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CONSULTATION ON ISSUES AND OPTIONS FOR LEEDS SITE ALLOCATIONS PLAN
Public Consultation Monday 3rd June to 5pm Monday 29th July 2013

Dear Sir / Madam,

This letter is to inform you that the City Council has published the Issues and Options for Leeds Site Allocations Plan for public consultation. There will be an 8 week public consultation period starting on Monday 3rd June and finishing at 5pm on Monday 29th July.

The Site Allocations Plan is a key document in the Local Development Framework or Local Plan for Leeds in identifying specific allocations for development to 2028. It will cover the whole of Leeds district except for the area within the Aire Valley Area Action Plan, as this is a separate plan.

The Site Allocations Plan will provide site allocations that will help to deliver the Core Strategy policies, ensuring that sufficient land is available in appropriate locations to meet the targets set out in the Core Strategy and achieve the Council's ambitions for:

- managing the needs of a growing city by planning for and delivering houses in sustainable locations and making best use of land and premises to deliver economic development.
- supporting the continued vitality, economic role and distinctiveness of the city centre and promoting the role of town and local centers as the heart of the community as a focus for shopping and community services; and
- Protecting and enhancing green and open spaces, improving their quality, connectivity and accessibility.

The Issues and Options stage of the Site Allocations Plan sets out **early ideas** for site allocations for housing, employment, retailing and greenspace. The consultation seeks views from the public and other stakeholders on the approach taken in the document including the site suggestions and whether other sites and proposals should be considered. This is the **first consultation stage** in the preparation of the Site Allocations Plan. The Plan has to go through various stages of preparation and will be subject to examination in public by an independent Inspector before it can be adopted by the Council. As the plan progresses it will be necessary to make choices and bring forward specific allocations. At that stage more detail will be provided with policy wording including detailed development requirements where appropriate. This could include consideration of the need for supporting infrastructure such as schools, roads and transport, as well as other aspects such as local housing need (eg for older people).

We will be holding a number of drop-ins across the city where people can come along to view the key messages and the material. Planning officers will be on hand to offer guidance and support. The details of the venues are available online at www.leeds.gov.uk/siteallocations or ring (0113) 247 8092.

The consultation documents will be accessible in the following ways:

- To view /download from the **Web** – www.leeds.gov.uk/siteallocations (please note this goes live on 3rd June).
- To view by visiting the **Development Enquiry Centre** at The Leonardo Building, 2 Rossington St, Leeds, LS2 (Monday to Friday 08:30 - 17:00, except Wednesdays 10:00 - 17:00)
- To view by visiting **all libraries** and **one-stop centres** within Leeds District.

The consultation documents include:

- Volume 1: Plan Overview (this is an overview of all the topics – retail, housing, employment, greenspace and explains the context)
- Volume 2: Area 1: Aireborough (includes Guiseley, Yeadon, Rawdon)
- Volume 2: Area 2: City Centre
- Volume 2: Area 3: East Leeds
- Volume 2: Area 4: Inner Area
- Volume 2: Area 5: North Leeds
- Volume 2: Area 6: Outer North East (includes Wetherby, Harewood, Boston Spa)
- Volume 2: Area 7: Outer North West (includes Otley, Bramhope)
- Volume 2: Area 8: Outer South (includes Rothwell)
- Volume 2: Area 9: Outer South East (includes Garforth, Kippax)
- Volume 2: Area 10: Outer South West (includes Morley, Ardsley)
- Volume 2: Area 11: Outer West (includes Pudsey, Calverley)
- Erratum (Schedule of changes post printing)
- Sustainability Appraisal Report
- Sustainability Appraisal Non-Technical Summary Report
- Statement of the representations procedure

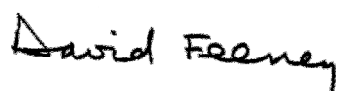
As well as viewing and downloading the above documents, you will be able to view the maps for each topic area (housing, employment, retail and greenspace) and supporting background information. Please contact us on (0113) 2478092 or email ldf@leeds.gov.uk if you have special needs regarding the documents.

Comments should preferably be **submitted on-line** at www.leeds.gov.uk/siteallocations (but can be made in writing or email) during the consultation period.

Unless you specify otherwise, if you make a representation, we will notify you of future stages (including further public consultation).

The consultation period closes at **5pm on Monday 29th July**.

Yours faithfully,



David Feeney
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