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Dear Mr. Freeman,

ILKLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – EXAMINATION – INITIAL QUESTIONS

I am in receipt of your letter and initial questions regarding the Ilkley Neighbourhood Development Plan (date 8th November 2021). As requested these have been placed on the Ilkley Neighbourhood Plan section of the Bradford Council website: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/neighbourhood-areas/?Folder=Ilkley\IlkleyReg17>. The Council's response to your initial question is set out below.

As part of its duty to support neighbourhood planning within its area, Bradford Council have collaborated with Ilkley Town Council and their planning consultant at all stages in the plan's development. Where appropriate, the Council have provided feedback on the contents on the plan. It is noted that this feedback was subsequently taken on board and the draft plan amended as appropriate.

It is noted that a revised version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published by the Government on 20 July 2021 alongside a final version of the National Model Design Code (NMDC) since the submission of the Ilkley Neighbourhood Development Plan to the Council.

The updated NPPF and NMDC put greater emphasis on well-designed, beautiful places, tree-lined streets and the use of local design guides and codes as key to achieving sustainable development. It is considered that the Ilkley NDP, as submitted, is already broadly consistent with this.

High quality design is a key objective of the plan and its policies. Policy INDP1 provides the context for the design of new housing development within Ilkley, whilst policy INDP2 seeks to ensure the new communities are of good quality design. Policy INDP5 provides detailed guidance on the design of future development within the neighbourhood area. This policy (criteria j) recognises the importance of street trees and seeks to secure their retention, particularly where they are subject to Tree Preservation Orders. It also promotes streets trees within new developments. This is in line with paragraph 131 of the latest NPPF.

On balance the Council do not consider the need for any modifications to the plan as a result of the revised NPPF or NMDC other than minor modifications to referencing in appropriate sections of the document to ensure that it is up to date. For example, it may be appropriate to include reference to the NMDC is the reasoned justification to policies INDP1 and INDP5.

If you require any further assistance or information, please do not hesitate to contact me (E-mail: [REDACTED])

Yours sincerely,

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