

Plan-it Bradford

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The Local Development Framework Group would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! We would also like to welcome you to the first edition of 'Plan-it Bradford', the quarterly newsletter that will keep you up to date with the latest progress in planning policy which will help to shape the future of the District's communities.

Regional Spatial Strategy

An update to the draft RSS in September 2007 will have a big impact on the Core Strategy for Bradford.

The Yorkshire and Humber RSS supports the growth of Bradford, but also presents a number of challenges in terms of the amount and location of new development. The key implication for Bradford is the increase in housing figures - the District has to now provide for 54,840 new houses over the next 20 years (this is an increase of 23,420 houses from the first draft of the RSS) in 2005.

Bradford has also been designated as a Sub Regional City; however, the Council is currently pressing for a higher status as we believe Bradford should be a Regional City. Watch this space for the outcome of these representations and more regional planning news.

The final RSS is due to be published in May 2008.

Core Strategy Update

In Spring 2007, we started our discussions with residents and key stakeholders about the long-term vision for the District through a series of Issues and Options Papers. These papers focused on key topics areas such as housing, economy and jobs, environment, waste and community facilities; another paper contained a draft Vision and Spatial Objectives for Bradford.

A number of consultation events were held to enable key stakeholders and those with an interest in the future development of Bradford to find out more and to express their views on the key issues facing the District as outlined in the Topic Papers. Topic Workshops on Housing, Transport and Waste were held, along with four area conferences at Airedale, Wharfedale and Bradford. All the comments received have now been analysed and are available to view of the LDF pages of the Council's website.



In light of RSS changes together with the comments received, the Council feels it is important to consult on a revised vision, options for the broad locations of development (primarily housing and employment), and key objectives on how the Vision will be delivered.

Consultation on:

- The Spatial Strategy and Vision;
- the Initial Sustainability Appraisal and,
- the Draft Settlement Study

will begin on the 16th January 2008 and will last for a period of ten weeks until 20th March 2008. The documents can be found on the LDF website.

Annual Monitoring Report

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. **If you wish to read the latest AMR please visit: www.bradford.gov.uk/AMR or contact: Bill Caulfield on (01274) 433764.**

City Centre Area Action Plan

The future of Bradford City Centre was debated in late 2007 as the Council consulted on the Issues and Options report for the Area Action Plan.

The consultation events held at the Kirkgate Centre and City Hall in November and were well attended. Key messages from the consultation centred around the need for a higher quality retail offer in the city centre, with a greater variation in residential types, better public realm and improved transport links to the wider community. The next newsletter will have more detailed information on the progress that has been made. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who made comments at these events.



Update

Local Development Framework

Early Stages of Preparation (Scoping / evidence gathering)

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

Public Consultation Stage

- Core Strategy DPD
- Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan DPD

Independent Examination Stage

- Statement of Community Involvement

Adoption

- Planning Obligations SPD (3.10.07)
- Menston Housing Sites SPD (3.10.07)
- Shop Front SPD (19.12.07)
- City Centre Design Guide SPD (5.9.07)
- Sustainable Design Guide SPD (5.9.07)
- Designing Out Crime SPD (31.5.07)

Coming Soon

- Housing Land Supply SPD

Currently Out for Consultation

- Bradford City Centre AAP (until end of Jan 08)
- Core Strategy (Jan – March 08)

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. Below are the studies that are currently being produced, or have been completed by either the Council or external agencies, and their progress.

- **Housing Needs Survey** (Completed 2005)
- **Draft Settlement Study** (Consultation: Jan 2007)

- **Local Housing Assessment** (Due Jan 2008)
- **Employment Land** (Dec 2007)
- **Strategic Flood Risk Assessment** (Commencement 2008)
- **Retail Study** (Due to be completed February 2008)
- **Urban Potential Study** (Due to be completed Spring 2008)
- **Open Space Assessment** (Completed 2007)

Further Information

For more information on all of the LDF documents and details of forthcoming consultations please visit the LDF website at www.bradford.gov.uk/ldf

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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