

Local Development Framework for Bradford

Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan

Recorded notes of events organised by
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Introduction

This report contains recorded notes taken at the various events organised to promote awareness and encourage involvement in the Core Strategy and Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan. The events were all part of the 'Planning for BME (Black, Minority, and Ethnic) Communities Project run by Yorkshire Planning Aid and funded by Integreat Yorkshire. The events were held at the following venues during October and November 2008:

- 1) Sangat Centre, Marlborough Street, Keighley on 15 October
- 2) Bangladeshi Community Organisation, Surma Building, Kensington Street, Keighley two groups on 20th October
- 3) Grange Interlink, Summerville Road, Bradford on 22nd October
- 4) Meridian Centre, Manningham, Bradford on 3rd November
- 5) City Centre Detached Youth project, Bradford on 15th November

1 Sangat Centre

Bradford Core Strategy Further Issues & Options Consultation

Sangat Centre 15th October 2008

Attendance: 24
Session ran from

Plans: Bradford consultation event – City centre area action plan & core strategy ICS

INTRO

Ladies new to England from Pakistan

City Centre Area Action Plan.

1st video discussion housing

**LIKE TO LIVE IN BRADFORD CBD?
YES! WHAT HOUSING?**

- Gardens, terraced – houses not flats
- Should the council aspire for bigger housing in city centre – medium size wanted 3 bedrooms
- Affordability - £75 – £80 for 3 bed and garden
- Depending on size will determine price, need for cheaper family housing – important
- Concern over cheap material for social cheaper housing
- Should also be below £75 for housing consensus

**WHERE ARE AMENITIES NEEDED?
CENTRAL OR OUT OF CITY?**

- In the city – close by doctors/school

Shopping

- Designer clothes wanted, have to go to Manchester
- Everything should be under 1 roof e.g. White rose/Meadowhall
- Extending proposed plaza to foster square good idea – covered
- Keighley – not a lot especially for men
- Airedale centre not enough clothes, cheaper going into Manchester
- Not many options for children, mostly go into Leeds
- Keighley expensive shops
- Compact shopping area good idea more variety and cheaper

- Shopping under one roof preferred more security needed, more cctv (all agreed on cctv)
- Parking difficult, especially with children, people prefer Leeds & Manchester because shops are closer together

BIG CHAINS OR INDEPENDENT STORES?

- Big shops (all)
- JD sports for example not bothered about small or independent
- Maybe smaller shops in a specific area or street
- Mothercare – one shop which is especially wanted and men’s clothes stores
- More jobs will bring jobs “there are no jobs”
- Needs to be a play area to leave kids whilst shopping, ideal for children to be looked - play area kids much happier
- Keighley doesn’t have much variety of shops - -limited some times things are needed urgently and you have to go to another town
- More choice and variety needed
- Lack of shoe shops

Leisure

- Pubs etc not allowed in our culture
- A place is needed where only women can go – sell soft drinks etc open all the time to meet people near Keighley
- Asian women don’t have entertainment anywhere want facilities to meet and talk (everyone voted)
- Know one really uses museums/theatre in Bradford
- In Keighley nothing for the kids want something in our own culture e.g. Asian films in Keighley – have to go to Bradford
- Want entertainment in their own culture lots if ladies don’t speak English
- Ladies swimming sessions/sauna more flexibility is needed for women
- Women’s centre with facilities open all the time, doesn’t matter if its for Asian or English – just women
- More leisure places are needed for kids in Keighley where we can take them on weekends – basketball
- No facilities for jogging – people laugh at us should be some special area 2 or 3 laps to go jogging and keep fit – roads are not ideal – have these areas in India/Pakistan
- Gyms – not affordable to all
- Concerned about health – cheaper rates are needed in council gyms
- Separate rooms/gym for men and entrances
- Men and women could have separate days – not just sessions

Business

- More jobs need to be provided for women with no higher education e.g. workshops/factories
- Things are getting harder – women want to go out and work
- Local variety of work e.g. making things
- Jobs need to be given to local people first before going out of town especially to young people instead of hanging around
- A general advice centre is needed in Keighley

Transport

- Trains are better than buses and quicker
- Services are ok for buses every 10 minutes

Core Strategy

Housing

- Improvement of existing houses needed
- Smallest should be 5 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms
- A range of sites needed from 2-6 bedrooms ideally
- Gardens important for kids to play
- Elderly housing needed – toilets downstairs
- Bungalows ideal for old people
- Young people need flats – don't need houses 1 bedroom

Housing Options

- Housing should be built on the outskirts of Keighley

NOTES FROM FLIPCHART

Types Of Community Facilities Are Needed?

E.g. schools, shops, leisure facilities, transport

- **Don't have enough cheaper supermarkets**
- **Doctors/Pharmacists are ok**
- **After school clubs appreciated – need to keep kids off the roads – more youth facilities**
- **More employment in Keighley – cheaper buildings/rates for businesses**
- **Community centres not used to full potential, each area not central centres where locals take ownership**
- **People need to be educated on the wider region, minority communities only know local areas, affected life style, areas becoming overcrowded**
- **Amenities on door step ideal for those without transport**

WHERE YOU LIVE	THE GOOD	THE BAD
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<p>Carck Road street issues</p>	<p>Near town, doctors, dentist Key house advice centre Feel safe Close schools 3 parks</p>	<p>Drugs on the Fighting all related to drugs Not clean Bread for birds attracting rats</p>
<p>Stockbridge</p>	<p>Netto Bus services</p>	<p>Easily flooded Quite Recycling sites needed nearby</p>

Ethnicity/Age Breakdown

Ethnicity	16 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	45 - 64
Bangladeshi				
Pakistani	7	3		
White				

2 Bangladeshi Community Organisation

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Bangladeshi Community Association 20th October 2008

Attendance: 7

Session ran from 11-2pm

Ethnicity/Age Breakdown

Ethnicity	25 - 44	45 - 64	45 - 64	65-74
Bangladeshi	2	1	1	
Pakistani		2	1	
White				

Bradford Core Strategy

WHERE DO YOU LIVE

BD21

BD22

BD20

THE GOOD

Good parks but not well maintained.

International airport

Good buses and trains

Quicker to get to Bradford by bus and to Leeds by train.

Good community courses – link different people.

Community relations good especially among elders.

THE BAD

Empty derelict places – squatters.

Drug users.

Train station area over-used.

Weak bridge.

Very small road near ASDA.

Not enough wholesale food outlets – minority shopping.

No toilet facilities in train station.

Not enough toilets in town centre.

Parking very bad.

Rural areas all come to Keighley for shopping on A650 – population of Keighley very big. Need to raise awareness of what is in Keighley e.g. Haworth.

Lack of leisure facilities.

WHAT COMMUNITY FACILITIES ARE NEEDED

Dentists – private and NHS. Have to travel to different town e.g.

Silsden – expensive if have to go by taxi.

Leisure – only 1 leisure centre in Keighley.

Sports ground with outdoor facilities – for children living in terraces- nowhere to play. Dangerous around parked cars.

Boat route – use of the canal. People scared because of dogs or suspicious people in evening.

Training facilities e.g. for unemployed. Volunteer programmes. E.g. help with the elderly. Use Asian people to help English elderly – family structure.

Integration programmes – community. Know your neighbours.

Ownership of areas.

WHAT TYPE OF HOUSING IS NEEDED

Complexes for elderly e.g. near Trinity Church, Anchor Housing.

Low rise flats – maisonettes for single mothers and small families.

Think about who goes where, e.g. HA housing tenants.

Shared ownership.

Eco friendly.

New style of terraces houses with gardens and attics – less space hungry, tall.

Parking in driveways.

WHERE SHOULD THE NEW HOUSING GO

➤ Countryside

➤ In the built up areas on open space

- re-using places for housing and facilities

- use empty derelict land

- unsuitable houses redone (*refurbished*)

➤ on the edge of built up areas (3 votes)

- private land on outskirts

People thought in general a mixture of all three above would be best.

➤ In smaller towns like Keighley and Ilkley

- want growth but in stages so sustainable and people can cope.

Already densely populated with large migrant population.

➤ **In the main Bradford area.**

- not in city centre.

➤ **In the smallest places like East Morton and Oakworth – spread out across whole district.**

- some of the smallest places need more housing.

Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan (showed DVD to start)

City Living and Community Facilities

People do go to Bradford maybe 2/3 times a week

- relatives
- shopping, if can get things cheaper. If going to visit relatives, see what is on special offer.
- Big park.
- Work.

Also go to Leeds for same reasons.

Go by car.

Living in city centre

- better to create more shopping but not housing. Need more parking. Could be good for business but need other facilities like parks, leisure for people living there. Especially for children.
- Should be low number of housing.
Where? – mix is much better.
Historical buildings e.g. old mills, factories, should be kept – part of history. Some could become apartments.

Type of housing

- students
- working class people

Families should go outside where safer – less traffic, noise. All agree.

Important to keep Victorian buildings – can change inside but not outside.

Good to have some affordable. Mixture e.g. for people coming to study from abroad.

Schools – better out of centre.

Good for residents to have facilities close by – health, small shops e.g. Co-op.

Transport

Bus services need to be better.

Cars result in pollution.

Centre feels safe.
 More pedestrianisation would be beneficial.
 No cyclists present – but a good idea...safe and less pollution.
 More priority and better continuous routes for cyclists are needed.
 Park and Ride – considered to be a good idea.
 Also support for bus lanes.
 Bus fares should be reasonable – cheaper than car use.

Pollution – this is a problem. Remove the cars! Car parks need to be built outside the centre. CCTV needed for personal safety.
 Plant more trees. Greener the better.

Accessibility. Better public transport and parking for disabled will help.

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Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan Consultation

Bangladeshi Community Association 20th October 2008

Attendance: 9
 Session ran from 12-3pm

Ethnicity/Age Breakdown

Ethnicity	16 - 24	25 - 44	45 - 64	45 - 64
Bangladeshi		2		
Pakistani	5	1		
White		1		

City Centre Area Action Plan

CCAAP

- Wouldn't want to live in city centre flats – attract crime and drugs, not good for facilities, would prefer to live in a peaceful area not Bradford student housing – areas not safe
- Lower level (3-4) blocks but not 10-12 storeys
- New housing should be affordable social rented and shared ownership, limit private landlords with poor expensive housing
- Use Bradford for shopping and services, but quite hard to get around (topography, dispersed shops over larger area).
- Would prefer having shops in different areas (more compact would mean traffic and parking problems)
- Shopping in Bradford is cheaper, more shops and more variety (clothing), White Abbey road has developed recently
- Young people also shop online or go to Leeds
- A small number of outlets for local businesses e.g. social enterprise would be good
- Use Bradford for leisure (no facilities in Keighley) but not very close to the train station, don't need more in Bradford, maybe

something more central – swimming facilities for BME women –
Women only

- Women's centre – leisure, health, advice and support
- Needs to be close to Keighley (issue of having to travel to Bradford)
- Need to consider race relations when selecting location
- Traffic (Leeds road)- driving is difficult, clean pedestrian subways needed.

Bradford Core Strategy

General topics people wanted to discuss:

- Recreation facilities
- Tenure and type of housing – housing needs survey
- Green belt
- Existing stock, repairs – buy back options
- School provision & community facilities
- Transport infrastructure – traffic, cost of travel
- Employment – job opportunities

Education

- Should go back to 3 tier system – middle school
- Large class sizes and teachers not equipped.
- Schools too large for children to find own place.
- Structures not in place to deal with numbers of children.
- Middle school did core subjects
- Secondary school – subjects too advanced – need proper grounding, children 11/12 cant play anymore
- Probation services – only very small office in Keighley need more support
- Nearest young offender unit is in Bradford
- Need one in Keighley for local youths

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

BD21

BD22

THE GOOD

- Community relations (but segregation))
- Community centres
- Public transport
- Amenities – library, station & hospital
- Interagency working between centres

THE BAD

- Overcrowded
- Poor housing
- Too many supermarkets – new roads & traffic
- Too centrally focused
- No parking
- Look of houses
- Housing in disrepair
- Not enough social housing
- Deprived ward

**WHAT COMMUNITY FACILITIES ARE NEEDED WHERE YOU ARE?
E.g. doctors, libraries & sports centres**

- No polyclinics – want local GPs
- Dentists (NHS)
- Mobile libraries (cant access central library)
- Keep Connexions Advice centre
- Recreation e.g. Tennis courts
- Invest in parks – recreation grounds, Lund park - make it useable, Victoria park, Burgess park
- Play areas
- Make police station accessible
- More community policing – central office
- Something to deal with segregation
- Need a local leisure centre, cinema, Skate park, graveyards & lighting

**WHAT TYPE OF HOUSING IS NEEDED?
E.g. flats, affordable, family, lifetime homes**

- Eco friendly, energy efficient
- Gardens and space
- Driveways/Parking
- Damp proof – no cellars
- Storage
- Renovate existing housing – investment
- Demolish and rebuild - regenerate
- Social housing (integrated) to meet need
- Housing for local people within community
- Dealing with private landowners – CPO
- Lifetime homes – Adaptable, enable people to stay (but still need care facilities)
- Communication is difficult – language
- School/Education
- Crime & drug – safety park

**WHERE SHOULD NEW HOUSING GO? (50.000 NEW HOMES) –
people voted**

- Countryside = x 5

- In the built up areas on open space = x 0
- On the edge of built up areas = x 3
- In smaller towns like Ilkley & Keighley = x 0
- In the main Bradford area = x 0
- In the smallest settlements like East Morton & Oakworth = x 7
- On site of demolished stock (rebuild) = x 9

3 Grange Interlink

Grange Interlink 22nd October 2008

Attendance: 11 All Women

Session ran from

CITY LIVING

- Bad idea – Shopping & living should be separated – noisy for residents
- Could be zoned so residential doesn't mix with shopping
- Some people may wish to live near shops etc, e.g. business people
- Mix is better e.g. flats/family housing
- Children need gardens & parks to play – not in city centre
- Issue – how much space is in city centre for housing & school
- Some people don't want to live there as is noisy
- Important house prices are reasonable
Some say 25%
Some say 50% = Affordable
- Need shops
- Now very quiet – 5 o'clock shut, should be open till 8pm in summer
- If going to build lots of houses – need views of greenery and playgrounds
- Housing should be on edge of centre not in middle but business people may like to be in middle
- Attractive buildings not packed in together

TRANSPORT

- Buses bad from Leeds road go to old police station not into town
- Ok from Great Horton road – lots of buses into town
- No connection between Bradford interchange and external buses – very big problem
- Need more car parking in this area
- Very difficult to walk round Bradford centre
- Bus should go to bottom and top of centre
- Buses are too expensive
- Buses start after 9.30am
- 2nd option – more crossings
- Safe in terms of traffic
- Cycle networks
- Safe for children
- Extend cycle lanes
- Different lanes for buses & cars
- Bus lay-bys
- Park & ride
- Frequency of buses - more than every hr
- Evening buses

ENVIRONMENT

- Multi storey car parks on edge of CBD patrols
- Tree lined street
- Clean up of leaves – avoid accidents
- Expensive to plant & maintain
- Centre difficult to move round when someone has physical difficulty
- More benches – to rest
- Gradients make moving through centre hard

SHOPPING

- Move shops together
- Mix uses
- A1/A2 together
- Variety of sizes
- Amusement arcades – out of the way due to who they attract
- Cultural shops = mixed when general malah
- Sari/Asian clothes
- Multi use centre – shops/cinema
- Markets need to be near existing shops
- Static
- Too many £ pound shops – clean old buildings
- Prayer areas/faith areas – in public facilities including shops
- Washing areas
- More toilets – baby changing/feeding areas

LESURE

- Young people use Alhambra
- New swimming baths
- More cultural activities/performances/events
- St Georges
- University facilities
- Alhambra
- Better use of family events

4 Meridian Centre

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Meridian Centre, Manningham 3rd November 2008-11-05

Attendance: 3

Session ran from 11:30-12.00

Shopping

Choice of shops not good.

Location of shops

- steep
- spread out

More shops needed, more compact. Like idea of proposed link to concentrate shops between Broadway and Forster Square.

Childrens facilities needed

- cars for them to be pushed around like in other countries
- play area (e.g. Milton Keynes)

Eating – more restaurants needed in town centre.

City bus – not used.

Broadway development inside – more inside development? (*they wanted covered shopping*)

Uses in different areas, offices / shops separate.

Pedestrian areas for shops – roads one way would be a disadvantage as easy to get lost.

Need shops with clothes for teenagers especially boys.

People go to Manchester and Leeds for shopping.

International food market – good idea. Concerns over prices. Try first before permanent. Possible impact on supermarket.

Leisure

Library – more central location.

More activities, lack of childrens facilities.

Kids use bowling and cinema.

Transport

People drive in to city centre.

Parking – Kirkgate is okay.

Should encourage cycling, weather dependent.

Pedestrian in city centre good idea.

Use of buses – environmental benefits.

City Living and community facilities

Concerns for housing in city centre. Noise and children getting to schools and safety. Family housing?

Children too young for buses out to school, better for school next to housing.

Health

Need facilities close. More pro-active planning, depends on numbers.

Proposed facilities would encourage people to live there. Should be planned first. Other people living nearby would use them. Need to consider who servicing e.g. families or elderly. People look to what facilities are in an area when deciding whether to move.

5 City Centre Detached Youth Project

City Centre Detached Youth Project (Part of Bradford Youth Services)

15th November 2008 12:30-14:30

Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan Consultation

14 people attended.
Session ran from 12.30 – 2.30pm.

City Living (Group 1)

Bad idea to have people at night – mischief. Noise, drunks near people's houses.
Wouldn't be safer, would be crime. Could be dangerous for residents.
Students – not good to live there either – can't sleep or study.
Houses should be right outside centre.
If more people in centre need more schools, education etc. Better to go by bus to the school. But not for very young kids, e.g. crèches – need to be in city centre.

Where would you want to live? Stay where they are! BD3, Pudsey.

City Living (Group 2)

Living in the city centre?
Can't get peace. More police needed.
Students share housing – need more housing.
Most people wouldn't want to live in city centre.
- If nicer e.g. lake maybe.

People from abroad or other towns need hotels – to see Bradford e.g. tourists.
Family housing – vandalism, rob houses. But if more live there become better, safer.

Affordable housing – should be cheaper. Put people off.

Primary school wouldn't work – people would skive to go to cinema etc, shopping.
Supermarket not good. Others okay.
But already Tesco Express and Morrisons.
Good buses outside to primary school. Specific school bus taking children.
Health centre should be in centre and dentists.

Separate housing from clubs etc could work but would be problems.

Movement (Group 1)

How do you get to the city centre? By bus. Takes long time. Long wait for bus. It's cheap.

Need high level trains, high up.

Why do you come to the city centre? Ice rink, leisure, college, shopping. Get a bus to the Interchange.

Hard to get round the city centre – walk everywhere. More transport needed. Don't really use free city bus as doesn't stop where you want it to and drivers sometimes walk off.

One big car park needed outside city centre, so cars don't come in.

Travel Interchanges – not good at night. Not safe, need more security. More lights at night time. Arcade – something to do while waiting. Fountains.

Convertible bus stop for sightseeing like in London.

More cycles. 1 person in group cycles. Bigger cycling lanes – wider. Not safe to leave bikes. More trees.

Leeds is easy to get to by bus. London is easy by train from Forster Square, or by bus from Interchange.

Go to Manchester by car. Manchester has more shops and more variety of take aways, nice.

Movement (Group 2)

Easy to get around for young by walking

Some hills

More trams would be good but would discourage walking

Pedestrianised areas, big roads

Inside Trafford Centre have to walk

Not safe to walk at night

- more lights = security
- Zebra crossings needed

Cars affect cycling. More secure places to leave bikes.

Important more people cycle for health.

Use taxis in city centre.

Sensors for crossings on lights

CCTV needed, unsafe for women.

More public transport wouldn't be used.

Too many cars, cars fast.

Car parks on edge better. Free. More car parks.

Disabled parking outside shops.

More family parking, wider spacing.

More signs for people visiting shops from other areas. In different languages.

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