

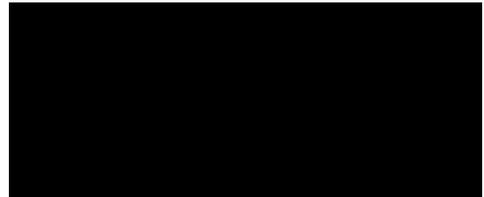
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Dear Mr. Freeman,

HARDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – EXAMINATION – PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND QUESTIONS

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council is in receipt of your letter (dated 16th January 2023) setting out the Procedural Matters in relation to the conduct of the examination of the Harden Neighbourhood Development Plan, together with initial questions for the Council and the Qualifying Body (Harden Village Council). These have been placed on Examination page of the Harden Neighbourhood Plan section of the Council's website: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/neighbourhood-areas/?Folder=Harden\HardenReg17>. Responses to the questions from the Council and the Qualifying Body will be placed on this page in due course.

The Council's response to your initial question is set out below:

1. What stage has been reached in progressing the draft Bradford District Local Plan?

The Council is currently in the process of preparing a new single Local Plan for the District (the Bradford District Local Plan) covering the period 2020 to 2038 that will replace, once adopted, the existing development plan - the Local Plan Core Strategy (July 2017); Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan (October 2017), Shipley & Canal Road Area Action Plan (December 2017), Waste Management DPD (October 2017) and the Bradford Replacement Unitary Development Plan – Saved Policies (June 2020 Schedule).

It was initially intended to undertake a [Partial Review](#) of the adopted Core Strategy (the CSPR) and prepare a separate [Allocations DPD](#). A [Scoping Consultation](#) and [Preferred Options consultation](#) (under the auspices of Regulation 18 of Town & Country Planning (Local Plans) (England) Regulation 2012) on the CSPR took place in January and July 2019 respectively. However, as of mid-2020, it was considered appropriate to prepare a single Local Plan based on the work undertaken on the CSPR and land allocations, setting out strategic and non-strategic planning policies together with site allocations for a range of land uses across the District including for the Harden area.

A [Preferred Options consultation](#) (under Regulation 18 of the 2012 Regulations) on the emerging Local Plan and supporting documentation together with a Call for Sites exercise, took place

between 8th February and 24th March 2021. This consultation attracted more than 30,000 representations on the contents of the Local Plan document and supporting evidence.

The Council is currently working on producing the next stage of the Local Plan (Submission Draft Local Plan - Regulation 19) which is due for publication later this year. This plan will include updates to planning policies and allocated sites for housing, employment and other uses plus land designations for open space and other matters.

The Council is also finalising the evidence base to support the plan including new work on transport, social and community infrastructure and environmental issues.

It should also be noted that, in respect of design matters, the Council was selected by Central Government to be a pathfinder authority for the production of a District-wide Design Code. This work is due to report in May 2023.

In relation to Harden, the Preferred Options version of the Local Plan included a [spatial portrait and Local Area Strategy](#) providing an overview of the settlement and setting key direction for its growth and development over the plan period (2020 to 2038), including its place in the settlement hierarchy (Harden is classed as a Local Service Centre in the emerging settlement hierarchy) and details of proposed levels of housing growth as well as site allocations (60 dwellings over the plan period spread over four sites).

If you require any further assistance or information, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or my colleague Emma Higgins via e-mail to: [REDACTED] or telephone: [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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