

Plan-it Bradford

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Happy New Year to all our readers from the LDF Group!

Plan-it Bradford is the newsletter that keeps you up to date with the latest progress being made on the Local Development Framework and emerging planning policy in Bradford. Read more to find out what is planned for 2010...



Waste Management DPD

The Waste Management DPD is a key document within the Local Development Framework for Bradford which will bring about a change in the way the Council and stakeholders deal with waste, both within the District and beyond. The Council recently consulted on the Issues and Options for Waste Management within the District; this consultation period has now ended.

The consultation sought comments from statutory bodies, Council Members, Town and Parish Councils along with key specialist waste industry parties and site operators. In addition, the Council held a Stakeholder Workshop at the Norcroft Centre, Bradford on the 8th December 2009 to discuss waste issues and potential future options for its management. The workshop was well attended by 28 people from all sectors of the waste industry and a wide variety of comments were obtained.

The details of the event along with a summary of comments will be available in a Consultation Event Log.

The key issues raised at the workshop event included:

- The need for high recycling targets;
- Reduce / Reuse / Recycle must be the overriding priority;
- Educating people on waste and recycling;
- Location of waste facilities in the Green Belt, specifically the reuse of quarries;
- Mitigating the negative impacts of waste facilities;
- Key partnership working between the Council, waste industry and statutory bodies is vital.

The consultation stimulated a wide variety of comments and views from the waste industry, statutory stakeholders and community groups. In general there was strong support for a sustainable waste strategy within the District.

At the close of the consultation period, the Council had received 17 written representations from individuals/ stakeholders.

All the written representations will be published in a Summary of Representations document in due course. This document will be taken into account in preparing the Preferred Options document. The LDF Group would like to extend their thanks to all those who



attended the event and those who submitted comments.

The LDF Group will continue to work closely with the waste industry and stakeholders throughout the plan making process to ensure the delivery of a sustainable waste management strategy for the District over the next 15 years.

The Preferred Options document is anticipated to be ready for public consultation later this year.

Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 4:

Planning for Sustainable Economic Growth

The Government has recently published a new national planning framework for planning for sustainable economic development in urban and rural areas. It streamlines planning guidance relating to the economy, bringing together in one place policies for employment uses, retail and town centres and economic development in rural areas. This document replaces several national policy documents.

The Government's overarching objective is to achieve sustainable economic growth within our towns and cities. To achieve this through the planning system, the Government has set the following objectives, with a number of policies to achieve these:

- Build more prosperous communities by helping to improve the economic performance of cities, towns and local areas;
- Help to reduce the economic gap between regions by promoting regeneration and tackling deprivation;
- Deliver sustainable patterns of development by reducing the need to travel, especially by car;
- Promote town and city centres as important places for communities;
- Raise the quality of life and the environment in rural areas whilst protecting the open countryside for all to enjoy.



The LDF Group are currently assessing what implications the new PPS4 may have on the Core Strategy and other elements of the LDF.

To view the document visit: www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planning/planningpolicyguidance/

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	Summer 2010
Waste Management DPD - Preferred Options	Summer 2010
Allocations DPD - Issues & Options	Autumn 2010
Shipley & Canal Road Corridor Area Action Plan DPD - Issues & Options	Autumn 2010
Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan DPD - Preferred Options	Autumn 2010

Core Strategy Update

Work to take forward the Core Strategy in 2009 focused on analysing representations from public consultations and developing a robust evidence base on which to inform and develop the future Development Plan.

Entering into 2010, the LDF Group are currently sharpening a Preferred Options style document by way of testing its content both internally within the Council and with key stakeholders. Further refinements may be necessary following the completion of a number of emerging pieces of evidence, prior to formal public consultation.

This preferred options report will set out the draft strategy and core policies, together with the consideration of the alternative options considered and the comments received from the public and stakeholders earlier in the process.

It is anticipated that the Preferred Options will be issued for formal consultation in summer 2010. This would then be followed by a Publication Draft late in 2010.

Evidence Base Update

It is essential that the LDF is based upon an up-to-date and reliable evidence base. This section below provides an update on new or emerging pieces of work which will support the LDF.

This year will see the completion of the following key studies which are an essential element of the LDF evidence base:

- District Wide Transport Assessment
- Strategic Housing Land Availability Study (SLHAA)
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment Study (SHMA)
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)

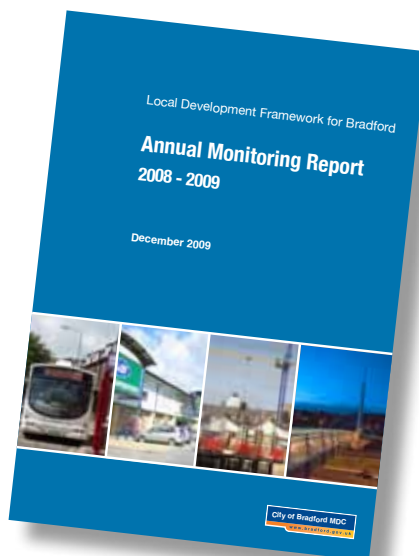
All pieces of the evidence base will be made available on our website in time for the public consultation on the Preferred Options of the Core Strategy later this year. For more information on the Evidence Base of the LDF, please visit our website at: www.bradford.gov.uk/LDF.

Annual Monitoring Report 2009

The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) reviews the progress made in preparing Local Development Documents (LDDs) and compares this with the targets and milestones set in the Local Development Scheme (LDS) over the preceding year.

It also assesses the implementation of policies against Core Output Indicators set by Government, and local indicators set by the Council, covering the following priority themes of Business Development; Housing; Transport; Local Services; Minerals; Waste; Flood Protection and Water Quality; Biodiversity and Renewable Energy.

The AMR is published and submitted to Government by the end of December each year. The latest AMR is available to view on our website at: <http://www.bradford.gov.uk/AMR> or contact: Bill Caulfield on 01274 433764 for more information.



Planning Service Customer Satisfaction Survey

The planning service is committed to improving the service that it provides to its customers.

We are currently reviewing our performance and would like to seek your views on the quality of service that you have received from the Planning Service in respect of recent planning applications/enquiries. Your response will help us to identify the things that are being done well and those areas of the service that need to be improved.

We would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our online survey, which can be downloaded at:

www.bradford.gov.uk/planningsurveys

If you require any assistance or have any questions about this survey please contact Jenny Seaman, Service Improvement Manager on 01274 434195 or at jenny.seaman@bradford.gov.uk.

Agents and Developers Forum

The Council's Planning Service is holding a further forum on the 26th February 2010 for agents and developers working within the District.

The forum is a customer engagement initiative that seeks to build a good understanding and working relationships with regular users of the Planning Service. For further details of how to book your place and to view the Agents Newsletter visit www.bradford.gov.uk/planning.

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
- 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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FEEDBACK...

If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the newsletter or the LDF website, please let us know. Simply email: ldf.consultation@bradford.gov.uk with your comments.

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