

# Plan-it Bradford

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Welcome to the eighth 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. Also in this edition there is a brief summary of the recent changes to the legislation with regards to planning applications.



## Notice of Public Consultation: Waste Management - Issues and Options Consultation

The Council's Executive Committee, on 20th October, gave approval for public consultation on the Issues and Options report for the Waste Management DPD.

With changes in European, UK and regional planning guidance and regulations, there is a need to diversify from landfill to promote more sustainable methods of waste management, which will also promote waste as a resource. There is also a need for the District to deal with its own waste arisings and not rely on exporting waste to neighbouring authorities. Bradford Council must look to ensure that there is sufficient land and infrastructure as part of the LDF to accommodate waste arisings, in order to manage waste within its own boundaries.

There is a need to increase recycling levels and utilise new technology, including energy generated from waste, which will lead to a reduction

in the amount of waste being sent to landfill. Targets have been set nationally, regionally, and locally to this end which must be met to ensure we are managing the waste we generate in the most sustainable way.

The Waste Management DPD will build upon a strategic policy which will be set out within the Core Strategy to ensure that there is sufficient and appropriate provision within the District to deliver the aspiration for self-sustainability in waste management over the next 15 years.

The Key Issues and Questions can be found overleaf in page 2.

Public consultation on the Waste Management DPD will commence on Monday 9th November 2009 and run until 25th January 2010.



# Key Issues and Questions

The Issues and Options consultation is the first stage of a long term planning framework for Waste Management in the Bradford District. Several key issues have been identified for waste management which form the basis of this consultation. Comments made at this stage of the process shall influence the Council's Preferred Option for waste management in the District over the next 15 years. The key issues are:



A number of potential options are set out for each issue within the consultation documents. We would like to know which options you feel are the most appropriate. A combination of these options and additional comments are also welcomed and encouraged. Let us know what you think!

**Copies of the consultation document are available to view at the main libraries, planning offices and can be downloaded from the Councils website at: [www.bradford.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/LDF).**

## Evidence Base Update

It is essential that the LDF is based upon an up-to-date and reliable evidence base. The list below provides an update on new or emerging pieces of work which will support the LDF. Further details of our evidence base can be found at [www.bradford.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/LDF)

- Bradford Destination Tourism Strategy (2008)
- Bradford District Baseline Study (work ongoing)
- Bradford District Built Recreational Facilities Assessment
- Bradford District Growth Assessment (Work in progress)
- Bradford District Retail & Leisure Study (June 2008)
- Conservation Area Assessments and Management Plans (Continual review)
- District Wide Transport Study (Work in progress)
- Draft Settlement Study (2008)
- Draft Settlement Study - Version 2 (Work in progress)
- Employment Land Review (December 2007)
- Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment (May 2008)
- Housing Needs & Requirements Study (July 2008)
- Local Housing Assessments (December 2007)
- Local Infrastructure Plan (Work in process)
- Open Space & Built Facilities Assessment (2007)
- Sports and Recreation Facilities Assessment (February 2008)
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (Level 1 Study March 2009. Level 2 study to follow)
- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (Commenced Autumn 2008 - Work in progress)
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment (Due for completion, December 2009)

# Core Strategy Update

As we reported in the July newsletter, Bradford Council is currently working towards an extensive consultation exercise at the Preferred Options stage of the Core Strategy DPD. This consultation will aim to find out what residents and stakeholders think about the preferred approach for the long term development and growth of the Bradford District.

The LDF Group are currently sharpening the Preferred Options document, finalising key pieces of evidence, and are carrying out internal consultations with our colleagues. It is anticipated that public consultation on the preferred options report will now take place early 2010. Further updates will be available in our January newsletter.

# LDF Timetable Update

The LDF Group are in the process of producing a number of Development Plan Documents (DPDs) which will form part of the LDF, these are listed below along with an indication of their current progress and anticipated timetables.

| Development Plan Document   | Current Progress   |
|---|--|
| Core Strategy DPD - Preferred Options                                 | Early 2010   |
| Waste Management DPD - Issues & Options Consultation                  | Consultation<br>9th November 2009 until<br>25th January 2010 |
| Allocations DPD - Issues & Options                                    | Summer 2010  |
| Shipley & Canal Road Corridor Area Action Plan DPD - Issues & Options | Summer 2010  |
| Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan DPD - Preferred Options         | Autumn 2010  |

# Planning for Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Communities hailed a success in Bradford

Bradford Council was highly commended for its approach to LDF public consultations at a recent 'Planning for BME Communities - End of Project Conference' held by Yorkshire Planning Aid on Tuesday 20th October.

The BME project was originally commissioned and funded by Integrate Yorkshire, with the task of delivering the two year project given to Yorkshire Planning Aid. The project aimed to provide a dedicated service to help individuals and groups from BME communities across the Yorkshire and Humber region to understand and engage with the planning system, in particular the Local Development Framework.

Over the past two years the LDF Group have been working in partnership with Yorkshire Planning Aid to engage with all hard to reach groups,

including the BME community, on the Core Strategy DPD and the Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan as part of the LDF preparation.

Yorkshire Planning Aid carried out a number of consultation events with the BME community within Bradford to establish what residents thought of their area, what could be improved and the benefits and disadvantages of increased housing levels within the District. Consultation logs were produced to document the

consultation and responses will be used to inform the LDF documents. Members of the LDF Group were invited to share their experience and outcomes of the BME Project at the conference which was attended by delegates from across the public, private and voluntary sectors.

Bradford's work with BME communities has been documented by Yorkshire Planning Aid in a project report and includes a number of good practice case studies from our district.



# Changes to Planning Legislation from 1st October 2009

**The following legislation changes are being introduced on 1 October 2009.**

## **i) Extension of lifetime of existing planning permissions**

New powers are being introduced to allow the time limit for an existing planning permission, conservation area consent or listed building consent to be extended. Only one extension of time will be allowed.

This change only applies to permissions granted on or before 1st October 2009, which are live at the date of the application and where development has not yet begun.

A specific application form for this type of application will be available from 1 October 2009. There will be no requirement to provide plans and drawings and a design and access statement for these applications.

The fees will be £500 for major developments, £50 for householder developments and £170 for other sizes of development. However, Parliamentary approval is needed however, before the new charges can be introduced. Until then the fee will be the same as if it were a wholly new application.

This is a temporary measure which will apply to all permissions that are

still live at the time the new legislation comes into force: the measure will therefore in most cases be in operation for up to three years (depending on the length of time which each individual permission has left to run).

The Local Planning Authority will have the discretion to refuse the extension and to require a new application instead.

## **ii) Minor material amendments to planning permissions through the use of s.73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

A legislation change is being introduced which modifies the consultation requirements for applications made to vary conditions attached to a previous permission under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. In addition the requirement to provide information sufficient to identify the previous permission will no longer apply to these applications.

At present, when a developer wants to make a small, but material, change to a scheme that already has planning permission, it is often necessary to submit a further full planning application, which can lead to considerable delay, cost and uncertainty for the applicant and additional work for the Local Planning Authority. The government is therefore encouraging the use

of this existing element of legislative which gives applicants the opportunity to change the terms of one condition attached to a planning permission, rather than the permission as a whole.

## **iii) Non-material amendments to planning permissions (NMA's)**

It will be possible to apply to make non-material amendments to existing planning permissions under s.96A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (introduced by s.190 of the Planning Act 2008). However, this provision does not apply to Conservation Area and Listed Building Consents.

Applicants must apply on a standard application form which will be available from 1 October. The new application form will require include land ownership and agricultural holding certificates to be completed.

There is no fee for these applications at this stage but it is anticipated that a fee may be introduced later.

The Council must give notice of its decision on these applications within 28 days.

**If you require further information regarding these changes to planning legislation, please contact the Planning Contact Centre on (01274) 434605 who will be happy to help.**

## **How to find out more and get involved...**

The LDF Group want to hear from you, especially if you want to comment on or find out more about any of the articles in this newsletter.

- **To find out more** – click onto [www.bradford.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/LDF)
- **To get involved** – let us know your views on our documents

## **Would you like to be kept up-to-date with the LDF? Do we have your contact details?**

If you would like to be notified of any future LDF consultations please let us know your current contact details including your name, organisation, postal and email address so we can contact you.

If you no longer wish to be contacted about LDF documents, or if your contact details have changed, please let us know and we will either remove you from our circulation lists or update your details.

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