

## City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council

### Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document

#### Adoption Statement

In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), notice is hereby given that the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council adopted the Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

#### Purpose

The SPD provides up-to-date details and additional guidance in relation to Policies EN4: Landscape and DS2: Working with the Landscape of the adopted Core Strategy (2017). The SPD will primarily be used by landscape and planning officers to assess development proposals as part of the determination of planning applications, ensuring that they respond to the sensitivities of the relevant landscape character type/area in which they are situated. It will also be used by developers when designing their schemes and also by other landscape professionals working on landscape-scale projects.

The Landscape Character Assessment provides an overview of the landscape planning context, sets out the methodology and guidance used to undertake the character assessments, and presents the specific profiles and assessment outcomes for each of the landscape character types and areas. The assessment has redefined the landscape character types and areas which cover the district, taking account of the Natural England guidance, best practice and neighbouring authorities' character assessments. It identifies eight main landscape character types present in the district, with 24 locally specific character areas sitting under these types.

#### Consultation

A formal public consultation on the Supplementary Planning Document was carried out for a four-week period between Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025. All parties whose details are held on the Council's Stay Connected database and have indicated they wish to be contacted on planning policy matters, were notified of the consultation. This included statutory bodies and organisations, local organisations, businesses and residents. The consultation material was made available on the Council's online consultation portal and website, with paper copies sent to the deposit locations (libraries and council offices) across the District, in line with the requirements of the regulations and Council's Statement of Community Involvement. A press release was also issued and appeared in local newspapers.

A number of modifications were made to the SPD, pursuant to section 23(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, taking into account the representations received to the consultation. These modifications are set out in the Statement of Consultation which accompanies the SPD, and provides a summary of the main issues raised through the consultation process and how they have been addressed.

#### Availability of documents

The adopted Supplementary Planning Document, Statement of Consultation and Adoption Statement can be viewed:

- On the Council's website at: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/landscape-character-assessment-supplementary-planning-document/>

- At the Council's principal offices during normal opening hours:
  - Britannia House, Broadway, Bradford, BD1 1HX; and
  - Keighley Town Hall, Bow Street, Keighley, BD21 3PA
  
- At the following District Libraries during normal opening hours:
  - Bradford City Library, Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1SD;
  - Bradford Local Studies, Margaret McMillian Tower, Princess Way, Bradford, BD1 1NN;
  - Bingley Library, 5 Rise Shopping Centre, Bingley, BD16 1AW;
  - Ilkley Library, Station Road, Ilkley, LS29 8HA;
  - Keighley Library, North Street, Keighley BD21 3SX; and
  - Shipley Library, Wellcroft, Shipley, BD18 3QH.

### **Judicial Review**

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the SPD may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of the decision to adopt the SPD. Such an application must be made promptly and in any event not later than three months after the date on which the SPD was adopted.

### **Further Information**

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