

# Plan-it Bradford

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Welcome to the second edition of Plan-it Bradford, the newsletter that will keep you up to date with the latest progress in planning policy, which will help to shape the future of our District's communities.

We have just finished a consultation exercise on the Further Issues & Options stage of the Core Strategy that concentrated on the Spatial Strategy and Vision for Bradford; so keep reading for the full update...

## Core Strategy Update

### Further Issues and Options Consultation

Between January and March, the LDF Group have been busy consulting local people, community groups, developers and infrastructure providers on the Spatial Vision and Strategy, an Initial Sustainability Appraisal and a draft Settlement Study as part the Further Issues and Options stage of the Core Strategy.

We have had a fantastic response, a 600% increase from the previous consultation, and we would like to thank all of you who took time out to attend our workshop events and send in your thoughts and opinions on where we can accommodate housing and jobs in the future.

We held a number of events across the District in March – in Thornton, Saltaire, Thornbury, Ilkley and Keighley; as well as an event for Bradford Older People's Alliance and the Mobility Planning Group with help from Planning Aid. Planning Aid are also helping us to seek views from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Communities and young people. The LDF Group have also had discussions with the Bradford Housing Partnership and a range of targeted parties including the Economic Partnership and the Airedale Partnership.

Analysis of the comments is still to be finalised, but initial indications are that your main concerns are about ensuring that infrastructure such as transport, healthcare and green spaces, is in place to cater for

the rise in population. Other concerns included the loss of identity in small towns and villages, loss of the Green Belt and the impact that housing growth may have on tourist areas. However, it was recognised that both housing development and job opportunities will be needed so small towns and villages would not become commuter settlements.

We are currently developing a Consultation Log, which will have details of each consultation, key messages and a record of all comments made at each event. A summary of all the representations received from this consultation will also be produced. These will be placed on the Council's website as soon as possible.



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## Consulting with Young People

The LDF Group has also started to make links with secondary schools across the District to find out the views of young people. Sessions were held at Belle Vue Girls School and Rhodesway School and were successful in getting young people to think about the issues faced by the District. Planning Aid are also helping us consult young people in Shipley, Bradford and Keighley Colleges.



## Evidence Base Update

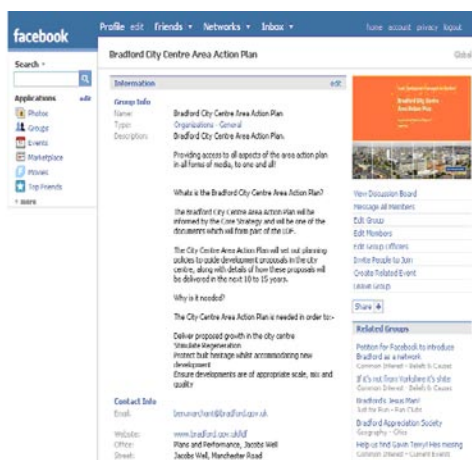
It is essential that the work produced by the LDF Group is based upon an up-to-date and reliable evidence base. The list below indicates the studies that are currently being produced, by either the Council or external agencies, and the stage they are at:-

- **Appropriate Assessment** (*Commencing Spring 2008*)
- **Built Facilities Report** (*at final Draft stage*)
- **Draft Settlement Study** (*Consultation: January - March 2008*)
- **Employment Land Review** (*due Spring 2008*)
- **Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment** (*Due late Spring 2008*)
- **Local Housing Assessment** (*December 2007*)
- **Open Space Assessment** (*Completed 2007*)
- **Retail Study** (*due Spring 2008*)
- **Strategic Flood Risk Assessment** (*Commencement 2008*)
- **Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)** (*Commencement Spring 2008*)
- **Strategic Housing Market Assessment** (*to be confirmed*)
- **Urban Potential Study** (*due Spring 2008*)
- **Village Housing Needs Survey** (*Completed 2005*)

## Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan - Where are we now and where are we going?

It's been a busy couple of months! The last update we had on the City Centre AAP saw us wrapping up the public consultation on the Issues and Options stage of the plan. However, we decided that we needed to undertake some further targeted consultation, specifically focusing on hard to reach groups as well as local landowners for their views on the document, or if there are any sites they wish to be put forward. Thus we have been busy filling up the calendar with further workshops and events.

We've had some really great feedback from groups such as BOPA (Bradford Older Peoples Alliance) and the Mobility Planning Group, among many other members of the public and public organisations at an event at the Thornbury Centre in February. We've also been hitting the Neighbourhood Forums in Undercliffe, Manningham and Barkerend.



**We're on Facebook!** We have tried something unique and ventured into the world of IT to engage with young people on the future of the City Centre, so why not check out our page and even join our on-line group?

So, where are we going? We are currently taking stock of the all the comments we've received so far, taking them on board and moving towards developing its preferred options.

For more information on any aspect of the BCCAAP, please contact Bhopinder Dev on 01274 434296.

## Coming Soon ...

### Bradford District Retail Study

The Retail and Leisure Study will provide an up-to-date picture of current and future capacity for retailing and leisure in the District and will be used to determine planning applications and to inform policies and proposals in the LDF. The study will be formally published in spring 2008. **For further information contact Bhupinder Dev on 01274 434296.**

### Employment Land Review

The study assesses how much employment land will be needed over the coming years. This forecast is based on the latest projections of future employment growth and also property trends; and assesses in general terms where employment land should be located. The report will be made available on the Council's website shortly. **For further information please contact Gerry McGuckin on 01274 432456.**

### Landscape Character SPD

The SPD is based upon the Landscape Character assessment undertaken in 2000 as evidence for the Replacement Unitary Development Plan (RUDP). It will provide guidance for developers in terms of the Council's approach to landscape conservation, enhancement and management; and provides additional guidance to Policies NE3 and NE3A of the RUDP. Each Assessment details the condition of the landscape, its sensitivity to change and a set of policy guidelines for development. Consultation on the draft SPD will commence in the coming months so please check our website for updates, or contact **Emma Crossland Stephen on 01274 432499.**

### City Centre Affordable Housing SPD

After public consultation last year, work has begun on the draft document to amend it in light of comments made. The document will be presented to the Executive in the coming months with the recommendation for adoption. **For further information, please contact Simon Latimer on 01274 434606.**

### Affordable Housing SPD

As part of early engagement for the SPD, a Scoping Report has been produced to find the views of key stakeholders and the public in terms on the key issues that the SPD could and should be addressing and possible approaches to providing affordable housing across the District. The Scoping Report will be available for comments in the coming months. **Please contact Alex Bartle on 01274 432253 for more information.**

## Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

**The Statement of Community Involvement is a key document which sets out how and when the community will get involved in the preparation of planning policy documents and consultations on planning applications.**

Consultation has already been carried out on the SCI and it has been the subject of an independent examination. An Inspector's Report

has now been received. An amended SCI that takes on board the Inspector's recommendations has been approved by the Councils Executive, and is now due to go to Full Council in the near future. Once adopted, all documents produced as part of the LDF will need to take account of the requirements in the SCI.

## LDF Update

### Early Stages of Preparation (Scoping/evidence gathering)

- Allocations DPD
- Shipley and Canal Road Corridor Area Action Plan DPD
- Waste Management DPD
- Affordable Housing SPD
- Open Space / Built Facilities SPD
- Tree Protection SPD

### Public Consultation Stage

- Bradford City Centre Affordable Housing SPD (*final version being prepared for adoption Summer 08*)

### Independent Examination Stage

- None

### Adoption

- Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) *following approval from Full Council*.
- City Centre Design Guide SPD
- Designing Out Crime SPD
- Menston Housing Sites SPD
- Planning Obligations SPD
- Shop Front SPD
- Sustainable Design Guide SPD

### Currently Out for Consultation

- Landscape Character SPD (*following approval from Executive on 22 April 2008*).

### Further Information

If you are reading this newsletter and wish to find out more regarding any aspect of Bradford's LDF, or be added to our circulation list to receive updates, please get in touch using the details below.

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