

Jargon Buster

The new system brings with it a range of new terms and acronyms. To make life easier this section provides a brief explanation for each of the key terms.

■ Development Plan Document (DPD)

- These documents will form the statutory development plan for the District (together with RSS) and are subject of an independent examination. They include the following:

- **Allocations DPD** - Identifies sites and related policies for a specific type of use i.e. housing or employment.
- **Area Action Plans DPD** - These provide a planning framework for an area of the District where significant change or conservation is needed.
- **Core Strategy DPD** - This document will provide the strategic planning framework for the District. It sets out the long-term spatial vision along with strategic objectives and policies to deliver that vision. The strategy also contains a monitoring and and delivery framework.
- **Proposals Map** - An Ordnance Survey (OS) map base showing site specific allocations and designations.
- **Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)** - While not part of statutory development plan, these documents provide supplementary guidance to policies and proposals contained in Development Plan Documents.

■ Local Development Framework (LDF)

- This is the collection of documents that together will provide the framework for delivering the spatial planning strategy for the District. It will eventually replace the RUDP for Bradford once adopted.

■ **Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)** - provides a spatial planning framework for the Yorkshire and Humber Region to 2026 (including how many houses should be built in Bradford) and will inform the LDF. This plan was adopted in May 2008.

■ **Replacement Unitary Development Plan (RUDP)** - This is the current statutory development plan for the Bradford District which was adopted in October 2005 as saved in October 2008. All planning decisions must accord with the policies in this plan.

The Bradford District



Further Information

If you require further information about the Core Strategy or any other aspect of Bradford's Local Development Framework, please do not hesitate to contact the Local Development Framework Group.

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Local Development Framework for Bradford

Changes to the Planning System

and how they affect YOU



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The planning system is changing. This will affect you!

Bradford Council understands that the planning system appears complicated and uses very complicated language and jargon. The aim of this leaflet is to provide a brief guide to the new system and explain how it will affect you.

Currently, development in the Bradford District is controlled by the Replacement Unitary Development Plan (RUDP), adopted in October 2005. The RUDP sets out land allocations and policies which are used to make decision when people apply for planning permission.

Over the next few years the RUDP will be replaced by a **Local Development Framework (LDF)**. The LDF will be used in the same way as the RUDP, but will be made up of a number of documents rather than a single development plan.

The LDF will be made up of a number of individual documents called **Local Development Documents (LDDs)**. Some of these are statutory planning documents known as **Development Plan Documents (DPDs)**. These documents are required by law and will, once adopted, form the basis for decision making on planning applications.

All **Development Plan Documents (DPDs)** will be subject to an independent examination by an inspector who will use a number of tests which assess how documents have been prepared and what they say. This test is known as the 'Tests of Soundness'. If a document is found to be

'sound', the Council can formally adopt the document and this will then be used in the decision making process.

Other documents will also be produced which are not statutory development plan documents. These are known as **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)**. These are prepared by the Council to provide additional guidance and detail to a policy within a Development Plan Document.

Statement of Community Involvement

One of the key aims of the planning system is to strengthen community involvement in the planning of the places where we live and work. Therefore it is important that the Council involve you at the early stages in the process to take on board your comments and views.

Bradford Council is committed to ensuring that everyone has an equal opportunity to play an active and positive role in considering planning issues which will affect them. The Council has produced a document called Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out how it intends to involve the community and other interest groups in the preparation of LDF documents and also in the determination of planning applications.

You will have the opportunity to get involved earlier in the decision making process. Details of how you can get involved are shown on the back page of this leaflet.

Bradford's LDF will be made up of the following Local Development documents:

- **Local Development Scheme (LDS)**
- **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**
- **Core Strategy DPD**
- **Proposals Map DPD**
- **Allocations DPD**
- **Area Action Plans DPD**
- **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)**

The jargon buster overleaf provides further explanation of what these documents are.

Further information about these documents, including details of the Area Action Plans and Supplementary Planning Documents can be found on the LDF website at: www.bradford.gov.uk/LDF

When can I get involved?

The preparation of each Development Plan Document (DPD) will follow the same process. Public consultation at each stage will last for at least six weeks. The diagram to the right outlines these stages and indicates when you can get involved.

The LDF Group maintain a database of people with an interest in the area. If you wish to be added to this database and be notified about future consultations, then please let us know by contacting us using the details on the back of this leaflet.

Development Plan Document Process

Identifying Issues and Options

The Council will consult everyone with an interest in the area to help to identify the key issues facing the district and suggested options for addressing these. Comments used will be to influence the next stage.

Public participation on Preferred Approach

Following previous consultation, the Council will publish another document considered to be the 'preferred' approach for Bradford. Comments at this stage will influence the content of the Submission Draft Document.

Public participation on Submission Document

The submission draft is the document that the Council would like to see as its final version. This is also the final public consultation stage before the document is formally submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination. Comments made at this stage, which are objecting to the content, or how the plan was prepared, will be considered by the inspector.

Submitted Document Plan Document

At the Independent Examination an Independent Inspector will use the 'Tests of Soundness' to assess the acceptability of the submitted Development Plan Document and any representation received. Members of the public who made representation have the right to appear at the Examination.

Independent Examination

The Inspector will send a report to the Council and may recommend changes to the Development Plan Document. The Council must take these on board. Following this process, the Council may then formally adopt the Development Plan Document

Binding Report

www.bradford.gov.uk/LDF