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To: Planning Policy
Subject: RE: Public Consultation - Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan - Regulation 16

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Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan.

Government planning policy, within the **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**, identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.

Therefore, it is essential that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 102 and 103. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in **protecting playing fields** and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document.

https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy

Sport England provides guidance on **developing planning policy** for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.

https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning_applications

Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 103 of the NPPF, this takes the form of **assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities**. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may

specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.

Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing needs may help with such work.

<http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance>

If **new or improved sports facilities** are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>

Any **new housing** developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.

In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how **any new development**, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.

Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.

NPPF Section 8: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities>

PPG Health and wellbeing section: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing>

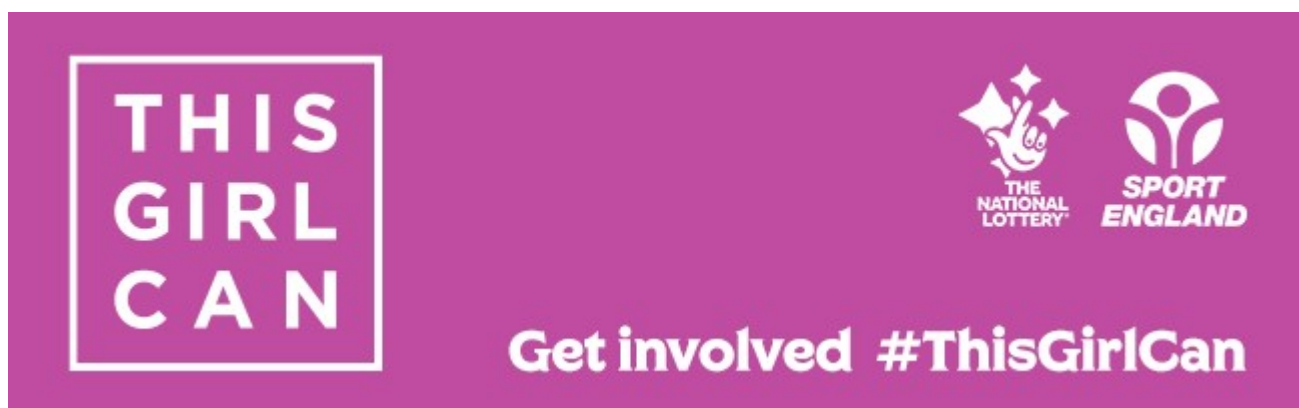
Sport England's Active Design Guidance: <https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign>

(Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role or any grant application/award that may relate to the site.)

If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact details below.

Yours sincerely,

Planning Technical Team



From: Planning Policy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 2:56 PM
To: Iain Cunningham [REDACTED]
Cc: Emma Higgins [REDACTED]
Subject: Public Consultation - Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan - Regulation 16

Dear Sir or Madam,

Wilsden Parish Council has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan for their parish area in conjunction with the local community under the provisions of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). This plan has been the subject of community consultation and engagement, including two formal periods of consultation led by the Parish Council (under Regulation 14 of the 2012 Regulations). The proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan has been formally submitted to City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council as the plan that the Parish Council wish to see adopted for their parish, in order to allow formal consultation to be undertaken under Regulation 16 of the 2012 Regulations. If adopted, it will form part of the statutory development plan ('the Local Plan') for Bradford District and planning decisions will be made in accordance with it.

Accordingly, City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council has published the Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan and supporting documentation to allow formal representations on their contents.

Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan (WNDP) sets out a vision for the future growth and development of the parish area, together with 9 objectives that seeks to deliver the vision. The vision and objectives are based upon the key issues raised by local people during earlier community engagement, and as part of the evidence gathering process, in order to ensure that Wilsden remains a vibrant, distinct, self-contained and forward-looking parish. To implement this vision and objectives, the plan contains 29 planning policies covering the following issues:

- Directing Development to Sustainable Locations;
- Housing Delivery;
- Built Heritage;
- Natural Environment;
- Business and Employment;
- Community Facilities;
- Shops and Shopping;
- Transport and Accessibility; and
- Developer Contributions.

The WNDP is also accompanied by a Design Code. This will together relevant national and local design policies and codes will inform decision making on planning applications within the Wilsden parish area.

Consultation Documents

The Council is seeking comments from those who live, work or carry out business in Harden and beyond on the following documents:

- Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan - Policies Map
- Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan - Design Code
- Basic Conditions Statement
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report
- Statement of Consultation
- Supporting Evidence for Local Green Spaces
- Supporting Evidence for Housing Needs and Characteristics
- Supporting Evidence for Important Buildings and Important Structures
- Supporting Evidence for Important Views and Vistas

Document Availability

The Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan and supporting documentation are available to view on the Council's [Wilsden Neighbourhood Plan webpage](#). It can also be viewed (and commented upon) via the Council's on-line [OpusConsult Portal](#).

Printed copies are available to view at the following locations:

- [CBMDC Customer Service Centre, Britannia House, Broadway, Bradford, BD1 1HX](#)
- [City Library, Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1SD](#)
- [Bingley Library, 5 Rise Shopping Centre, Bingley, BD21 3SX](#)
- [Wilsden Post Office, 112 Main Street, Wilsden, BD15 0AB](#)

Making Representations

The consultation period runs for six weeks between **Monday 5th February and Monday 18th March 2024**.

Representations should be received no later than **5pm on Monday 18th March 2024**. Representations can be made in the following ways:

- **Online:** The preferred method to view and make comments is online using the Council's Consultation Portal at: <https://bradford.oc2.uk/document/50>. If you have not made comments previously through the Consultation Portal, registration is simple by visiting the website. For those who do not have access to the internet at home, the portal can be accessed via the public access [computers in the libraries across the District](#). Please contact the libraries to book or [book on-line](#).

- **Comment Forms:** These are available to view and download from the Council's website. They can be completed electronically or in writing and returned to the Local Plan Team by email: planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk or posted to Local Plan Team, Britannia House (4th Floor), Broadway, Bradford, BD1 1HX.
- **E-mail/Writing:** Representations can also be made via e-mail or in writing to the addresses outlined above. If replying by e-mail, please include "Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan" in the subject box.

Please note any comments you make will be made publicly available, alongside your name, and cannot be confidential.

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Next Steps

Once the consultation closes, the Wilsden Neighbourhood Development Plan, together with the supporting documentation and representations received, will be subject to an independent examination by a suitably qualified and experienced Examiner to determine whether the Plan meets the Basic Conditions and other legislative requirements. The Examiner will prepare a report and recommend whether or not the plan should proceed to a local referendum.

Further Information

If you require further information, please contact a member of the Local Plan Team by phone on (01274) 433679 or by e-mail to: planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk

Kind regards

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