

## **Bradford Local Plan**

### **Core Strategy Examination**

#### **Matter 3: Strategic Core Policies including Policy SC1-Overall Approach**

#### **Further Statement to clarify use of the Term 'Hubs'**

**Date: Thursday 5th March 2105**

**Venue: Victoria Hall, Saltaire**

- 1.1** During Day 2 of the Examination in Public into Bradford's Publication Draft Core Strategy, there was discussion on Policy SC1 B, 5 which states: 'Protect the principal towns.....and the local growth centres as hubs for the local economy, housing and community and social infrastructure'. However there is no definition within the supporting text of the Policy background relating to 'Hubs'. This note provides a definition of the term which can be added to the lower case text at paragraph 3.20 as a modification.
- 1.2** A 'Hub' is a term which was used in the Regional Spatial Strategy (PS/B001b(xxii)) in a series of contexts, including the overall approach of the Strategy, in settlement function, in transport, in rural areas, and in the economic framework. There is no specific definition of Hubs in the glossary of terms. It is used as a contextual expression to describe a convergence of functions.
- 1.3** The following modification is suggested to provide clarification in the lower case text:

In the Core Strategy, hubs comprise a series of networks or convergence of functions of the individual towns and local centres where the growth of the local economy, an increase in the supply of housing and the development of the social structure of the community are all interrelated. The various components of the settlement when considered and addressed as a whole, can lead to a more balanced and sustainable centre. These locations, through their connected activity, will provide an important focal point for services, facilities and employment and cultural activity, improving their performance, management and attractiveness.