

Q and A Responses - Session 10: Youth Network Event – 5th March 2021

Session Questions / Matters Raised	In Session Comments	Follow Up
	Is this the same as the Thornton strategy map?	Similar information presented (this example is for Ilkley). The plan work has involved building layers of information (using geographical information systems) to develop strategy maps for various parts of the District.
How should homes be built? How should homes be designed? Do you want flats or houses? Does everyone want to own a home?	I think there should be eco-friendly-homes, solar panel so people can save money on their bills.	The plan features a strong focus upon improving housing standards (policy HO9) and a move towards more sustainable energy use (policy EN10).
	Houses are unaffordable, the age of buying a house in going up, think we will be permanently renting	The delivery of more affordable housing is an important aspect of the plan and set out under Policy HO5 in particular. Some affordable housing options allow people to buy a partial stake or share in a property as well as provide a rental payment at a reduced scale appropriate to the value of the property. Government has also introduced measures to support first time buyers enter the property market and has consulted on other measures including 'First Homes'.
	There needs to be new ways to get young people on the property ladder who want to stay in Bradford.	Welcome further views on initiatives.
	Scared of not owning a home, renting a flat more realistic when look at affordability of housing. Agree with comments.	See comments above about affordable housing and interested in further views on meeting affordable housing needs.
	Eco friendly homes – environmentally motivated – as good a design to help the environment as possible.	Please have a review of the housing and environmental policies in the plan.

	Geothermal heating a possibility?	Yes – the Government’s future homes standard sets out the requirement for heat pumps to be the primary heating system in new ‘zero carbon ready’ homes.
	Solar farms and wind turbines for future energy use.	The Council is currently undertaking a ‘call for sites’ for ideas in relation of locations for solar and wind technology.
	There is a high population of homeless people in Bradford perhaps more youth hostels for young people? Tackling empty home and the homelessness strategy to be looked at.	Tackling empty homes (particularly long term empty homes) has been a topic across a number of the online events. The planning team will be discussing further with housing colleagues and will also pick-up youth homelessness in more detail.
What types of jobs and where?	Not sure what types of jobs Struggle to find jobs, lower skilled jobs needed	Comments noted – the plan includes a policy focus upon linking jobs and skills development opportunities to new development (Policy EC3) and an overall focus upon supporting economic growth and development with a jobs target of 1600 per year.
	Hard to get in to retail apprenticeships or jobs, need to build up experience	The Council has quite a bit of information about apprenticeship support and might be worth visiting: https://www.bradford.gov.uk/jobs/apprenticeships/information-about-apprenticeships-for-young-people/
Retail and shopping? Improving the High Street?	Outdoor seating areas needed in retail area	Interesting point made about ensuring external seating can be used all year round.
	need more mental health services, places for young people to go in person.	Comments noted – will pick-up in discussions with health sector colleagues.
	The City centre is very busy in Summer	Noted that there is a lot of positives about Bradford City Centre.

	Outside ice rink, Christmas markets, would be nice to see	Comments noted about the need to diversify the attraction, events and overall offer of the city centre.
	Cost accessibility is a big factor, need to make activities cheaper or subsidise. Perhaps could do vouchers for leisure activities?	Interesting points – vouchers and incentives to spend local could be investigated further.
Transport – more active /health challenges How do you get around? What about the car?	Off street parking a priority. In Shipley, for example there are so many cars, it is hard to cross roads, doesn't feel safe. I take the bus so could bus lanes be prioritised? It is a popular mode of transport.	The Local Plan includes a number of transport policy ideas to improve cycling, walking and public transport use. There are also current programmes to make places more people friendly including improvements to the public realm. Shipley is currently subject to Town Fund initiative. Further information is available here: https://www.bradford.gov.uk/regeneration/towns-fund/shipley-town-fund/
	There could also be charging points for electric cars perhaps why lack of electric cars at moment.	The Council was one of the first in the country to introduce the need for electric charging points on new houses, but much could be done to improve the infrastructure across the district.
	Need to look at affordability of buses, for younger people bus passes are a lot of money.	Comments noted ad to pick-up with transport planning colleagues. Some Councils / locations have introduced multi-mode (bus / tram / underground) travel cards, which can help make using public transport easier and in some instances more cost effective.
	Great Horton area would love to cycle but is very hilly. Need more cycle lanes. Would cycle in city Centre though where it is flat.	Comments noted – for some hills are a cycling challenge. The plan includes a focus upon new cycling infrastructure and route planning to encourage good take-up.

	More public bicycles, cost –effective such as free bikes. Park and Ride scheme/make more affordable.	Interesting comments and link to some ideas in the plan about new park and ride infrastructure. Some initiatives already in Bradford for low cost bike supply / ownership, but more could be explored.
	Car sharing could be encouraged, insurance and tax expensive. Could do car clubs?	Yes - again – could form part of a move to a more sustainable transport strategy.
	Need safer places to store bikes.	Agree – both at home and within urban areas. Part of some of the new transport policy thinking.
Climate Change Key priorities? Big challenges? Green Spaces?	What about smart street lighting?	The Council has started work on a smart street lighting project and currently surveying the District's lighting infrastructure. Further information is available here: https://www.bradford.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/highways/the-smart-street-lighting-project/
	Shops to stop using plastic, take in own packaging, eco shops, biodegradable options	Could form part of refreshing Bradford's retail offer?
	Climate change need education on climate change teach as part of curriculum could we plant a tree a child? How great would that be?	Bradford Council launches mass tree-planting project Bradford Council
Do we have enough open space? How often do you visit parks/open spaces?	Parks need to be more interactive. Need something to do there, art museum, chessboards, statues,	Thanks some interesting ideas – will add into the work on open space strategy to sit alongside the local plan.

	sculptures, games even adults enjoy play!	
	Need to make sure spaces are safe.	Yes – was picked-up as a major obstacle to the use of open spaces when interviewing a wide range of local residents as part of the open space work to underpin the local plan. Open Space Needs and Demand Assessment 2020 (bradford.gov.uk)
	Barely go to my park, not well maintained, needs a litter pick up	Thanks – comments noted.
Biggest challenges for Bradford?	Access to jobs	
	Racism in Bradford – continues to be an issue in organisations but relationships are changing with different generations.	
	Could we do different events for Diwali and Eid?	
Future work /involvement in the plan?	Would like to help	
	Would help with future work on the plan	
	How do we do that? Wider younger cohort? Online events, social media, engage more young people. Could target schools broad range of young people to engage with across	Thanks for the input in the session will pick-up with co-ordinator and discussion options to widen engagement.

	the District and access hard to reach groups.	
--	---	--