

# 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.



**Happy New Year and welcome to the first Plan-it Bradford newsletter of 2015**

This issue brings you the latest news on the **Core Strategy Submission** and forthcoming Examination, along with an update on **Neighbourhood Planning**.

## Core Strategy DPD Notification of Submission

On the 12th December 2014, following several rounds of public consultation and refinement of the supporting evidence, the Council formally submitted its **Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD)** to the **Secretary of State for Examination**.

The Core Strategy is the pivotal planning document to be produced within the Local Plan suite as it sets out a vision for place making and what change needs to be delivered in different parts of the District to 2030.

The final period of consultation, the Publication Draft stage, ended on 31st March 2014. During the consultation interested parties were invited to make representations on the soundness, legal compliance and duty to co-operate requirements. In total, the Council received over 500 representations from individuals and organisations across the District.

A summary of the issues raised and the Council's response can be found within a '*Publication Draft: Statement of Pre-Submission Consultation*' which can be downloaded from the Council's '**Core Strategy DPD – Submission to the Secretary of State**' web page.



## Submission Documents

The Council has submitted a number of documents to the Planning Inspectorate for examination. The main submission documents are listed below:

- Core Strategy Publication Draft \*
- Sustainability Appraisal \*
- Submission Statement of Consultation (Regulation 22) \*
- Publication Draft – Written Representations (made under Regulation 20)
- Statement of Pre-Submission Consultation for Publication Draft \*
- Duty to Cooperate Statement \*
- Legal Compliance Checklist (updated) \*
- Soundness Checklist \*
- Statement of Saved Policies
- Equality Impact Assessment \*
- Health Impact Assessment
- Background Paper 1 Overview
- Background Paper 2 Housing (Part 1 & 2)
- Background Paper 3 Employment and Jobs
- Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening \*
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (May 2013) \*
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (Feb 2014) \*
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (Dec 2014) \*
- Various Evidence Base documents

These documents are available to view on the Council's 'Core Strategy DPD – Submission to the Secretary of State' web page.

\* These key Submission documents are available to view at key deposit locations across the District.

## The Examination - What happens next?

The Core Strategy is now subject to scrutiny by way of an Examination, during which an independent Planning Inspector will consider whether the Plan is 'sound' and can be recommended for adopted by the Council.

Guidance and information relating to the Examination process can be found on the [Planning Inspectorates](#) website.

### Introducing the Inspector

The Secretary of State has appointed Mr. Stephen J Pratt BA (Hons) MRTPI of the Planning Inspectorate to conduct the Examination process.

### Introducing the Programme Officer

The Council has appointed Mr. Tony Blackburn as Programme Officer. He is responsible for assisting the Inspector with all aspects of the Examination administration.

Any correspondence relating to this Core Strategy Examination process should be directed to:

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### Examination-Hearing Sessions

The Examination of the Core Strategy DPD will commence on **Wednesday 4th March 2015** for approximately 10 working days.

The hearings will take place at **Victoria Hall**, Victoria Road, Saltaire, Shipley, BD18 3JS.

The Inspector will set out his programme for the Examination hearing sessions and all those who made formal written representations to the Publication Draft will have received instructions from the Programme Officer.

Whilst the hearings will be in public, attendance in terms of participants whom may be invited to speak in front of the Inspector will be restricted to those persons and bodies who made written representations. Attendance at the hearing sessions will be agreed through the Inspector via the Programme Officer prior to the session starting.

At all stages through the Examination process the Council's website will be frequently updated with new information and relevant documents. You are urged to keep checking the Examination web page for the latest information - [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).

## Deposit Locations

### Council Offices

#### Opening hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am to 5pm  
Friday 9am - 4.30pm

- **Bradford Planning Reception**  
Ground Floor, Jacob's Well,  
Nelson Street, Bradford, BD1 5RW
- **Shipley Town Hall**  
Kirkgate, Shipley, BD18 3EJ
- **Keighley One Stop Shop**  
Town Hall, Bow Street, Keighley,  
BD2 3SX
- **Ilkley Town Hall**  
Station Road, Ilkley, LS29 8HA  
*Please note: Open the first  
Tuesday of the month 9.30am to  
1pm, by appointment only.  
Telephone 01274 431000.*

### Libraries

- **Bradford City Library**  
Centenary Square, Bradford,  
BD1 1SD
- **Bradford Local Studies Library**  
Old Central Library, Princes Way,  
Bradford, BD1 1NN
- **Shipley Library**  
2 Wellcroft, Shipley, BD18 3QH
- **Bingley Library**  
Myrtle Walk, Bingley, BD16 1AW
- **Keighley Library**  
North Street, Keighley, BD21 3SX
- **Ilkley Library**  
Station Road, Ilkley, LS29 8HA

# In other Local Plan News...

## Neighbourhood Planning Update

The Council's Executive Committee has recently approved four Neighbourhood Area Applications for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area. There are now eight designated Neighbourhood Areas within the Bradford District.

On 2nd December 2014, the Executive Committee approved the following three Neighbourhood Areas:

- Menston
- Steeton-with-Eastburn including parished area of Silsden
- Wilsden

On 13th January 2015, the Committee approved a further Neighbourhood Area in:

- Cullingworth

### What happens now?

Each Parish Council can now begin to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for their area. The approach and content of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is to be decided by the Parish/Town Council, but it must be in accordance

with the Local Plan Core Strategy. The Council will seek to offer support and guidance to each Parish/Town Council during their plan preparation.

There are several stages within the process which must be undertaken before a NDP can legal become part of Bradford's Local Plan portfolio. These consist of:

- **Pre-submission consultation** - It is a legal requirement that the proposed NDP be publicised and the subject of public consultation before it is submitted to the Council.
- **Consultation** - The Council must undertake further consultation on the plan before appointing an independent inspector.
- **Independent Examination** - An inspector will assess whether the plan meets the basic requirements and relevant legal requirements.
- **Referendum** - Subject to the outcome of an examination, the inspector will recommend the Plan proceeds to a referendum. A referendum must take place on the submitted plan to determine if the community agrees with it. If the plan receives more than 50% of those voting in the referendum voting 'yes' then the Council will bring the plan into legal force.

## Current Consultations

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### Neighbourhood Area Applications

The Council has recently received two further Neighbourhood Area Applications from the following Local Council's requesting for their area to become a Neighbourhood Area for the purpose of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan:

- **Addingham Parish Council**
- **Baildon Town Council**

The Council has published these applications for public comment. The consultation commenced on Monday 26th January and will end at 4pm on Monday 9th March 2015.

For further information about this consultation and for details about how to comment, please go to: [www.bradford.gov.uk/planningpolicy](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/planningpolicy) then click on 'Current Consultations'.

## 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/ldf](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/ldf) under 'Evidence Base'.

Studies that specifically support the Core Strategy DPD, such as the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), can be found on the '[Core Strategy Submission](#)' page.

## 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	March 2015
Allocations DPD	Commencement	January 2015
Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan DPD	Preferred Option	June 2015
Shipley & Canal Road Corridor Area Action Plan DPD	Preferred Option	June 2015
Waste Management DPD	Publication Draft	June 2015

## 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 this quarterly newsletter in their e-mail in-box. 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.

**\*\* Next issue MAY 2015 \*\***

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