

Plan-it Bradford

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Welcome to the sixth edition of **Plan-it Bradford**, the newsletter that keeps you up to date with the latest developments on the Local Development Framework and emerging planning policy in Bradford.



The LDF Group welcomes the new Assistant Director of Planning...

We would like to introduce you to the Planning Service's new Assistant Director - **Julian Jackson**. Julian joins us from Enfield Council in North London where he was Head of Development Services. Before this post he has worked at the inner London Borough Councils of Southwark and Hackney. He replaces Christopher Hughes who retired in October.



Bradford Says 'No' To RSS Review of Housing Numbers

As we reported in the last issue of Plan-It Bradford, the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly have been consulting both the public and stakeholder organisations ahead of its review of the current Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS).

The consultation has been prompted by Government demands that the Assembly review the current RSS to potentially accommodate even higher levels of housing growth and delivery in the next 20 years.

The Assembly's consultation asked a series of questions about the scale of housing growth which could be delivered and whether the way in which growth is distributed between the different cities, towns and sub areas within the Yorkshire & Humber region needs to change.

The Council's position was agreed at the meeting of its Executive on the 13th January 2009.

The Council have reiterated its commitment to supporting the growth and development of Bradford and in working with the community to deliver the challenge of over 50,000 new homes in the period to

2026. However it declared itself unconvinced that this is the correct time to undertake a review of the RSS and consider even higher levels of housing development. Any review at this time is in the Council's view undermined by uncertainty over the length of the economic and housing market downturn and inadequate data on migration and population trends.

Regional officials are now considering Bradford's and all the other respondents comments. All the consultation responses, including the Council's full response, can be viewed in 'Paper 2: Responses SO27 – SO52' on page 77 of the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly's website at: www.yhassembly.gov.uk/dnlds/2.%20Responses%20SO27%20_%20SO52.pdf.

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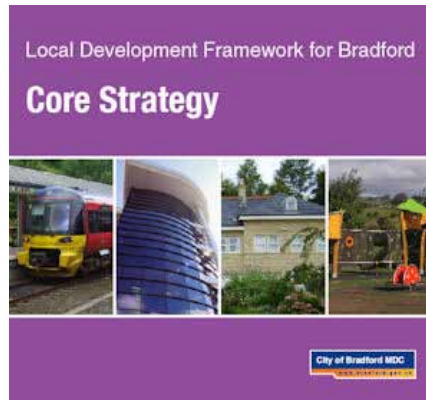
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Core Strategy - Minerals Planning Stakeholder Event

The Minerals and Waste Team held a Minerals Planning Workshop on 4th February 2009 where operators and agents from the local minerals industry were invited to a stakeholder event at the Bradford Design Exchange to discuss issues and options in relation to the safeguarding and supply of minerals.

The event was well attended and resulted in lively discussions about the key issues facing the stone industry and the value of the local natural stone quarries to the economy and built heritage of Bradford and beyond. The event served to improve communication between planners and the minerals industry and provided valuable



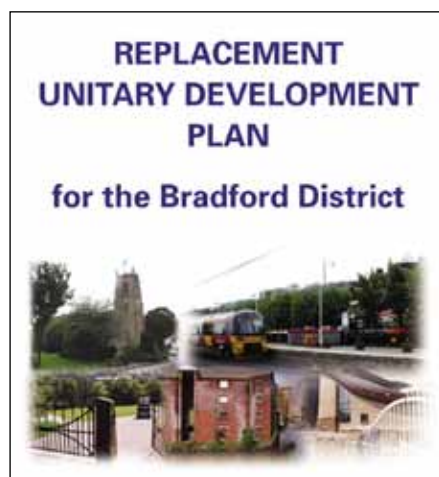
information to feed into the Preferred Options stage of the Core Strategy. We would like to thank all those that contributed to the discussions.

To view the Consultation Event Log, please visit: www.bradford.gov.uk/corestrategy.

Copies of the Replacement Unitary Development Plan are still available

Copies of the Replacement Unitary Development Plan (RUDP) and the direction letter and schedule of Saved Policies is available from the LDF website, however hard copies of these documents can also be purchased from the Planning Reception at 3rd Floor Jacobs Well or telephone 01274 434605. The full set of documents consists of:-

- Replacement Unitary Development Plan;
- Proposal documents for each of the 5 constituencies;
- Proposal maps for each of the 5 constituencies;
- City and town centre insert maps; and
- Secretary of State Direction Letter and Schedule of Saved Policies.



The full set is priced at £88.50 plus £5.00 postage and packing, alternatively these documents can be sold separately. Individual document prices are available on the order form. If you wish to purchase any of these documents, please use the order form which is available at www.bradford.gov.uk/UDP.

LDF Update

Scoping Stage/Coming Soon

- Allocations DPD
- Shipley and Canal Road Corridor Area Action Plan DPD
- Waste Management DPD
- Bradford District Affordable Housing SPD

Public Consultation Stage

No documents currently available for consultation.

In Preparation

- Householder SPD
- Core Strategy - Working towards Preferred Options Stage
- Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan DPD - Working towards Preferred Options stage

Independent Examination Stage

- None

Adoption

- Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)
- Bradford City Centre Affordable Housing SPD
- Bradford City Centre Design Guide SPD
- Landscape Character SPD
- Menston Housing Sites SPD
- Planning for Crime Prevention SPD
- Planning Obligations SPD
- Shopfront Design Guide SPD
- Sustainable Design Guide SPD

Evidence Base Update

It is essential that the work produced by the LDF Group is based upon an up-to-date and reliable evidence base. The list below indicates the studies that have been produced, or are currently being produced, by either the Council or external agencies, and the stage they are at:-

- **Bradford District Retail & Leisure Study** (*June 2008*)
- **Bradford Destination Tourism Strategy** (*Completed, 2008*)
- **Conservation Area Assessments and Management Plans** (*Continual review*)
- **District Wide Transport Study** - Report due late Summer 2009
- **Draft Settlement Study** (*Consultation: Early 2008; updating in progress*)
- **Employment Land Review** (*Completed, December 2007*)
- **Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment** (*Completed May 2008*)
- **Housing Requirements Study** (*July 2008*)
- **Local Housing Assessment** (*December 2007*)
- **Open Space Assessment** (*Completed 2007*)
- **Sports and Recreation Facilities Assessment** (*Completed, February 2008*)
- **Strategic Flood Risk Assessment** (*Level 1 Study March 2009. Level 2 study to follow in Summer 09*)
- **Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment** (*Commenced Autumn 2008, completion Summer 2009*)
- **Strategic Housing Market Assessment** (*Due Summer 2009*)

Evidence Base News

Council Commission Two New Studies

Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SMHA)

As the latest issue of Plan-It Bradford goes to press, the Planning Service is issuing tenders for the completion of a major housing study which will shape and inform policies in the LDF, in particular the Core Strategy. It will, along with financial viability assessments, help determine how much subsidised affordable housing developers have to incorporate into their development schemes.

The study – a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) – is a key element of the LDF evidence base and will analyse the housing market in Bradford in depth advising on the types of housing needed in different areas and the amount and pattern of need for affordable housing – housing provided for sale and rent at below market prices. The study, which will build on extensive research already carried out by the Council's Housing

Service, is expected to be completed by July and published on the Council's website at around the same time.

Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)

Bradford Council has commissioned JBA Consulting to undertake a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for Bradford. A steering group made up of key officers from CBMDC, Environment Agency and

Pennine Water Group has formed to guide this process. Work is currently progressing the Level 1 study which will provide an overview of the flood risk issues across the District. We now have better data that allows us to estimate current and future flood risk and this data will be used to assess potential land for development. The SFRA will be published as part of the evidence base for the Core Strategy Preferred Options Report.

Esholt flood plain



Yorkshire Planning Aid – How can they help you?

In preparing the Local Development Framework for Bradford, the Council is working with Yorkshire Planning Aid to engage with targeted communities across the district.

Planning Aid is an organisation that provides free, independent and professional town planning advice and support to communities and individuals who cannot afford to pay professional fees. It complements the work of local planning authorities, but is wholly independent of them.

Planning Aid is about much more than giving advice. It engages communities positively in the planning process to help them manage changes to their neighbourhood areas. Planning Aid can help people to:

- Understand and use the planning system
- Participate in preparing plans
- Prepare their own plans for the future of their community
- Comment on planning applications
- Apply for planning permission or appeal against refusal of permission.
- Represent themselves at public inquiries.

Yorkshire Planning Aid has undertaken a number of public consultation events across the District on the Core Strategy DPD and the Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan working with BME communities, colleges, older people, primary and secondary schools. Outcomes of these events have been recorded in Consultation Event Logs which are available to download on the Council's website. Yorkshire Planning Aid is continuing to help Bradford Council to engage with the wider community which will be continued throughout the Preferred Options consultation which will commence in the summer.

If you would like further information or advice regarding the work of Planning Aid, please visit www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk, call the Helpline on 0870 8509808 or contact the Regional Manager on 0113 204 2460.

Development Management

NEW Agents Newsletter

Bradford Council's Development Management Service has launched a new quarterly 'Agents Newsletter' to provide news and information relating to the planning system and planning applications in Bradford.

Issue 1: February 2009 features articles on:-

- Online submissions
- Biodiversity Survey & Report
- Killian and Pretty Review
- Design and Access Statements



Copies of the newsletter can be downloaded from the Council's website at: www.bradford.gov.uk/the_environment/planning_service/planning_applications/planning_applications.htm.

FEEDBACK...

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