

# 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 Update Examination News

### Public Consultation on the Proposed Modifications

As part of the ongoing Examination of the Core Strategy DPD, the Council is now proposing a series of main modifications to the Publication Draft version of the plan, following the outcomes of the hearing sessions which were held in March along with further evidence.

The proposed modifications address issues of soundness raised during the initial hearings, along with others resulting from updated evidence base studies and recent changes to Government policy.

The Council has updated two key pieces of evidence, namely the Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation Assessment and the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). These reports will be published alongside the consultation document and will be available to view on our 'Evidence Base' web page.

The Council will shortly be seeking comments on these proposed main modifications to the Core Strategy.

**Public consultation on the proposed modifications will commence on Wednesday 25th November 2015 for 8 weeks, ending at 4pm on Wednesday 20th January 2016.**

Following the consultation, all representations will be forwarded onto Mr Stephen Pratt, Planning Inspector, for his consideration.

All comments must relate to a main modification identified in the **Proposed Main Modifications** document. Comments which do not relate to a modification may not be taken into consideration by the Inspector at this stage in the process.

It is anticipated that the Inspector will finalise his report by spring 2016. This would allow the Council to consider his report and, subject to his recommendations, move towards legally adopting the Core Strategy later in 2016.

The Core Strategy Proposed Main Modifications and supporting documents will be available at: [www.bradford.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/planningpolicy) under 'Core Strategy - Proposed Modifications'.

This issue brings you the latest news on the following Local Plan documents:

- ▶ *The Core Strategy Proposed Modifications Consultation*
- ▶ *Area Actions Plans*
- ▶ *Community Infrastructure Levy*
- ▶ *Waste DPD*
- ▶ *Update on Neighbourhood Planning activities within the District.*

In addition to the main modifications the Council will also make available for information an 'Additional Modifications' which are of a minor nature.

All those interested parties who are currently on the Local Plan database will automatically receive a notification at the start of this consultation with details of where to find the documents and how to make comments.

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).

# Have your say!

You're going to be hearing a lot more from us...

The Council is committed to putting in place a new Local Plan for the District as soon as possible to ensure we get the very best developments for our communities.

As a result, the Council is embarking on a busy period of public consultations over the next few months on several Local Plan documents and as a subscriber to Plan-it you will receive various emails from us to notify you of the start of several consultations.

We appreciate that receiving lots of emails can be annoying; however we are asking you to please bear with us and more importantly to get involved as appropriate and relevant to the document and the stage it has reached. Some of the consultations are on well developed final drafts of documents before we submit to Government for examination, while other such as the Allocations DPD, will be at an early stage of consultation and will progress over the next couple of years. This is your chance to have your say on the future plans for the District.

## Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule - Update

A six week public consultation on the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule ended on 11th September. The Council received 46 responses during the consultation period and these are currently in the process of being reviewed by officers.

The Draft CIL Charging Schedule was approved at meeting of Executive on 3rd November 2015 and will be considered at meeting of Full Council on 8th December. The Draft CIL Charging Schedule will then be published for further public consultation in December.

All those customers currently on the Local Plan database will automatically receive a separate notification at the start of this consultation with details of where to find the documents and how to make comments.

Once adopted the Bradford District Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will be means of collecting funds from development to help contribute towards the funding of infrastructure required to deliver the policies and proposals in Local Plan, including the Core Strategy and other Development Plan Documents.

For further information on the Bradford District Community Infrastructure Levy contact Alex Bartle, Planning Officer on [alex.bartle@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:alex.bartle@bradford.gov.uk)

## Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan and Shipley & Canal Road Corridor Area Action Plan

The Council is currently preparing development plans for Bradford City Centre and Shipley and Canal Road Corridor, the two key regeneration areas for housing and economic growth within the District.

The Council's Executive Committee gave approval for public consultation on the Publication Draft versions of these plans on 13th October 2015. This was followed by approval at meeting of Full Council on 20th October 2015.

Public consultation on each Area Action Plan will commence in December 2015 for eight weeks. All those customers currently on the Local Plan database will automatically receive a separate notification at the start of this consultation with details of where to find the documents and how to make comments.

For further information on either Area Action Plan, please visit our website at: [www.bradford.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/planningpolicy) then click on 'Development Plan Documents'.

## 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) under 'Evidence Base'.

# Allocations – Issues and Options Public consultation to commence in December 2015

With significant progress now made on the strategic element of the Local Plan, the Core Strategy, work is now underway on the production of the Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD).

The work will begin with a period of informal consultation beginning in December and spanning several months into the New Year. Public consultation will be undertaken in stages with the initial focus on seeking views on the scope of the Plan, what key issues should be addressed, and a call for evidence. The New Year will see a 'Call For Sites' and invitation to comment on the sites in the Council's current land supply database.

The key roles of the Allocations DPD will be to:

- Firstly to identify the sites and land which will be allocated to meet the district's need for homes and jobs and community facilities such as schools;

- Secondly to undertake a review of the green belt;
- Thirdly to review and designate key areas of greenspace which will be protected from development;

The Allocations DPD will be informed by a range of research and evidence and will be accompanied by an update Infrastructure Plan. A key focus will be on undertaking a Sustainability Appraisal of the options and policies within the emerging Plan.

The Allocations DPD 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'.

## 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
	Proposed Modifications	8 week consultation 25th November 2015 – 20th January 2016
Allocations DPD	Issues & Options consultation	Winter 2015/2016
Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan DPD	Publication Draft	Consultation to commence December 2015
Shipley & Canal Road Corridor Area Action Plan DPD	Publication Draft	Consultation to commence December 2015
Waste Management DPD	Publication Draft	Consultation to commence December 2015

## Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Review

Assessment under the Habitats Regulations is part of preparing a plan and is necessary to ensure that the plan does not lead to adverse effects on the ecological integrity of internationally important habitats, or species assemblages within or close to the district.

A review of the HRA has been undertaken by the Council and its consultants in consultation with key stakeholders, in particular Natural England. The review sought to address several issues raised as part of the initial hearings. The major element in this was technical review work, identified during the hearings, focusing on the interpretation of bird data gathered during earlier survey work.

The HRA Review will be published in support of the proposed main modifications as part of our formal consultation.

## Waste Management Development Plan Document (DPD)

The Council is currently preparing the Waste Management Development Plan Document (DPD) which will set out the planning framework for managing the Districts waste in a sustainable manner to 2030.

The Plan includes policies and allocations for the management of all types of waste, including municipal waste in line with the national waste strategy and the relevant European regulations.

The Waste Management DPD Publication Draft version was approved at meeting of Full Council on 20th October 2015.

It is envisaged that the public consultation on the Waste Management DPD will commence in December 2015.

# Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment

**One of the key roles of the Local Plan is to assess the need for new accommodation for travellers and show people and ultimately identify and allocate sites to meet that need.**

Providing the right type and quantity of accommodation in the right locations is crucial for the health and wellbeing of members of the traveller community and also improves the prospects for minimising unauthorised encampments.

A new study – a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment – has now been completed by consultants arc4. By looking at any current unmet need and also looking at future household growth, the study is able to project forward the need for new pitches and plots.

The study has informed the proposed main modifications to Policy HO12 of the Core Strategy.

The study is available for download on the evidence base section of the Local Plan website.

## 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.

To subscribe (or *unsubscribe*) please send your full name, organisation (if relevant) and e-mail address to: [planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk).

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## Moving home? Changing jobs? Don't forget to tell us...

**Please let us know if your contact details change, particularly your email address, so we can continue to keep you up to date with the latest planning policy news in Bradford.**

Don't forget that we have recently changed our email address too! Be sure to add [planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@bradford.gov.uk) to your contact list to avoid our emails going into your junk folder.

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