

# Plan-it Bradford

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Plan-it Bradford is the e-newsletter that keeps you up to date with the latest planning policy news and the progress being made on the Local Plan for the Bradford District.



## Core Strategy Examination Update Proposed Modifications Consultation

**As part of the ongoing Examination of the Core Strategy DPD, the Council proposed a series of main modifications to the Publication Draft version of the plan.**

The proposed modifications addressed issues of soundness raised during the hearings and provided several updates which were required as a result of new evidence base studies and recent changes to Government policy.

**The Proposed Modifications were published for comment for eight weeks from Wednesday 25th November 2015 ending on Wednesday 20th January 2016.**

**The Council received 118 duly made representations by the**

**close of the consultation. These representations have been given to the Inspector, Mr Stephen Pratt, for his consideration.**

**In addition, the Council are also considering the issues which were raised and will be providing a formal response in due course. This will be published, when available, on the Council's website together with copies of the representations.**

The Inspector is considering the need for any further hearing sessions to discuss any new or outstanding issues which have been raised during the latest consultation which cannot be dealt with by written representations alone. Details of these will be published on our website and the Programme Officer will make contact with all those parties who have made relevant representations.

Once the Inspector has fully considered the representations he will finalise his report. Once this report has been received by the Council, it can consider his decision as to whether the Council can adopt the plan, subject to any recommendations, and move towards legally adopting the Core Strategy by the end of 2016.

Any progress/news updates will continue to be published on the Examination webpage. Please keep checking this webpage for the latest news from the Programme Officer or the Inspector: [http://www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/the\\_environment/planning\\_service/local\\_development\\_framework/core\\_strategy\\_dpd\\_examination](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/the_environment/planning_service/local_development_framework/core_strategy_dpd_examination)

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# Site Allocations – Issues and Options Public consultation to commence!

**The site Allocations Development Plan Document - Issues and Options consultation, together with a 'Call for Sites' and 'Call for Evidence', will begin shortly. The Council are currently finalising dates and details so keep in touch via our website... in the meantime we would like to give you some more information.**

The Allocations plan has three key roles, these will be to:

- 1. Identify the sites and land which will be allocated to meet the District's need for homes, jobs and community facilities such as schools;**
- 2. Undertake a review of the District's green belt;**
- 3. Review and designate key areas of greenspace which will be protected from development.**

It will be required to conform to and implement the policies within the Core Strategy. The Council will not be consulting on matters such as how many new homes each area could or should accommodate. It will however be seeking views on which sites would be the most appropriate and most sustainable for delivering the Core Strategy's targets.

## Sites For Development

The Council faces a massive challenge in identifying enough land for new homes, employment sites; sites for gypsies and travellers and travelling show people and sites for new community facilities such as new schools.

As part of the consultation exercise the Council will be publishing lists of potential development sites within each town and village which are based on current data sources such as the Strategic Housing Land Available Assessment (SHLAA) and the Employment Land Register. The Council wish to hear views about the suitability of those sites, what they should be used for or whether they would be best kept undeveloped or in their current use.

There will also be a 'call for sites' giving an opportunity for new sites to be recommended. The Council's website has a 'Call for Sites' form which should be used as it ensures that the Council has enough information to identify and assess these sites.

## Areas of Greenspace

Another key aspect of the consultation will be to assess which areas of within our towns and villages play a crucial as green spaces, ranging from sports and playing pitches and allotments to more informal open green areas. The current plan – the RUDP has a network of designated greenspaces but these will need to be reviewed and updated. New or better areas of green space may be identified and in some areas new areas may be needed to offset or mitigate the impacts of development.

## Call For Evidence

The Council has already produced or commissioned a large body of evidence to support the Core Strategy and some of this such as the SHLAA will play a crucial role in the Allocations work.

New technical evidence which will be produced includes:

- **Sustainability Appraisal**
- **Habitat Regulation Assessment**
- **Strategic Flood Risk Assessment**
- **Highway and transport assessment**

However at this early stage of work on the new plan the Council welcomes submissions of other additional relevant evidence. This could be submissions about particular sites, it might be local studies or surveys produced by other bodies or by the local communities or it might be best practice examples of work or methodologies from other areas.

## Methodologies

The Council will also be publishing for comment draft methodologies for how it is proposing to assess and compare potential development sites and how it is proposing to review the green belt. Site assessments will need to

ensure that the sites that are chosen are those which deliver most benefits, have least impacts on the environment and which are most accessible to services and public transport.

The Core Strategy estimates that a significant amount of land will need to be released to meet development targets in particular for housing and employment land. A systematic review of the land around the district's towns and villages will be needed and the green belt methodology will set out where the review will be applied and what criteria will be used.

## The forthcoming consultation

Members of the public, stakeholders and other interested parties will therefore have the opportunity to provide comments on the documents which will ultimately influence the future land use and development of the Bradford District.

All customers on the Local Plan database will receive a notification letter or E-mail with further details of this consultation when it commences.

The Council invites you to respond to the consultation in whatever format you find best, however the Council will have response forms which make the process of recording, analysing and acknowledging responses quicker and more efficient. Plus for this consultation the Council will use an electronic questionnaire and a web based set of maps for those who wish to use more modern methods!

If you do not currently receive any mailings from the Development Plan Group and would like to be kept up to date with this plan, please E-mail [planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk) with your request.

Alternatively, a dedicated Allocations webpage will be the key resource for information, draft documents and guidance on how to make your views and comments known. This webpage can be accessed at: [www.bradford.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/planningpolicy) then by clicking on 'Development Plan Documents' and then 'Allocations DPD'.

# Update on the Area Action Plans (AAP), Waste Management and CIL Draft Charging Schedule Consultations

The 8 week public consultation on the Bradford City Centre AAP, Shipley & Canal Road Corridor AAP, Waste Management Plan DPD and the Community Infrastructure Levy ended on 8th February. The Council are now in the process of reviewing and responding to the issues raised in the four consultations.

It is anticipated that the AAPs, Waste Management Plan DPD and CIL will be submitted to Secretary of State by the end of April 2016.

The Examination in Public of each of the Plans is anticipated between June and August 2016. Subject to the Inspectors Report, adoption by Full Council will be by the end of 2016.

## Local Plan Timetable Update

The Council is in the process of preparing a number of Development Plan Documents (DPDs) which will form part of the Local Plan for the Bradford District. The key planning documents are listed below along with an indication of their current progress and anticipated public consultation timetables:

Document	Stage	Due Date
Core Strategy DPD	Submission	12th December 2014
	Examination	Ongoing
Allocations DPD	Issues & Options consultation	Spring/Summer 2016
Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan DPD	Publication Draft	Consultation ended February 2016
	Submission	April 2016
Shipley & Canal Road Corridor Area Action Plan DPD	Publication Draft	Consultation ended February 2016
	Submission	April 2016
Waste Management DPD	Publication Draft	Consultation ended February 2016
	Submission	April 2016

## Evidence Base

It is essential that the Local Plan is based upon up-to-date and robust evidence to underpin the approach and policies in the Plan.

The Council has published a number of wide ranging studies and reports which provide local evidence in support for the Local Plan for the Bradford District. These studies are available to view at: [www.bradford.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/planningpolicy), then click on 'Evidence Base'.

## Keeping Updated

The purpose of the *Plan-it Bradford* e-newsletter is to provide up-to-date information to interested parties in and around the Bradford District on issues relating to planning policy.

All those persons and organisations on the Development Plan database will receive an electronic copy of this quarterly newsletter via e-mail. You will also receive e-mail notifications of any Local Plan consultations.

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