

This Newsletter sets out an update on Planning Policy documents forming part of the Local Development Framework (Local Plan), providing planning guidance for development in Leeds

Leeds Core Strategy Review

The Leeds Core Strategy was Adopted in November 2014. It is the strategic planning framework containing economic, environmental and social objectives, which set the spatial strategy to focus growth on the main urban area and prioritise previously developed land.

The City Council is undertaking a selective review of the document concentrating on:

- 1) Reviewing the housing requirement
- 2) Extending the plan period to 2033
- 3) Incorporating National Housing Space and Accessibility Standards for new housing
- 4) Incorporating new national practice into policy regarding Code for Sustainable Homes
- 5) Updating policies on affordable housing
- 6) Reviewing the requirement for greenspace in new housing developments

The selective review will start with public consultation on whether these matters need to be reviewed or whether others should be added. Evidence will also need to be prepared.

The timetable of the review will be:

- Evidence, scoping & early consultation: Early 2017
- Drafting: Summer 2017
- Formal consultation: December 2017

We will contact everyone on our database to let you know about the early consultation.

Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan

Aire Valley Leeds lies between the city centre and the M1 corridor and contains over 400 hectares of development land, which can help meet the District's need for housing and provide new jobs. The plan allocates land for over 5,000 homes on previously developed land and provides the framework to regenerate this former industrial area into an urban eco-settlement, capitalising on the Enterprise Zone and new infrastructure.

The Examination of the Plan was held in January 2017. The Inspector will make her recommendations and there will be further consultation on proposed modifications. We will contact those previously notified, when these are available.

Neighbourhood Planning

Since 2012 communities have the right to prepare a neighbourhood plan. A neighbourhood plan is a community-led planning framework for guiding future development, regeneration and conservation of an area. It may deal with a range of issues such as housing, employment, heritage and transport. A neighbourhood plan will form part of the statutory 'Local Plan' for the area, if successful at referendum.

Current Neighbourhood Planning updates :

- 1) Leeds City Council is seeking to "make" the Clifford NP in Spring 2017
- 2) Bardsey Parish Council and Barwick in Elmet & Scholes Parish Council have submitted their proposals for examination. These are currently being publicised by the Council.
- 3) It is expected that Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum and Boston Spa Parish Council will submit their plan proposals for examination shortly.

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

The East Leeds Extension (ELE) Development Framework SPD

The ELE is a large housing allocation (5,000 homes) and requires the construction of a new road – the East Leeds Orbital road (ELOR). The SPD will deliver a Development Framework which adds clarity to the site and infrastructure requirements and provides a clear framework to secure its deliver. The ELE SPD will be out for public consultation in March 2017.

Hot Food Take Aways

There are national and local concerns to address health issues associated with unhealthy diets and promote healthier lifestyles. The Planning system has an important role in helping to control the nature and location of new hot food takeaways. A draft SPD will be considered by Development Plan Panel in March prior to public consultation shortly thereafter.

Authority Monitoring Report (2016)

The Councils report on Plan performance is now available to view on-line. It sets out the following headlines on housing delivery:

- Over 10,500 new homes completed between April 2012 and March 2016
- On average 80% of new homes are being built on previously developed land
- Since 2012 nearly 2,000 long term empty properties have been brought back into use
- Planning permissions granted for nearly 5,000 new homes every year since 2012
- Over 2,800 affordable homes delivered since 2012
- Over 4,000 new homes approved on greenfield sites in the last 4 years to help diversify the housing market

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