

What does the Local Plan include?

The Leeds Local Plan comprises:

- Core Strategy
- Saved Unitary Development Plan policies
- Natural Resources and Waste Local Plan
- Aire Valley Area Action Plan

Once Adopted, it will also include the Site Allocations Plan, which is currently at Examination.

Once Adopted, the Core Strategy Selective Review will also form part of the Local Plan.

Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan (AVLAAP)

The AVLAAP sets out a visionary planning framework for the regeneration of the Aire Valley inc. >6k homes on brownfield land.

An independent Inspector examined the plan in January 2017 and recommended that subject to a number of minor modifications the Plan is sound and should be adopted by the Council. The Plan was adopted by Full Council on 8th November 2017.

Site Allocations Plan (SAP)

The SAP identifies land where new homes, employment, retail centres and greenspaces are to be located.

The SAP is currently being examined by two independent Inspectors and the public hearings are in two stages. Stage 1 was held in Oct 2017 and examined retail, employment, green space, Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. Stage 2 is programmed to take place in Jul 2018 and will examine housing and all other matters not examined in Stage 1.

Amendments to the SAP have been made to change 43 previously released Green Belt sites, to "Broad Locations", which will remain within the Green Belt until a subsequent review of the SAP: These include: 33 previously proposed housing allocations (with potential for circa. 6,454 homes) and 10 previously proposed safeguarded land sites. These amendments are subject of consultation between 15th January until 5pm on 26th February 2018.

Drop-in sessions are on **30th Jan** and **19th Feb** at the Civic Hall.

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The Inspectors' final report will be issued after all matters have been considered.

Further Information www.leeds.gov.uk/ldf - the Council's Local Plan webpage

ldf@leeds.gov.uk – email for further information

<http://www.hwa.uk.com/projects/leeds-site-allocations-plan-examination/> - the programme officer's webpages for the SAP examination



Core Strategy Selective Review (CSSR)

The Council agreed to undertake a selective review of the Core Strategy within 3 years of its adoption in 2014. A Publication Draft of the Plan will be available for consultation in February 2018.

The review covers 7 elements:

- Update the housing requirement of Core Strategy Policy SP6
- Extend the Core Strategy plan period from 2028 by 5 years to 2033
- Update sustainable construction Policies EN1 and EN2 to reflect national advice
- Update affordable housing and greenspace policies H5, G4 & G5
- Electric Vehicle Charging Policy
- Incorporate Housing Space and Access Standards
- Consequential changes and additions as a result of consultation feedback

The Review proposes that a housing requirement of **51,952 (net)** dwellings be provided between 2017 and 2033.

The Core Strategy Selective Review public consultation is due to run from **9th Feb** to **23rd Mar 2018**. Please check here for more details: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Core-Strategy-Review.aspx>.

Drop-in sessions are due to be held for local communities on **1st March** and for developers on **15th March 2018** at Leeds Civic Hall.

Evidence Base

The revised housing requirement is supported by a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA). A reference group, including local community representatives, helped steer this work. The draft final document is available here:

[http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Strategic-Housing-Market-Assessment-\(SHMA\).aspx](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Strategic-Housing-Market-Assessment-(SHMA).aspx)

The SHMA provides evidence on three main areas:

- Objectively assessed housing need
- Affordable housing need
- The needs of different groups and different geographical areas
- Local area reports (pending)

Key Context and Further Information

The Government consultation document, *'Planning for the Right homes in the right places: consultation proposals'* sets out -

1. Standard method for calculating local authorities' housing need
2. The Government's proposed method sets **an indicative annual figure of 2,649 for Leeds** or **42,000 homes** for a plan period
3. It notes that this is the minimum number of homes needed in a local authority, and that Councils may decide to deliver more housing due to economic growth ambitions

