

GARFORTH

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Neighbourhood Planning allows communities to help shape and plan their neighbourhood. Since 2013/14, when the Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum was established, many opportunities have been taken to engage with the people of Garforth to find out what matters and what the priorities are. There have been many iterations and formalities. You may have commented in the Regulation 14 consultation in early 2021. The Plan is now a culmination of all those views which, if approved at referendum, will become a legal document, sitting alongside other planning documents and will be taken into account when planning applications are made.

It has now been submitted to Leeds City Council for independent examination. To inspect the Plan or to make a representation, please see the options at the end of this summary.

Two themes run throughout the Plan:

- Health and well-being
- Climate change and the need to reduce carbon emissions

These have influenced the Vision and the Objectives which are then realised through the Policies in each topic area. The Leeds City Council Local Plan Update focuses on climate change policies, including green infrastructure, carbon reduction, flood risk, place making and sustainable infrastructure, all of which are reflected in the Policies in Garforth's Neighbourhood Plan.

Advice has been taken from officers at Leeds City Council and the Plan complies with local and national policies on each topic.

The contents page shows where to look for each section or topic. Care has been taken to explain how the Plan is set out and where you can find specific information. The key statements are the Policies at the end of each main section. If you want to examine the detail and justification for each policy, please read the preceding explanations.

The Policies cover the following topics:

Housing and the Built Environment

The policies only support development where proposals:

- Meet local needs and provide a range of housing for different demographics
- Take into account, and act on, the problem of flooding
- Are designed to reduce carbon emissions and be environmentally sustainable
- Are designed to promote health and wellbeing by taking into account the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and those with mobility problems and make it easy for children to play outside.

Business, Employment and the Town Centre

The policies with regard to business and employment support proposals which aim to ensure:

- existing employment sites are safeguarded
- new employment sites will not over stretch infrastructure
- active travel to work is encouraged

The Policies with regard to Garforth Town Centre support proposals which:

- help improve the overall appearance of the street
- improve pedestrian access
- develop Town End into a cohesive approach to Main Street
- have no adverse affect on the ability of the Town Centre to meet day-to-day shopping needs.
- provide new public car parking near the Town Centre

Transport

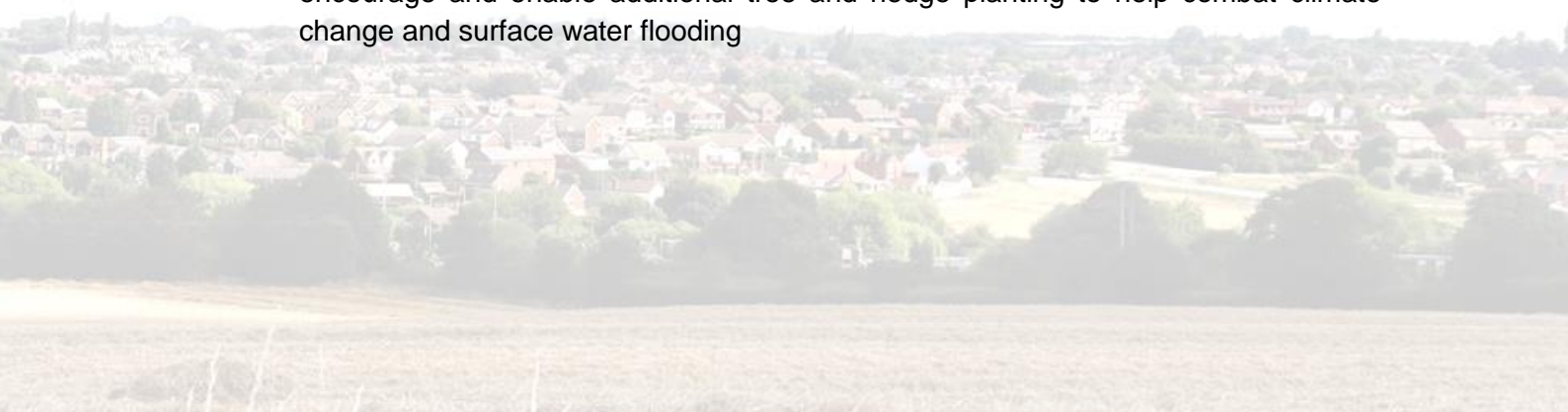
The policies with regard to transport support development proposals which:

- promote active travel such as cycling and walking
- provide access to existing footpaths, bridleways and green infrastructure
- address the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and those with impaired mobility

Green Space and the Rural Environment

The policies support proposals which:

- designate additional green spaces within Garforth to help improve physical and mental health
- improve the existing green space sites
- improve footpaths within and around Garforth to encourage walking and cycling
- protect wildlife habitats and extend wildlife corridors around Garforth
- preserve grade 2 and 3 agricultural land around Garforth for food production
- encourage wildlife features in new construction e.g. swift bricks to replace lost nesting sites
- protect key views and landscape features e.g. trees , hedgerows within and around Garforth
- encourage and enable additional tree and hedge planting to help combat climate change and surface water flooding



Community and Leisure

The policies support proposals which will promote community activities for health and wellbeing by:

- safeguarding existing community facilities from change of use
- supporting the development of new community facilities, taking into account local community needs

Education and Healthcare

The policies support proposals which will aim to ensure that:

- school places are available to all those of school age living in Garforth who require them
- opportunities for both indoor and outdoor education are protected and enhanced
- schools are well designed and contribute to the health and wellbeing of the local community
- safe access to schools can be encouraged without car travel
- existing GP surgeries will be protected for their healthcare use
- healthcare provision in Garforth offers a comprehensive range of facilities

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