

## Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) Publication Draft (February 2014)

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## 1. What is the Core Strategy?

The Core Strategy is a key Development Plan Document (DPD) that will form part of the Local Plan for the Bradford District. The Core Strategy:

- Sets out the broad aims and objectives for sustainable development within the Bradford District for the next 15-20 years until 2030
- Sets out broad policies for guiding and restraining development
- Sets out the broad locations for new housing, employment and infrastructure investment
- Reflects the policies and plans of its partner organisations
- Takes account of national and regional planning policy along with the Community Strategy
- It will **not** allocate specific sites for new housing and employment development.

There are a number of stages within the production of the Core Strategy. The earlier stages sought to identify the broad issues faced by the district and the options and alternatives to address these. Further stages addressed the key issues for the District and started to develop a new development plan including policies for the Bradford District. Within each stage community involvement and engagement is an important element of preparing the Plan. This ensures that the Council produces a plan that meets the needs of all its community and stakeholders.

The key stages that have taken place to date have been

- Issues and Options – January 2007
- Further Issues and Options – February 2008
- Further Engagement Draft – October 2011

## 2. What is the Publication Draft?

The Publication Draft document forms the fourth stage in the production of the Core Strategy. This is the plan which the Council considers to be sound, legally compliant and meets the duty to co-operate and therefore would like to see adopted. The Council has agreed to submit the Publication Draft for to the Secretary of State for Examination following it being published for representations.

The Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) 'Publication Draft' is published for 6 weeks from **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February until Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014** for the receipt of representations. This is in accordance with Regulation 19, 20 and 35 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012.

## 3. What happened to my representation/comments on the Further Engagement Draft in 2012?

The Council received over 1,200 representations to the Further Engagement Draft consultation document in 2012. All the comments were recorded and collated and a version with personal details removed was made available for public inspection at the principal Jacobs Well offices.

Planning officers have considered all of the issues raised by members of the public, organisations and stakeholders and published them in Appendix 6 of the Statement of Pre-Submission Consultation document. The issues raised have helped to shape the content of the Publication Draft, together with new national planning policy and local evidence.

#### 4. How do I find the Publication Draft documents?

The Publication Draft and supporting documents can be viewed online at: [www.bradford.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/ldf). Alternatively you can view a hard copy at one of the Council's main offices or libraries across the District – see the answer to question 6 for deposit locations.

#### 5. Can I have a copy?

Electronic copies of the documentation can be downloaded free of charge. However, there will be a charge for requests for hard copies of the publication document. This charge will cover the Council's materials, printing and administration costs.

#### 6. How can I see a hard copy?

The Core Strategy Publication Draft and relevant support documents are available for public inspection at the following **Council Offices** (Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-4.30pm) and at the main **local libraries** (Mon-Fri 9am-7pm; Sat 9am-5pm):

##### Main Council Offices

- Planning Reception, Jacobs Well, Nelson Street, Bradford, BD1 5RW
- Shipley Town Hall, Kirkgate, Shipley, BD18 3EJ
- Keighley One Stop Shop, Town Hall, Bow Street, Keighley, BD21 3SX
- Ilkley Town Hall, Station Road, Ilkley, LS29 8HA (*By appointment only - Tuesdays*)

##### Main Local Libraries

- Bradford City Library, Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1NN
- Bradford Local Studies Library, Princes Way, Bradford, BD1 1SD - (Old Central Library building, access from Sharpe Street)
- Shipley Library, 2 Wellcroft, Shipley, BD18 3QH
- Bingley Library, Myrtle Walk, Bingley, BD16 1AW
- Keighley Library, North Street, Keighley, BD21 3SX
- Ilkley Library, Station Road, Ilkley, LS29 8HA

#### 7. How do I make representation/comments on the Publication Draft?

A form has been produced for you representation and comments and is available to download at: [www.bradford.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/ldf).

## 8. What does 'legal compliance' mean?

To be considered to be legally compliant, the Core Strategy must be in line with the following:

- The Plan in question should be within the current Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the key stages should have been followed. **The LDS is available on the [Local Plan website](#).**
- The process of community involvement for the Plan in question should be in general accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). **The SCI is available on the [Local Plan website](#).**
- The Plan should comply with the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012. On publication, the Council must publish the documents prescribed in the regulations, and make them available at their principal offices and their website. The Council must also place local advertisements and notify the Plan bodies (as set out in the regulations) and any persons who have requested to be notified. Details of the publication and notification of previous versions of the plan can be found in the **Statement of Consultation reports for the [Issues and Options stage](#) and Further Engagement Draft which are available on the Local Plan website.**
- The Council is required to provide a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report when they publish a DPD. **The SA is available on the [Local Plan website](#).**
- The Plan must have regard to any Community Strategy (SCS) for its area. **The Community Strategy is available on the [Bradford District Partnership website](#).**

The Council has published a 'Legal Compliance Checklist' setting out how this requirement is considered to have been met during the preparation of the Core Strategy DPD. This report is available at: [www.bradford.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/ldf).

If you want to make comments on **the way** in which the Council has prepared the Local Plan, then this likely to relate to **legal compliance**.

## 9. What does 'soundness' mean?

To be considered 'sound' a Plan should be:

- **Positively prepared:** The Plan should be prepared based on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development and infrastructure requirements, including unmet requirements from neighbouring authorities where it is reasonable to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development.
- **Justified:** The Plan should be the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives, based on a proportionate evidence base.
- **Effective:** The Plan should be deliverable over its period and based on effective joint cross-boundary strategic priorities.
- **Consistent with national policy:** The Plan should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Council has published a 'Soundness Checklist' setting out how this requirement is considered to have been met during the preparation of the Core Strategy DPD. This report is available at: [www.bradford.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/ldf).

If it is the actual **content** which you want to make comments on, this is likely to relate to **soundness**.

## 10. What does 'duty to co-operate' mean?

The duty requires co-operation between adjoining Councils and other public bodies to maximise effectiveness of policies for strategic planning matters in the Local Plan. The Council has to provide evidence of how they have complied with the requirements.

Details of how the Council has addressed this requirement is set out within the background paper 'Overview of the Core Strategy Publication Draft' which is available at: [www.bradford.gov.uk/ldf](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/ldf).

If you want to make comments on how the Council has dealt with **strategic planning and partnership working**, then this is likely to relate to the **duty to co-operate**.

## 11. What do I do if I want to support the Plan?

If you would like to support a policy or policies you should express your support on the representation form so that the Inspector has the full picture in considering the Local Plan and express why the policy or policies is sound.

## 12. Can I suggest a change to the Plan?

Yes. If you would like to suggest a change to the Publication Draft you should state precisely what the change is you are proposing and what your reason is for the change, with reference to evidence and the three categories set out in questions 8, 9 and 10. After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

## 13. When is the deadline for comments?

The deadline for comments to be received by the Council is **5pm on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014**. Any comments received after this time will not be considered to be 'duly made' and cannot be taken into consideration by the Council or an Inspector.

## 14. Where do I send my comments?

Please send your completed representation form(s):

Email to: [ldf.consultation@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:ldf.consultation@bradford.gov.uk)

Post to: **Local Plan Group**  
**City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor South Jacobs Well**  
**Nelson Street**  
**Bradford**  
**BD1 5RW**

## 15. What is a 'duly made' representation?

A duly made representation is one which has been properly completed, submitted and received by the Council within the 6 week consultation period. The consultation period starts on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and ends at 5pm on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. Any representations received after this time is not duly made and will not be taken into consideration by the Council or an Inspector.

## 16. What will happen to my personal data?

Part A of the Representation Form requires you to fill in your personal details. This information is important as we need to know who has made the comment in case the Council need to contact you. The Council cannot treat your information as confidential as it has to make your comments available for inspection and publish it on its website for people to view. The Council cannot accept any anonymous comments. Any anonymous comments received will not be duly made and will not be taken into consideration.

## 17. What will happen to my representation?

The Council will record and collate all the representations it receives. If someone has raised an issue which the Council has not addressed then the Core Strategy may be changed. If the Council is satisfied that it has dealt with all the issues raised within the Publication Draft sufficiently then it will prepare the Core Strategy for submission to the Government for independent examination.

## 18. When will the Core Strategy be submitted to Government for Examination?

It is anticipated that the Core Strategy will be submitted for Examination to the Government (the Secretary of State) later in 2014.

## 19. What is an Examination?

An examination is a public assessment by an inspector to determine whether or not the Core Strategy is fit to be adopted considering the three categories in Questions 8, 9 and 10. At an examination people who have submitted a representation may have the opportunity to speak to the

inspector at a round table hearing to put forward their issues. It is anticipated that the Examination will take place towards the end of 2014.

## **20. What is the role of the Inspector?**

An inspector is an independent person to the Council who is appointed by the Government to assess whether the Core Strategy has met the three categories mentioned in Questions 8, 9 and 10.

## **21. What happens next?**

Following an Examination the Council, depending on the outcome, may have to make some amendments to the Core Strategy suggested by the Inspector. Once this is completed the Council can proceed to adopt the Core Strategy.

## **22. When will the Core Strategy be adopted?**

It is anticipated that the Core Strategy will be adopted in 2015.

## **23. How can I get further advice?**

If you need further advice on how to make a representation or would like to get in touch with a member of the Local Plan Group you can:

- **Email:** [ldf.consultation@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:ldf.consultation@bradford.gov.uk)
- **Phone:** (01274) 433679