

ILKLEY MANOR HOUSE

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Subject: Ilkley Manor House Response to Ilkley Neighbourhood Development Plan

8 September 2021

Dear Iain Cunningham

Re Ilkley Neighbourhood Development Plan 2020-30: Regulation 16 consultation

I am writing on behalf the Ilkley Manor House Trust board of trustees to express our support for the proposed Ilkley Neighbourhood Development Plan (INDP).

We commend the work undertaken by the Ilkley Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group led at different stages by Town Councillors Brian Mann and Ros Brown with the help of Kirkwells.

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As one of the groups affected by this Plan, and thanks to the consultation led by the Town Council, we have been engaged fully and feel confident that the INDP has the potential to address the needs and serve the aspirations of our local community.

Ilkley Manor House Trust is committed to supporting Bradford MDC and Ilkley Town Council in delivering against policies INDP2 and INDP16 in particular, playing our part in developing tourism and leisure facilities. Our vision is to work in partnership to nurture a creative/heritage hub focused on the Manor House, The Castle Collective, Riverside Gardens, All Saints and with improved connectivity to other cultural assets, including the Playhouse and Cinema.

This could be supported by sustainable public realm enhancements that encourage pedestrian movement and connectivity most notably around the A65 New Brook Street junction, but also connecting the Playhouse to the Manor House and Park via sustainable urban design.

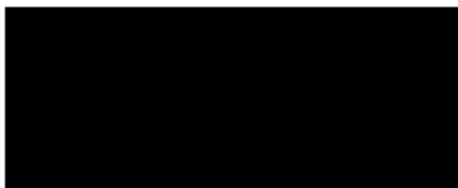
We would like to suggest a minor amendment to the text in the Plan to include All Saints Church in the description of the creative heritage hub so that it reads:
".....creative/heritage hub focused on the Manor House, All Saints Church, the Castle Collective, Riverside Gardens"

We embrace the principle of NDPs which are part of the development plan and carry "statutory weight" when planning decisions are made. We also welcome the fact that NDPs give local people the final say on the plan for the area through a referendum.

Finally, we note that NDPs can bring a financial benefit to an area and that CBMDC have introduced a levy on future development called the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). We are pleased to read that if Ilkley has a finalised INDP the town will receive 25% of any CIL collected in the area. We hope that Ilkley Manor House will be considered for contributions in the event of CIL allocations in future.

We hope that if this plan is adopted, we can all use it to support the future development of Ilkley to best serve the needs of current and future generations.

Yours sincerely



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