

Your City - Your Plan

The Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan

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What comment do you wish to make?

Another part of the plan

Details

Document Title (e.g. Bradford City Centre Area
Publication Plan. Action Plan Publication Draft
background paper,
sustainability
appraisal)*
Policy reference (e.g. Policy M4
CL1)
Paragraph number
Diagram inset map
Other

Is the plan sound?

Do you consider the the plan to be sound?* No

Which test of soundness are you comments about?

Postively Prepared
Effective
Justified
Consistency with National Policy

Please set out why you think the plan is unsound ?

The AAP is supported by a Transport Study completed during 2015. The Transport Study focused on the ability of the city centre road network to accommodate the level of development proposed in both the Bradford City Centre and Shipley and Canal Road AAPs but did not address any issues of linkage with areas beyond the city centre.

The Area Action Plan (AAP) objectives include the delivery of 3,500 additional homes in the city centre, a high quality shopping and leisure offer and an additional 6,000 jobs.

This scale of development will generate significant volumes of traffic in the peak hour. We have therefore used our Network Analysis Tool (NAT) to determine whether the largest of the proposed housing sites generate sufficient traffic to have an impact on the strategic road network (SRN). (NAT is a spreadsheet model that is used to predict links flows on the motorway network resulting from proposed land use development).

Our analysis indicates that the individual housing sites tested will not have a significant traffic impact on the SRN. The implication is that the other smaller sites proposed for housing development in the city centre will also not have a significant traffic impact on the SRN.

Policy E1 Development of Employment Space includes a target of 6,000 new jobs in office and flexible workspace developments during the Plan period. This is compared with existing city centre employment of 36,000. The Publication Draft does not translate the number of jobs into a figure for office floor space making it difficult to use our NAT model to assess the traffic impact of individual sites on the SRN. All that we are able to say is that growth of 20 per cent in city centre office employment during the Plan period will generate significant additional traffic on the SRN in both peak periods.

Analysis undertaken as part of the Highways England West Yorkshire Infrastructure Study (WYIS) indicates that traffic generated by Local Plan development in Bradford and the other districts in West Yorkshire does not result in any severe congestion on the M606. The WYIS does show that the M62/M606 Chain Bar scheme included in the government's Road Investment Strategy (RIS) will provide some capacity to cater for the additional traffic generated by proposed Local Plan development in Bradford and the rest of West Yorkshire however further capacity enhancement to existing slip roads may also be required by 2030. It also shows that capacity improvements will be needed at M62 junction 27 by 2022 and again by 2030.

Policy M4 requires all development proposals in the city centre to be supported by a transport assessment to be assessed against Core Strategy Policy TR1 and the NPPF. Transport assessments should be required to demonstrate that any committed RIS schemes are sufficient to deal with the additional demand generated by city centre sites on the SRN. Where committed schemes will not provide sufficient capacity or where Highways England does not have committed investment, sites may need to deliver or contribute to additional schemes identified by the Highways England WYIS and included in the LIP or other appropriate schemes.

Please set out what change(s) you would consider necessary to make the Plan sound?

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Is the Plan legally compliant?

Legally compliant* Yes

Which part of the legal compliance is your comment about?

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| Local Development Scheme | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Statement of Community Involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sustainability Appraisal Report | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Consultation of appropriate Statutory Bodies | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Duty to Cooperate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Not sure/other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please give details of why you consider the plan is legal ?

No comment

Taking part in the public examination

Your comments will be taken into account by the Planning Inspector. Would you like to take part in the forthcoming Public Examination?

Yes

Future updates

Please select from below if you would like to be notified of any of the following?

The Submission of the Plan(s) for Public Examination



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