

# Plan-it Bradford

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Welcome to the seventh 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.



## Regional Planning News

### The Yorkshire and Humber Assembly closes its doors.

On the 31st March 2009, the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly closed its doors for business. The Assembly were responsible for regional planning, in particular producing the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the Yorkshire and Humber region. Instead, this regional planning work will now be taken forward by a combination of Local Government Yorkshire and Humber (LGYH) and Yorkshire Forward. As part of their work, they will be responsible for producing an Integrated Regional Strategy (IRS) which will bring together spatial and economic planning into one document. This strategy will eventually replace the adopted RSS and the Regional Economic Strategy (RES) for the Yorkshire and Humber region. To find out more please visit: [www.lgyh.gov.uk](http://www.lgyh.gov.uk) and [www.yorkshire-forward.com](http://www.yorkshire-forward.com)

## Core Strategy Update

**Bradford Council is currently working towards an extensive consultation exercise on its Preferred Options for the Core Strategy DPD to find out what residents and stakeholders think about the preferred approach for the long term development of the Bradford District.**

The Council are currently finalising the preferred options report which will form part of the first formal stage in the preparation of the Core Strategy which will replace the Replacement Unitary Development Plan, setting out policies for the use and development of land until 2026.

Public consultation on the Preferred Options for the Core Strategy is aimed to commence this autumn. Further details of this consultation will be featured in the next issues of Plan-it Bradford due out in October. **This will be your chance to have your say on the future of your district!**



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## Bradford takes part in cross-boundary discussions

Earlier this year Bradford Council established a process for the co-ordination of future Core Strategy work by hosting a Cross-Boundary Forum for adjoining councils.

In recent weeks officers have been meeting with colleagues from individual authorities – Leeds, Kirklees, Calderdale, Craven and North Yorkshire - to consider specific

cross-boundary issues such as the impact of Core Strategy growth on travel and transport within the wider Leeds City Region. These cross-boundary discussions will ensure that inter-district impacts are identified and taken into account – an essential element of a realistic and robust Core Strategy.

## Agents and Developers Forum

The Planning Service held its first Agents and Developers Forum on Friday 3rd July at the Design Exchange, Little Germany.

The event was well attended with around 50 people attending from the development industry. Officers gave presentations on the procedure for Major Pre-applications advice, the design agenda within Bradford and an update on the LDF and its role within Bradford's design agenda. Overall the event was a success and will now be rolled out to a

series of events to be held over the next 12 months.

The May edition of the Agents Newsletter is available to view at [www.bradford.gov.uk/planning](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning)



## Waste DPD – Identifying key planning Issues and Options

**When planning for the future of the District we need to consider what to do with our waste! Where will it go? What will we do with it? How will it be managed now and in the future?**

Bradford Council is developing a Waste Management DPD which will build upon strategic policy which will be set out in 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.

Consultation on the Issues and Options for the Waste Management DPD is due to start in the autumn. During this time the Council would like to hear from you if you have any views on the key issues or options regarding the future management of waste within the Bradford District. Further information regarding this consultation will feature in the next edition of Plan-it and information will be made available on the LDF website.

## LDF Update

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

**Core Strategy DPD – Preferred Options Consultation Autumn 2009**

**Waste Management DPD – Issues & Options Autumn 2009**

**Allocations DPD – Issues & Options Spring / 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**

## Design is high on the agenda...

Design and architecture advisers CABE (Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment) met with senior planning officers this month to discuss the progress being made on the Core Strategy, with particular emphasis on how design is being embedded within the document.

CABE offered independent informal advice with support from an expert panel, this identified both strengths and weaknesses of the current approach to spatial planning within Bradford and how design, functionality and space are dealt with in the LDF. The aim is to create a locally distinctive Core Strategy that puts 'place shaping' and the creation of sustainable communities at the heart of the plan.

# Evidence Base News

It is essential that the LDF is based upon an up-to-date and reliable evidence base. Further details of our evidence base can be found at: [www.bradford.gov.uk/LDF](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/LDF) under 'Evidence Base'.

## Planning beyond boundaries!

**When planning for the future it is essential that planners take into consideration the needs and requirements of all members of society, from young to elderly, able bodied to disabled through to people with different religions or beliefs. This is carried out through the completion of an Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA).**

But what is it? An Equalities Impact Assessment is a tool used by many organisations to help professionals think carefully about the work they undertake and the impact, either positive or negative, this may have on its users – the public. This type of assessment will help to eliminate or minimise any negative consequences or discrimination which may occur to people because of their age, disability, religion or faith, gender, race or sexual orientation.

The Council is fully committed to stamping out discrimination and making the District a fairer place to live. As part of this, the LDF Group will be undertaking an EqIA on all of its policies within its DPDs to ensure that these do not create an unintended adverse impact on anyone within the District. The initial assessment on the Preferred Options will be available alongside the consultation documents and will be available to download from the website.



## Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)

Since the last issue of Plan-It the Council have now appointed consultants - Arc4 - to produce a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) for the Bradford District.

The Council are required to produce a SHMA to inform planning policies on affordable housing and housing mix. The SHMA will therefore form a fundamental part of the evidence base for the progression and implementation of the LDF. Work on the study will take place over the next 2 months with a final report due in August.

The first of two programmed Stakeholder Events was held on Monday 15th June at the City Hall in Bradford. The event provided an early opportunity for those involved in the delivery of new housing to contribute to Arc4's work. Although the study will cover a 15 year period much of the debate understandably centred on the current problems in the economy and the housing market.

The event was well received and generated positive feedback with one delegate writing *"Having seen a few presentations on this subject... yours was the clearest using plain English and was the best that I have seen in months. I thoroughly enjoyed the morning and am sure the outcome of the report will help Bradford in its strategic thinking."*

The next stages of the SHMA will involve further detailed modelling of the current and future housing market, housing need and requirements of specific groups, an on-line survey and further targeted consultation of key stakeholders and groups. A second stakeholder event will be held towards the end of summer to discuss the findings of the draft SHMA report.

## District-wide Transport Study in support of the Core Strategy

Consultants Steer Davies Gleave have been commissioned to carry out a District-wide Transport Study to support the emerging Core Strategy. When complete, the Study will form part of the Evidence Base required to underpin the Local Development Framework.

The first phase of the project is to update Bradford's multi-modal, district-wide transport model. The model will then be used to establish the impacts of the Core Strategy options on the district's transport networks, and to identify the measures required to mitigate the

impacts. This will identify transport improvements, including sustainable travel measures to encourage modal shift away from the car, required to implement the Core Strategy without unacceptable impacts on the highway network and ensuring accessibility by public transport and other non-car modes.

The work will also involve liaison with key stakeholders such as Metro and the Highways Agency, together with adjoining local councils, who are also in the process of producing their LDFs.



Interim findings from the Transport Study are due in August with the final report towards the end of the year.

## 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 during consultations.

## 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.

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