

**Bradford Local Plan**

**Core Strategy Examination**

**Further Statement on brownfield land in response to  
Ilkley Civic Society Submission PS/F074**

**Date: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

## **Introduction**

- 1.1 This statement sets out the Council's position in regards to the statement made by Ilkley Civic Society relating to PS/F006 (the Government's consultation paper 'Building more homes on brownfield land').

## **Response**

- 2.1 The Government has issued a consultation paper which is aimed at securing an improvement in the use of brownfield land and the delivery of new homes on such sites. It covers issues connected with evidence gathering, identifying brownfield sites, how data is published and updated and how to ensure that progress is made in delivering homes on brownfield sites. The consultation has now closed.
- 2.2 The comments made by Ilkley Civic Society appear to be setting out their views in relation to a number of the Government's consultation questions. No specific reference is made to the Council's policies as contained within the Core Strategy.
- 2.3 The Council can therefore only re-iterate its view that its proposals within the Core Strategy reflect and accord with current Government guidance. The Council has assessed thoroughly and robustly the extent of deliverable and developable brownfield land within its SHLAA and the Core Strategy's policies on meeting its housing need (Policy HO2) and setting challenging but achievable targets for housing delivery on previously developed land (Policy HO6) have been informed by this evidence. The Council are intervening directly to deliver development on brownfield sites in a number of areas, most notably within the Canal Road Corridor and within the City Centre. Key data on land supply from the SHLAA is published and available online as is the more wide ranging data collected and reviewed within the Annual Monitoring report (AMR). This includes delivery of housing completions on brownfield sites.
- 2.4 The Council are also working with its partner local authorities within the Leeds City region to develop a more comprehensive data set on brownfield land and also share and develop best practice in promoting delivery on sites. The Council will respond positively and proactively to any future guidance or requirement set out by the next Government in relation to brownfield land.