the evidence base and take account of recent policy developments occurring at the national and regional level.



Waste Management DPD: Preferred Approach - Consultation Feedback

From 21st January to 1st April 2011, the Council undertook public consultation on the Waste Management DPD: Preferred Approach. The Preferred Approach moves forward from the options set out in the Issues and Options (Nov 2009) and took account of the comments received at that stage.



The Preferred Approach report set out detailed policies for the future management of all waste streams for the next 15-20 years, with detailed potential site allocations for the management of Municipal Solid Waste (Household) and Commercial and Industrial Waste.

As part of the consultation, the Council undertook a series of drop-in sessions within specific neighbourhoods where a potential site for a waste management facility was proposed to be allocated. These events gave local residents and members of the waste industry the opportunity to ask officers questions they may have relating to the proposed waste site. At the close of

the consultation, over 300 responses had been received.

While the comments received related to a range of matters in the consultation documents, a significant number of them related to the proposed short listed sites, in particular the site at Belton Road in Silsden. There were also several new sites put forward for consideration as well as comments on the site assessment methodology which was used to select the short list of preferred sites.

The Council has taken account of the comments on the site assessment methodology and has proposed a number of changes. All the sites,

including the new sites put forward, have been re-assessed. This has resulted in an amended short list of sites which retains some sites as previously proposed but also some different sites.

Due to these significant changes, it is important that the revised methodology and sites are subject to public consultation before the Council moves to the next stage of the statutory process – the Publication Draft. Public consultation on the revised shortlist of proposed sites and related Site Assessment report is due to take place in late September with the Publication Draft currently scheduled for consultation in early 2012.

Core Strategy DPD: Update

Later this year Bradford Council hopes to publish the Core Strategy DPD - Preferred Approach for public consultation. This is a key planning document within the LDF which concerns all residents and stakeholders within Bradford District as it:

- Sets out a long-term spatial vision for the District until 2028
- Identifies broad locations for development over the next 15 years
- Sets out policies that will influence the use of land and the type and scale of development which will be permitted.

We last consulted on the Core Strategy - Further Issues and Options in 2008 when we presented 4 spatial options for the location of housing development over the plan period. Over 400 comments were received to these options and we have taken these into consideration along with further evidence to support our approach of ensuring that there are the right housing, employment opportunities, community facilities and infrastructure in the right places and at the right times.

Since 2008, changes to Government legislation and uncertainty over regional planning have held up the LDF, but this situation has allowed us to reassess and focus on our evidence base. The evidence base has been invaluable in moving to this next stage in the plan making process to ensure our plan is both sound and robust.

The Core Strategy 'Preferred Approach' is the Council's chosen strategy for addressing the issues within the District where planning can make a real difference to the lives of communities. The plan can influence housing, employment, community facilities and infrastructure developments, as well as how we use, protect and conserve our natural environment.

This next consultation is your chance to further influence our choice of strategy for Bradford!

We will be holding a number of events and workshops across the District later this year to allow you to have your say on the Preferred Approach for Bradford District. We will notify everyone who is currently on our database and those people who have submitted comments in the past when this consultation begins. A special edition newsletter will be published to provide summarised information.

Bradford's Position on the new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a new levy that local authorities can choose to charge on new developments in their area. The money collected can be used to support development by contributing towards the funding of infrastructure that the council, local community and neighbourhoods want or need.

A report on Bradford's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is due to be presented at the Council's Executive Committee on 22nd July 2011.

It is recommended that the Council move towards the adoption of a Community Infrastructure Levy for the Bradford District. This report requests the approval of the Council to commence work on preparing a CIL. Further reports will be produced as the work develops along with public consultation on the proposals which will include a draft charging schedule.

You can find this report on the Council's Committee Minutes website using the following link: <http://councilminutes.bradford.gov.uk/wps/portal/cm>. Further details of the outcomes of this meeting will be reported in the next edition of Plan-It.

LDF Timetable Update

The LDF Group are in the process of preparing a number of Development Plan Documents (DPDs) which will form part of the Bradford's LDF. The key planning documents are listed below along with an indication of their current progress and anticipated public consultation timetables:

Development Plan Document	Current Progress
Core Strategy DPD - Preferred Approach	Late 2011
Waste Management DPD – Preferred Approach (Re-consultation on the Site Assessment document)	September 2011 Publication Draft due early 2012
Allocations DPD - Issues & Options Stage	Mid 2012
Shipley & Canal Road Corridor Area Action Plan DPD - Issues & Options Stage	Late 2011
Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan DPD - Preferred Approach	Mid 2012

Revised Local Development Scheme 2011 - 2014

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out a three year programme for the production of documents within the LDF. It sets out the Local Development Documents (LDDs) and Development Plan Documents (DPDs) the Council will produce. The current version (2007-2011) was approved in 2007. It is proposed that the LDS is updated and revised to confirm the new timetable for the LDF documents. This document is due to be published towards the end of this year.

Affordable Housing Economic Viability Assessment (AHEVA) 2010

In developing the evidence base Bradford Council commissioned Levvel to prepare an Affordable Housing Economic Viability Assessment, referred to as AHEVA, to determine appropriate and justifiable affordable housing targets in the LDF.

This piece of evidence is required under national guidance on housing in Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 3 whereby affordable housing targets must be subject to an assessment of economic viability. The AHEVA provides recommendations on the viability of the proportion of affordable housing, site thresholds and tenure splits in different locations and on a range of different site types across the district.

This study is now complete and will be published on our website alongside the Core Strategy Preferred Approach consultation.

Evidence Base Update

It is essential that the LDF is based upon an up-to-date and reliable evidence base to ensure the plan can be deemed sound. The LDF Group have produced or commissioned a number of key pieces of evidence which are being used to inform the preparation of the LDF documents.

Several new and revised studies will be published alongside the Core Strategy during the Preferred Approach consultation in particular the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), updated Employment Land Review and Transport Study. These studies provide the robust evidence base and justification for the approach that the Council has taken in preparing the Core Strategy. For further information on the supporting Evidence Base, please visit our website at: www.bradford.gov.uk/LDF.

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Planning Aid England Update!

Yorkshire Planning Aid has changed!! Following a Government review of the Royal Town Planning Institute's (RTPI) Planning Aid funding and a subsequent bidding exercise earlier this year, the charity has successfully been awarded £1million to continue their valuable community planning work, albeit with a reduced budget. They are now known as Planning Aid England.

Planning Aid England provides free, independent and professional planning advice to communities and individuals who cannot afford to pay professional fees through a planning advice line.

This service will provide fifteen minutes of free professional advice to all callers. Eligible callers may then receive further professional advice through a network of professional volunteers, who give their services free of charge to individuals and groups who are unable to afford professional fees.

As a result of reduced Government funding, Planning Aid England have restructured their organisation in order to continue the level of community work they did previously with a particular emphasis on helping with involvement in development plans and new style neighbourhood planning. Yorkshire Planning Aid and the dedicated planning team no longer exist. Instead our region (Central East) has retained Mike Dando as a Community Outreach Coordinator.

If you would like help with any local planning issues please contact Mike Dando at:

mike.dando@planningaid.rtpi.org.uk; or telephone: **0781 268 2797**



Planning Aid England Advice Line:

0330 123 9244

Do we have your correct contact details?

At the start of any consultation, everybody on our LDF mailing list will receive either an email or a letter notifying them of: the start date of the consultation, what it is about, where to find the documents, the deadline for comments and how to make comments. **If your contact details have changed recently, or if you would like your details to be added to our mailing list, please let us know by email us using the address below so we can amend our records.**

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