



## Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)

The RSS is the Regional Plan that provides a framework for the future development in Yorkshire and the Humber.

Changes to the Regional Development Plan were published in September 2007. The key implication for Bradford is the significant increase in housing figures.

In the RSS, the Bradford Urban Area (classified as the inner city and suburbs surrounding the city centre, and including Shipley and Baildon) has been designated as a Sub-Regional City, and Keighley and Ilkley as Principal Towns.

The Council is now able to develop a hierarchy for the other towns and villages (Local Service Centres). It will do this via the Settlement Study at the next stage.

### Further Information

This leaflet is a summary, the three full documents are available to view on the LDF pages of the Council's website at [www.bradford.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/ldf). Hard copies can be found at Bradford Central Library and libraries in Shipley, Keighley, Bingley and Ilkley; and the Planning Offices at Jacobs Well, Bradford; the Town Halls in Shipley and Ilkley; and at the Keighley Information Centre.

If you would like to comment, a Comment Form is available on request and also at the above locations. The Comment Form contains a series of questions which focus on the content of the three documents.

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## Local Development Framework for Bradford

# Your District in 2026



There are three documents that we would like you to comment on:

■ **Spatial Vision and Strategy** – this document looks at the issues relating to the role of the District's settlements, and options for how they should be managed in terms of delivering housing and employment growth or restraint, up to 2026.

■ **Initial Sustainability Appraisal** – this document assesses the social, environmental, economic implications of the four different options for the location of development, and their impact on the achievement of sustainable development.

■ **Settlement Study** – this document provides a snapshot of settlements and areas within the Bradford Urban Area and forms an evidence base to support the development of a hierarchy for the location of development at the next stage of the Plan preparation.

### Core Strategy Issues & Options Further Consultation Summary

Bradford District has a growing population; this is anticipated to grow by 109,700 to 594,300 by 2029. The Council and its partners need to plan for this growth in terms of providing homes, jobs, healthcare, education, shops and open spaces to cater for the needs of the current and growing population.

Bradford Council is producing a new development plan, called the Local Development Framework (LDF) to guide future growth and development in the District up to 2026. The LDF will comprise of a series of documents – the Core Strategy is a key document setting out the long-term vision for the District and the policies to deliver that vision.

The Council undertook public consultation on the Issues and Options between February and July 2007. Following consideration of the feedback and publication of the changes to the Regional Spatial Strategy (the development plan for Yorkshire and the Humber), the Council felt it was necessary to revise the spatial Vision and Objectives and to provide a number of more detailed options for the location of development.

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### Four Spatial Options

The four options for the location of development are shown overleaf. The diagrams show the distribution of the 50,000 dwellings that need to be provided by 2026, and the location for employment uses.

We would like your views on which option you prefer. Alternatively, you may want to suggest a combination of more than one option.

## Vision

The Spatial Vision sets our aspirations on what the District will be like and the role that settlements could play by 2026.

The Bradford District will be a vibrant place that promotes sustainable living and development and that fosters socially inclusive communities. The District will:

- Be a strong driver in the sub-regional economy.
- Retain its distinctive character.
- Promote its cultural and historic built heritage.
- Have high levels of environmental sustainability.

## Strategic Objectives

There are 23 spatial objectives under seven themes which aim to implement the spatial vision. Below is a summary of the objectives.

■ **The Spatial Strategy** – focuses on the promotion of sustainable development, ensuring the needs of housing, business and commerce are met and promotes the role of Bradford City Centre.

■ **Housing Needs** – to ensure that all current and future housing needs are met.

■ **Economy and Jobs** – to emphasise the role of the District's economy and employment opportunities both within the District and the Leeds City Region to ensure a sustainable and successful economy.

■ **Transport and Accessibility** - to ensure that both transport and accessibility within and outside the District is of a high quality and serves the needs of local communities.

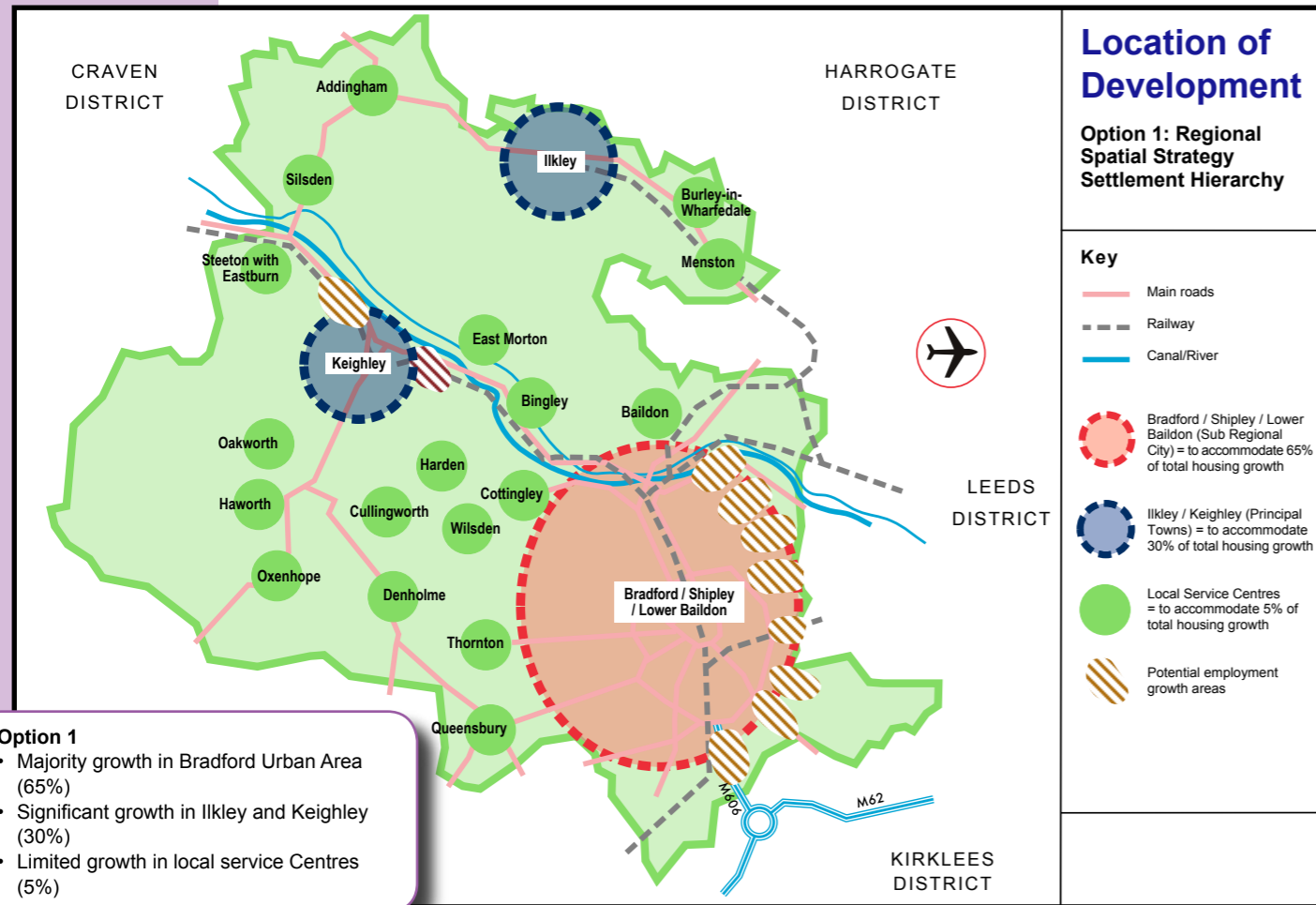
■ **Community Facilities** – to promote well-being, social cohesion, social equity and inclusion including access to homes, jobs, education, healthcare and community facilities.

■ **Environment** – to ensure that all elements of the natural and built environment are safeguarded, enhanced and promoted.

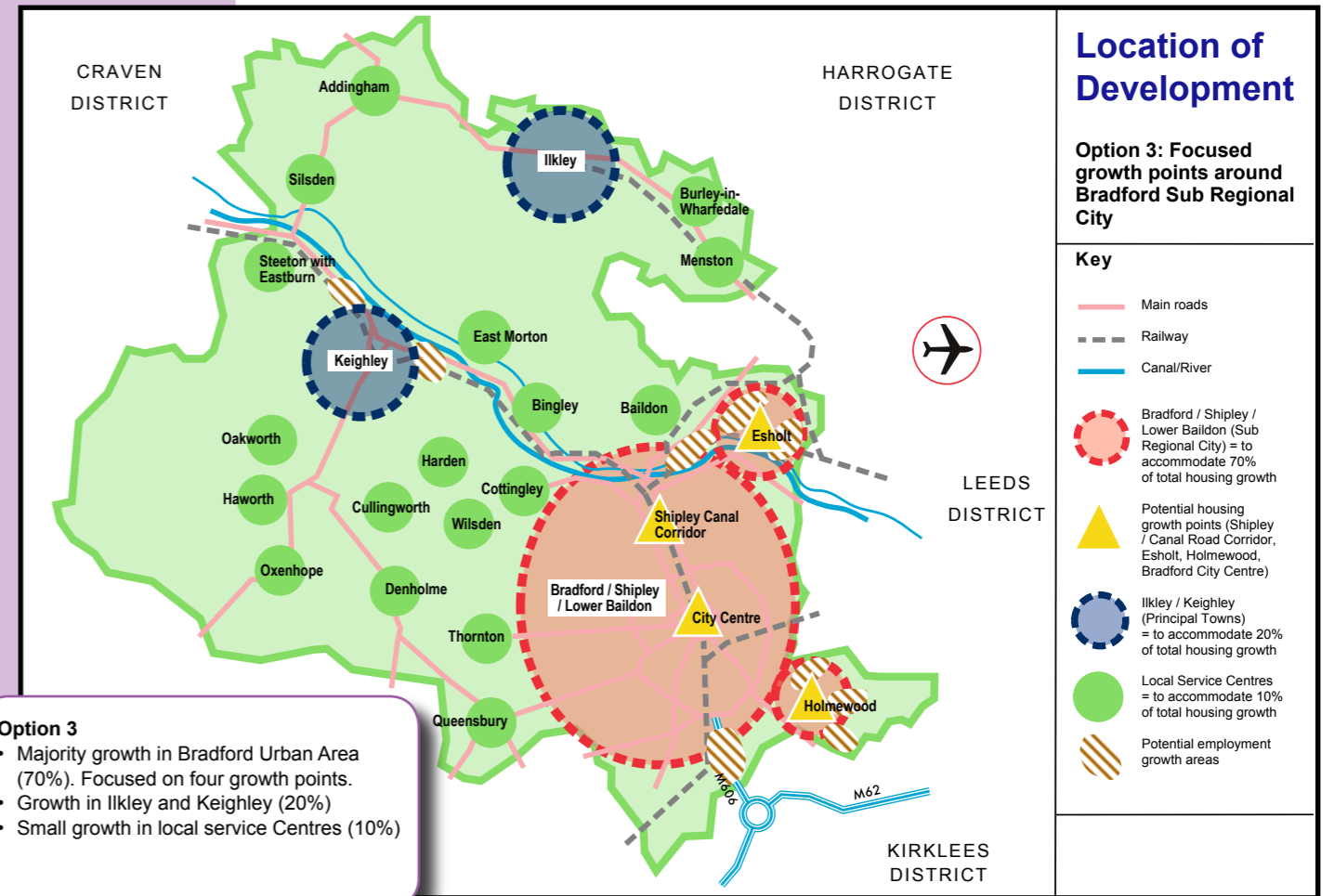
■ **Waste Management** – to promote the sustainable management of waste and recycling.

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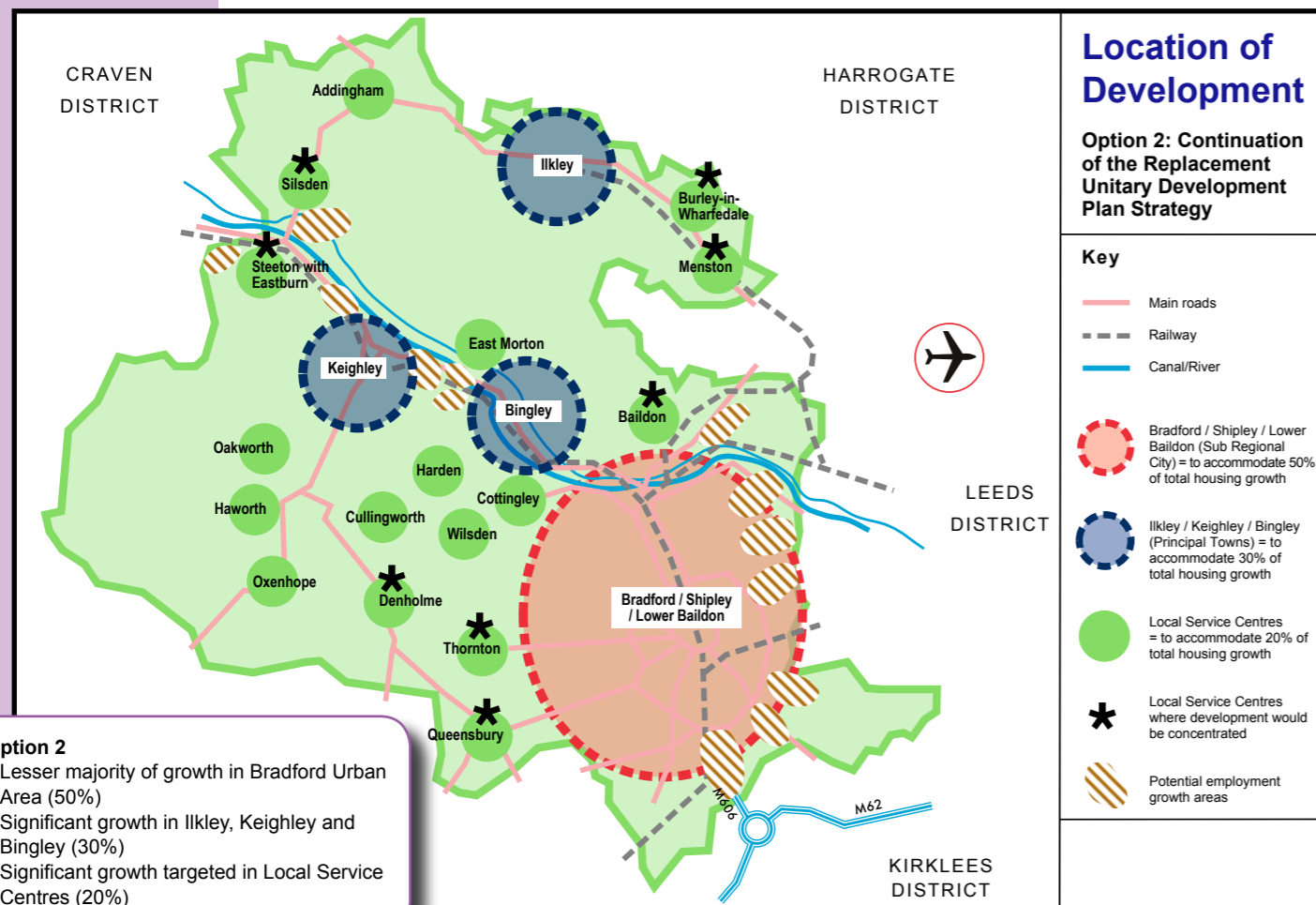
### Option 1 Regional Spatial Strategy Settlement Hierarchy



### Option 3 Focused Growth Points around Bradford Sub Regional City



### Option 2 Continuation of the Replacement Unitary Development Plan Strategy



### Option 4 Dispersed Growth Points

