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Consultation on the preferred options is open for 8 weeks from 30th July to 24th September 2019. You can also make comment on the supporting evidence and impact assessments at www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/core-strategy-dpd/. Information is also available at deposit locations across the District including selected local libraries, Britannia House and Keighley Town Hall. This consultation will be followed with further consultation on the site allocations in the Autumn.



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Bradford Core Strategy Partial Review Our Preferred Options

The Bradford District is a great place to live and work and we want to ensure that our planning policies remain fit for purpose and support sustainable development now and into the future.

In January 2019 we consulted on initial ideas for potential changes to the adopted Core Strategy,

which sets out our planning policies on housing, employment, transport, retail, leisure and environmental issues.

We have now produced our preferred policy options for updates to the Core Strategy and we want to ask for your views.

The Council is hosting a series of engagement and information events on the Core Strategy during the consultation period:

Topic Workshops

HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Tuesday 3rd September 2pm - 4pm
Banqueting Hall, City Hall,
Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1HY

ENVIRONMENT

Friday 6th September 2pm - 4pm
Banqueting Hall, City Hall,
Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1HY

TRANSPORT AND MOVEMENT

Monday 16th September 2pm - 4pm
Banqueting Hall, City Hall,
Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1HY

ECONOMY AND JOBS

Tuesday 17th September 2pm - 4pm
Victoria Hall, Hard Ings Road,
Keighley, West Yorkshire, BD21 3JN

Information Events

SALTAIRE

Wednesday 7 August 3.30pm - 7.30pm
Victoria Hall,
Victoria Road, Shipley

ILKLEY

Wednesday 14 August 3.30pm - 7.30pm
Clarke Foley Centre

KEIGHLEY

Wednesday 21 August 3.30pm - 7.30pm
Central Hall

BRADFORD

Wednesday 28 August 11am - 2pm
Broadway Centre

Please note the workshops are registration only events with limited places. To register your interest please email: planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk



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PLAN THEMES

Balancing growth while protecting local assets

Reduced but ambitious minimum housing target of 1,703 homes per year compared to 2,476 (adopted Core Strategy) and a lower level of Green Belt release.

Investing in regeneration opportunities

Maximising opportunities for major transport investment, such as Northern Powerhouse Rail and mass transit and making best use of neighbourhood renewal opportunities.

A greener and healthier place

Reducing air pollution and our carbon footprint, investing in green infrastructure, bio-diversity, walking, cycling and cleaner public transport to help deliver more liveable and healthy places.

Supporting jobs, training and skills development

Growth of at least 1600 jobs per year plus support for skills development and training, with the delivery of high quality employment space in the right sustainable locations.

Driving high quality housing and place-making

Making a step change in the quality of housing and place-making - delivering affordable housing and healthy, mixed and inclusive communities.



Key Directions



Balancing growth while protecting local assets

The plan sets out to meet our revised housing need in full which is delivered through maximising our brownfield regeneration opportunities and allowing the limited release of Green Belt land in sustainable locations. We have used the government's "standard method" to set a reduced but ambitious minimum housing target of 1,703 homes per annum, compared to 2,476 dwellings per annum in the adopted Core Strategy.

Our Preferred Options include a clear focus upon maintaining growth within built up areas and on brownfield sites. It is estimated that 21,000 homes or over 80% of our housing development will be on brownfield and non-Green Belt sites.

We are continuing to concentrate upon the growth of Bradford as a vibrant, liveable and healthy city. Over 70% of the overall growth is focused within the regional city an increase from just over 65% in the adopted Core Strategy. This approach supports wider transformational and investment priorities for Bradford, with the city centre seeing an increase in homes from 3,500 to 4,000.

To meet our housing needs in full, there will also be a need to find land for approximately 5,000 homes on the edge of urban areas in the Green Belt – this is significantly less than the 11,000 identified in the adopted Core Strategy. The Preferred Options document proposes to reduce the number of areas where a change to the Green Belt is proposed from 23 out of the 27 settlement to 12.

Investing in regeneration opportunities

The Council is committed to aligning infrastructure and growth areas, illustrated by the approach taken to Shipley and Canal Road Corridor project and there are now some unique opportunities to improve our connectivity and take a strategic approach to regeneration and development.

The Northern Powerhouse Rail Project and City Region Transit Network create potential to dramatically improve connectivity and act as catalysts for new residential and commercial development within key gateways and corridors. The city offer is further strengthened by the roll out of the Bradford 'Top of Town' Townscape Heritage Initiative, Forster Square Station improvements, development of a new 'City Village' delivery masterplan and the £21m project to redevelop the city centre markets.

The District as a whole offers some significant neighbourhood regeneration opportunities, including city edge locations such as Manningham, outer edge estates such as Holme Wood and towns such as Keighley. The plan includes a stronger focus upon area renewal and regeneration across the District, with strengthened sub area policies.

A greener and healthier place

We have a clear need to reduce air pollution within the District, minimise our carbon footprint and take positive steps to move towards creating more healthy places for all – supported by improvements in infrastructure for walking, cycling, public transport, electric vehicles, green spaces and bio-diversity.

Our Preferred Options also include a re-evaluation of our strategic planning policies to support a move towards a lower carbon use District. We have enhanced our policies to support the retention and delivery of green infrastructure in its various shapes and forms and ensure that our communities are protected from flood risk through the integration of appropriate infrastructure including sustainable drainage systems and tree planting.

The publication also places 'Healthy Places' at the centre of strategic policies with the aim of maximising health and wellbeing gains from development proposals and ensuring negative impacts are designed out or mitigated. We have also included within our Preferred Options a new policy focus upon bio-diversity net gain, which requires developers to ensure habitats for wildlife are enhanced and left in a measurably better state than they were found pre-development.



Supporting jobs, training and skills development

The plan sets out to support the delivery of at least 1,600 jobs per annum over 17 years (over 27,000 jobs in total), training and new skills requirements for major developments and a need to refresh our portfolio of employment land to meet local business demands and attract investment to ensure the District competes on the global stage.

The plan takes a more positive position than the regional economic forecast and aligns with the job growth ambitions set out in the Council's economic growth strategy for the District. The core strategy is underpinned by the changing nature of employment and move towards part-time jobs, 'double jobbing' and home working as well as more diversification in the range and types of jobs and growth sectors. The need to optimise local skills, education and training opportunities through major developments is also built into updated economic policies.

The new Business Development Zones (BDZs) offer opportunities for the intensification of employment uses and potentially higher job densities within established employment areas, as well as accessibility and environmental improvements. The Preferred Options document also recognises that there is a need for a significant positive change in the quality of employment land within the District. The current portfolio of employment land is under review with an estimated need for at least 60ha of good quality land in the right locations to meet needs.

Driving high quality housing and place-making

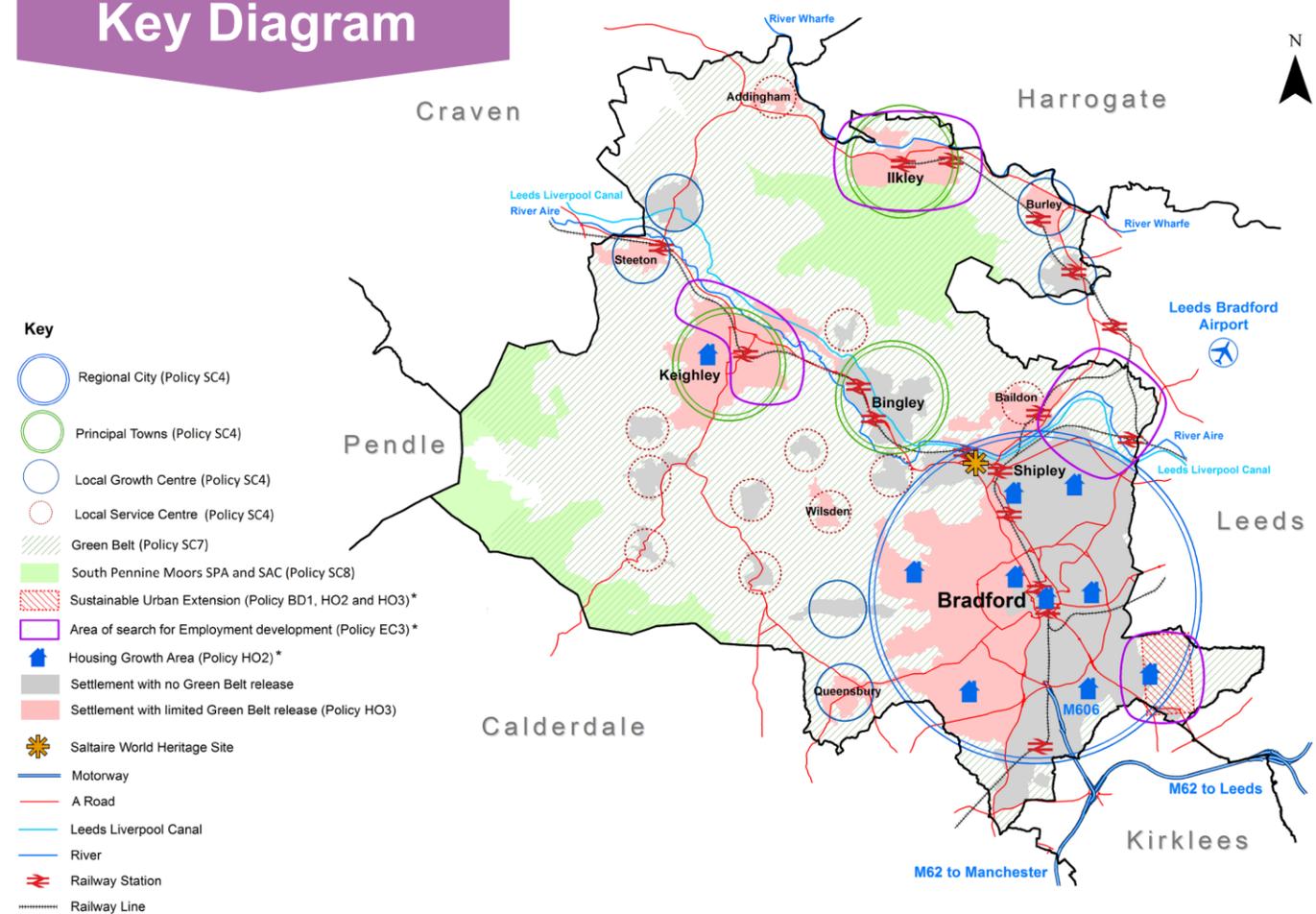
The District has varied and changing housing requirements and there is a need to ensure that we build adaptable high quality housing developments with the right mix of housing types to support the growth of our communities. The Council has extensively surveyed local housing needs and it is clear that further thought and policy is required

on planning for an ageing population, specialist accommodation needs, support for custom and self-build housing and ensuring that we have the right type of affordable housing across the District.

The evidence would also indicate that there is a need for a substantial improvement in the physical quality of housing built in the District. Through the local plan review we are proposing enhanced accessibility and wheelchair housing standards and minimum space standards. Policy is also supported by a new Draft Homes and Neighbourhoods Design Guide SPD.

The Preferred Options continues to include support for housing and sustainable development, protecting local character and creating distinctive neighbourhoods – promoting higher density brownfield urban regeneration within the inner and outer city and town centres and around transport hubs. The plan also makes strong provision for a managed and where appropriate phased approach to housing delivery to ensure that the right infrastructure is delivered at the right time.

Key Diagram



*Sites shown are indicative. Exact locations/boundaries to be determined through the Allocations DPD.

Green Infrastructure, Transport Improvements and employment growth areas to be added.

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