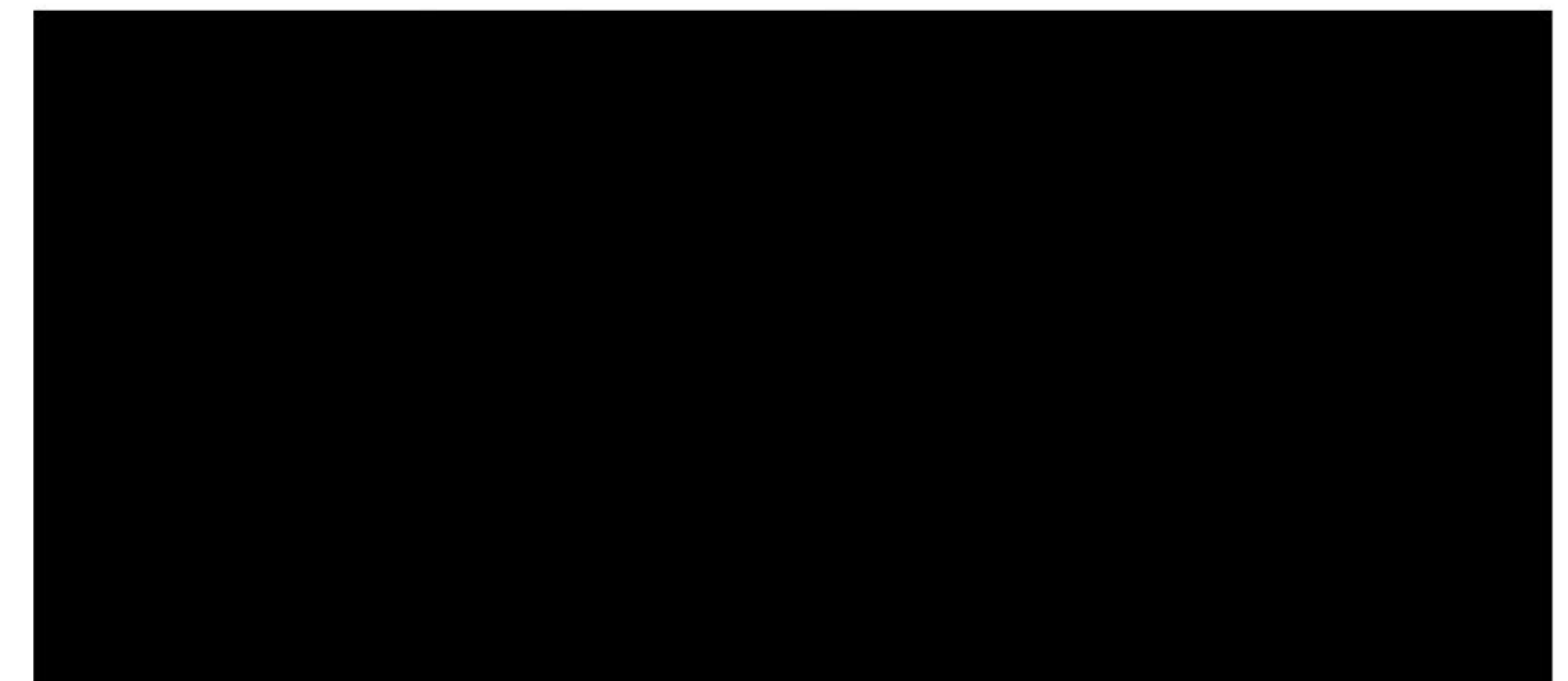


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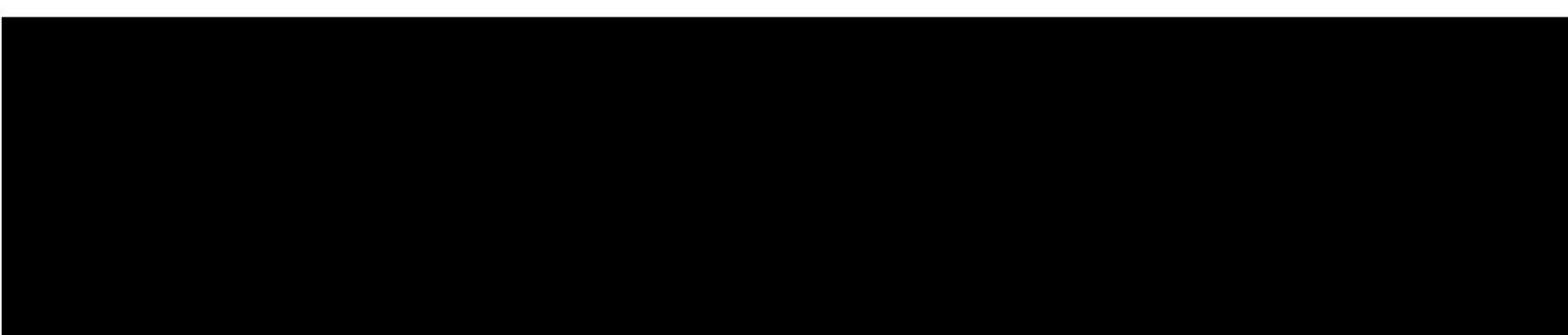
Dear Andrew

Bradford Core Strategy Main Modifications/Duty to Co-operate

Further to previous discussions, please find attached the City Council's response to the Bradford Core Strategy Main Modifications consultation. These comments relate to issues previously raised via the Duty to Co-operate process, which are applicable to Main Modifications MM2, MM18, MM51, MM52 and MM63, which post-date this.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely



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Bradford Core Strategy – Main Modifications consultation (25th November 2015 – 20th January 2016) / Duty to Co-operate

1. As part of the Duty to Cooperate (DtC) process, Leeds City Council has previously commented on the Bradford Core Strategy, using the methodology agreed (a matrices identifying cross boundary issues and proposed actions to address them). In particular, Leeds City Council has previously commented on a number of strategic 'cross boundary issues between Leeds and Bradford. These include: the 'Scale and Location of new land for homes', the Green Belt 'gap', Green Infrastructure, the phasing of development and the provision of physical infrastructure. In response to the issues raised, Bradford City Council subsequently identified a series of Actions/Responses to address these points.
2. It is understood by Leeds City Council, that following the submission of the Bradford Core Strategy and examination of the DtC process, the Inspector is satisfied that the DtC requirements have been complied with. As a consequence, it is not therefore proposed to re-examine any further DtC issues, in the light of the proposed Modifications.
3. Within this context, Leeds City Council notes that MM18 and MM52 relate to Green Belt, MM2 elevates the status of Burley in Wharfedale and Menston as Local Growth Centres (subsequently resulting in higher levels of housing growth set out in MM51) and MM51 specifically relates to the increased level of housing growth in Ilkley, Menston and Burley in Wharfedale, along the A65 corridor. The City Council also notes that MM63 relates to the focus of economic growth, including the 'south-east Bradford and the Leeds interface'. As a consequence, Leeds City Council wishes to reiterate that the points previously made (outlined in para. 1 above), equally apply to the Modifications set out in MM2, MM18, MM51, MM52 and MM63. These subsequent Modifications post-date the DtC process and the material submitted at submission stage. Leeds City Council therefore considers that continuing regard is necessary in addressing the issues raised (previously and in response to these Modifications), as part of the ongoing implementation of the Bradford Core Strategy (once adopted) and the subsequent preparation of the Bradford Site Allocations DPD, to plan and implement the housing and economic growth in the broad areas identified. Leeds City Council, would wish to continue to work with Bradford City Council via the DtC process, in order to consider detailed issues as appropriate, arising from specific proposals.