

Local Development Framework for Bradford

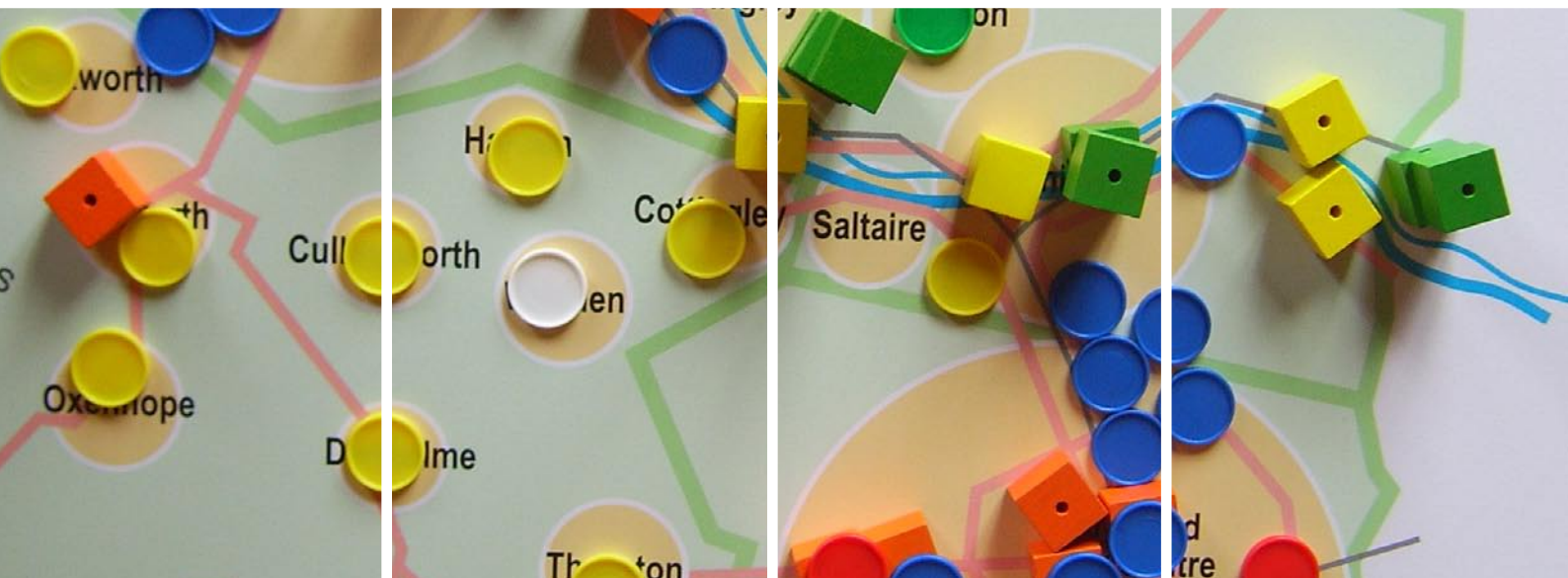
# Core Strategy

## Issues and Options

### Consultation Event Log

Stakeholder Event : BME COMMUNITIES  
Kidmat Centre, Bradford  
Highfield Centre, Keighley

June 2007









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## 1.0 EVENT OVERVIEW

### Background

- 1.1 The SCI places importance in ensuring effective and representative engagement. It recognises that many communities are often hard to reach and need a tailored approach to ensure they are consulted in a meaningful way and care is taken to remove any potential barriers to their engagement.
- 1.2 One of the hard to reach groups identified was ethnic minority or BME groups within the District. This encompasses both traditional BME groups within the District but more recent ethnic groups including those from eastern Europe. To ensure representative the Council is working partnership with Planning Aid Yorkshire to engage the range of BME communities in Bradford District.
- 1.3 A series of workshop events were run which targeted the existing BME networks. The two events were:
- Wednesday 13 June 2007 – Kidmat Centre Bradford
  - Monday 18 June 2007 – Highfield Centre Keighley
- 1.4 The events had two broad objectives:
1. Raise awareness of the Core Strategy Issues and options for Bradford.
  2. Engage with BME networks in exploring the key issues and possible options for addressing them in the Core Strategy
- 1.5 This report sets out the detailed record for each event, including the background material, delegates and notes of the discussions.

### PARTICIPANTS

- 1.6 The Council targeted invites to local organisations and groups with an interest in the area, and over seventy organisations were invited to the events. The letter of invite and a list of invitees can be found below. Participants were sent out copies of the relevant Topic Papers prior to the event, as well as the programme.
- 1.7 A total of 30 delegates plus 3 organisers and facilitators attended the event in Bradford. The letter of invite, booking form and list of delegates can be found later in this report.
- 1.8 A total of 6 delegates plus 2 organisers and facilitators attended the event in Keighley. The letter of invite, booking form and list of delegates can be found later in this report.

### PROGRAMME

- 1.9 Both events took the form of three workshops; beginning with scene setting presentations followed by break out groups, which looked two key areas.

### DOCUMENTATION

- 1.10 Copies of the Issues and Options Reports were available on registration as well as the LDF Leaflet No2 on the Core Strategy. A delegate pack was produced which contained:
- Programme

- Delegate list
- Copies of each of the presentations

**BREAK OUT GROUPS**

- 1.11 The break out groups were designed to allow people to express their opinions on the future of the District, more specifically the main issues facing the area. Each had a dedicated facilitator from Planning Aid who also acted as a scribe to record the discussions.
- 1.12 The Notes of the discussions at each event are summarised in Section 8.0.



## 2.0 LETTERS OF INVITE



**A Seminar on  
‘The Bradford Development Plan’  
“Time for BME Communities to have their say!”**

Dear Colleague

Consortia of Ethnic Minority Organisations (COEMO) in partnership with Yorkshire Planning Aid (YPA) are hosting the above very important seminar. The Plan is about housing, jobs, shopping, leisure and community facilities, transport, open spaces and a whole lot more. It is important that BME groups have their say on this plan and help to shape the future of Bradford over the next 20 years.

**The seminar will take place at the  
Khidmat Centre  
36 Spencer Road, Bradford, BD7 2EU  
Wednesday 13th June  
from 6.00pm until 8.00pm**

**A buffet tea will be provided from 5.30 pm**

**Please make every effort to join us, send representatives and  
inform others  
We look forward to seeing you & every one.**

Please confirm your attendance by returning the enclosed reply slip or contacting one of the undersigned

**Kind Regards**

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**PS: The seminar will be run by Yorkshire Planning Aid (YPA) - an independent, charitable organisation which specialises in helping local communities get involved in local planning issues. YPA workers will help you to understand the plan and the system it fits into and will lead discussions on those issues likely to be of most importance to you and your group/community.**



## A Seminar on ‘The Bradford Development Plan’ “Time for Keighley’s BME Communities to have their say!”

Dear Colleague

Don't be put off by the title of this letter! ‘The Bradford Development Plan’ (or the Bradford Local Development Framework to give it its proper name) might sound boring and irrelevant to your group and community but nothing could be further from the truth – the ‘Plan’ is about housing, jobs, shopping, leisure and community facilities, transport, open spaces and a whole lot more, all of which are of daily concern to you and your communities. It is important that BME groups have their say on this plan and help to shape the physical future of Keighley over the next 20 years.

**This letter is an invitation to key workers and group representatives to attend a seminar:-**

- **On Monday 18th June**
- **At Highfield Community Centre**
- **From 1.00 – 3.00**
- **Buffet lunch will be served from 12.30**

**The seminar is your chance to:-**

- **to find out more about the plan,**
- **to discuss some of the issues and concerns relevant to Keighley’s BME communities,**
- **and to help us plan for follow-on events open to all community members.**

The seminar will be run by Yorkshire Planning Aid (YPA) - an independent, charitable organisation which specialises in helping local communities get involved in local planning issues. YPA workers will help you to understand the plan and the system it fits into and will lead discussions on those issues likely to be of most importance to your group/community.

This plan and this seminar are important for all BME communities in Keighley, whether Pakistani or Italian, Bangladeshi or Ukrainian, Afro-Caribbean, Asian or European. Please make every effort to send along representatives on the 18th June. We look forward to seeing you.

Kind Regards

Caroline Schwaller  
Chief Executive, KVS

Rachel Edmunds  
Area Coordinators Office, City of Bradford MDC

Mike Dando  
Community Planner, Yorkshire Planning Aid

## 3.0 REPLY SLIP



	<h2>REPLY SLIP</h2> <p>EMAIL • FAX • POST</p>
Event Details	<p><b>‘The Bradford Development Plan’</b>  <b>Khidmat Centre</b>  <b>36, Spencer Road, Bradford BD7 2EU</b>  <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007</b>  <b>5.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Buffet Tea Provided)</b></p>
Name delegate	_____
Email / Telephone	
Name of delegate	_____
Email / Telephone	
Name of delegate	_____
Email / Telephone	
Please return this form to	<p>(1) <b>Mohammed Salam</b>          (2) <b>Email : <a href="mailto:salam@coemo.co.uk">salam@coemo.co.uk</a></b>          (3) <b>Fax this form to 01274 223204</b>  <b>Post this form to: Carlisle Business Centre, 60</b>          (4) <b>Carlisle Road, Bradford BD8 8BD.</b></p>

**A Seminar on  
‘The Bradford Development Plan’  
“Time for Keighley’s BME Communities  
to have their say!”**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, Highfield Community Centre**

Please let us know if you are sending representatives to the above seminar

By contacting Keighley Voluntary Services:-

01535 665258

[beryl.horrocks@keighleyvs.org](mailto:beryl.horrocks@keighleyvs.org)

Or by completing and returning the reply slip below:-

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**REPLY SLIP**

Please return by Thursday 14th June 2007

To:- Beryl Horrocks, KVS, 135 Skipton Road, Keighley, BD21 3AU

Name _____	Group _____
Address _____	Tel _____
P _____	e-mail _____
ostcode _____	No of Reps _____

**PLEASE NOTE: We will only contact you again before the day in the event of cancellation**

## 4.0 PROGRAMME



# A Seminar on ‘The Bradford Development Plan’ “Time for BME Communities to have their say!”

## PROGRAMME

5.30pm – 6.00pm	Arrival & Buffet Tea
6.00pm – 6.10pm	Welcome – Mohammed Salam, COEMO
6.10pm – 6.25pm	The Bradford Development Plan – Mike Dando, Yorkshire Planning Aid
6.25pm – 7.40pm	3 x 25 minute workshops on:-  The Bradford Spatial Strategy, The Economy & Jobs  Housing, Community Facilities & The Environment  Getting Around Bradford – Transport & Accessibility  (Each workshop repeated 3 times so everyone has the chance to discuss every topic)
7.40pm – 8.00pm	What Happens Next – Mike Dando
8.00pm	Close

**A Seminar on  
 ‘The Bradford Development Plan’  
 “Time for Keighley’s BME Communities to have  
 their say!”**

## AGENDA

12.30pm – 1.00pm	Arrival & Buffet Lunch
1.00pm – 1.05pm	Welcome & Introductions
1.05pm – 1.15pm	Who are Yorkshire Planning Aid?
1.15pm – 1.30pm	The Bradford Development Plan
1.30pm – 2.45pm	Discussions on:-  The Bradford Spatial Strategy, The Economy & Jobs  Getting Around Bradford/Keighley – Transport & Accessibility  Housing, Community Facilities & The Environment
2.45pm – 3.00pm	What Happens Next
3.00pm	Close

## 5.0 DELEGATE LIST

### **ATTENDANCE FOR SEMINAR ON 'THE BRADFORD DEVELOPMENT PLAN' Wednesday 13 June 2007**

Abdul Ismail	Bradford C-Net
Amria Rhatun	Bradford Council
Andrew Marshall	City of Bradford MDC – Planning
Ben Mussanzi	BCB
Bethan Harnes	University of Manchester
Cllr. M. Ahmed	BMDC
Cllr. Shabir Hussain	BMDC
Cora Browning	BEAB, COEMO Board Member
D. Odunukwe	ABCD Ltd
David Guild	Business Link
David Ward	Councillor - BMDC
George Deane	Bradford District Care Trust
Gordon Milend	Sunny Oaks
Gurnam Bhangul	Khushboo Community Association
Jade Corcoran	Planning Aid
Jo Maguire	Planning Aid
John Breen	City of Bradford MDC – Bradford South
Kay Benka-Coker	COEMO
Kongosi	CRC
M S Khan	Khidmat Centre
Mahmood Mohammed	Bradford Vision
Maigouste Potoche	Bechfield
Michael Jones	Empro Recruitment
Mrs. Virdee	Khushboo
Mumtaz Khan	Onna Ju-jitsu Club
Mushtaq Hussain	Manningham Youth Project
Naweed Hussain	ABL
Peter Tate	
Rizwaan	Fresh Start
S. Ajaib	Sports Coach UK
S. Jayeeb	Khidmat Centre
S. Mir	Khidmat Centre
S. Paveen	
W.T. Bradford	

**ATTENDANCE FOR SEMINAR ON 'THE BRADFORD  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN' "TIME FOR KEIGHLEY'S NME  
COMMUNITIES TO HAVE THEIR SAY!"**

**Wednesday 18 June 2007 at Highfield Centre, Keighley**

Ash Alom  
Jane Scott  
Kathryn Jones  
Nazia Hussain  
Saboor Ghain  
Sharn Race

Keighley Voluntary Services  
BMDC Planning  
BMDC Area Coordinators Office  
Extended Schools & Highfield Centre director  
Bradford Youth Service & Highfields Centre director  
Administrator, Highfield Centre



## 6.0 POWERPOINT PRESENTATION



### The Bradford Development Plan

**Mike Dando**  
Community Planner

The Bradford Development Plan  
Time for BME Communities to have their say  
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### The Bradford Development Plan : What's it all about?

- An overall spatial vision & strategy for Bradford district
- Housing – meeting Bradford's need for places to live
- Bradford's economy & jobs
- Transport & accessibility
- Community facilities
- Bradford's environment
- Managing Bradford's waste

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### The Bradford Development Plan : What is it?

- Statutory – every local authority area has to have one
- A plan to guide the future use of land and buildings in Bradford District
- A plan to help Bradford's planners make decisions on planning applications
- A replacement for the Bradford UDP

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### The Bradford Development Plan : Where have the planners got to?

- Prepared a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) – says how the people of Bradford will be consulted on the plan
- Prepared 1st part of plan –
- Core Strategy: Issues & Options documents for public consultation
- This is what today's seminar is about

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### Bradford's Core Strategy : Content

- A spatial vision – what goes where
- Strategic objectives – what is the plan trying to achieve
- Spatial strategy – how can the spatial vision be achieved?
- Core policies – how new development will be controlled and shaped

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### The Bradford Development Plan : What happens next?

- Workshop notes written up and passed to Bradford's planners – copied to all
- Follow-on seminars?
- Core Strategy – feedback on today in autumn
- Core Strategy - Preferred Options consultation in early 2008

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### Bradford's Core Strategy : Today's Seminar

- **Focus on Core Strategy issues relevant to Keighley's BME community**
- Discussion covering:
  - Spatial strategy, economy and jobs
  - Housing, community facilities, the environment
  - Getting around Bradford/Keighley – transport & accessibility

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## 7.0 PROMPT SHEET

### YORKSHIRE PLANNING AID

#### BRADFORD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – CORE STRATEGY BRIEF BRIEFING NOTE FOR KVS STAFF

These are some of the key issues of possible interest to Keighley's BME communities raised in the consultation documents.

#### Overall 'Spatial Vision & Strategy'

- Focus economic development and limited residential development to meet local needs in Keighley
- Support town centre by encouraging appropriate range of retail, leisure, commercial and cultural development.

#### Housing

- Need for larger homes to meet needs of ethnic minority community for large and extended families
- How can more affordable housing be provided and how much should be provided?
- At what sort of density (ie how many houses per acre/hectare) should new housing built?
- 31,000 additional homes in Bradford District by 2021 – how many should Keighley have? Where should they be built?
- Should new housing be allowed on land previously used for employment/industry?

#### Economy & Jobs

- Where should new industry be located?
- Should land used for industry before be protected for future industrial use?

#### Transport & Accessibility

- Is road use high and car congestion bad in Keighley – in town centre, in residential areas?
- Is car parking a problem in Keighley?
- What is public transport – buses/trains – like in Keighley?

#### Community Facilities

- What are health care facilities like in Keighley – enough of them? In right/wrong places?
- What are educational facilities like in Keighley – enough of them? In right/wrong places?
- Obesity and diabetes are issues in Asian population – how can access to exercise opportunities be improved to tackle the problem?

#### The Environment

- Should new building and development in Keighley reflect the local culture of the areas in which it takes place? I.e. should new building in Asian areas reflect Asian culture etc?

## 8.0 FACILITATORS NOTES

### BRADFORD CORE STRATEGY: BME WORKSHOP 13 JUNE 2007

#### SPATIAL ISSUES

##### Overall

- Need to develop settlements which are sustainable – with opportunities to both live and work.
- Q: How does the planners preferred spatial strategy benefit inner areas of Bradford?
- Perhaps Bradford needs to see itself as a place of residence for people working in Leeds, Huddersfield etc.
- Clustering of development in centre will make existing problems worse.
- Where would new development go within Bradford because already very densely developed?
- New housing in places like Baildon will drive existing people away/further out to places like Ilkley.
- Opposing views re building on green belt (“bringing it back into use”) and protecting it.
- Look at/reassess industrial land to see if still appropriate/suitable for other uses like housing.
- Lots of unoccupied housing in Bradford because landlords ‘sitting on it’.
- Mix of housing is an issue.
- 30K new houses shouldn’t all go in Bradford city. Not just about houses – its about support facilities. What about car parking?
- Doubts expressed about finding enough land for housing requirement – can see potential for flats along canal corridor, along Frizinghall rail line, unused employment land potentially, along a new transport link through Manningham (ref Masterplan work).
  
- City Centre
  - Wouldn’t want to live in city centre because ‘dead’.
  - But currently waiting on new development to fill vacant sites.
  - Flats development in city centre can contribute to development of Bradford.
  - University/college is developing down towards the city centre.
  - Development has increased significantly in last 5 years.
  - Does this type of development build real communities in Bradford? These are transitional communities, commuters out. Bradford needs family-oriented development.
  - City not attractive for women shoppers – no parking.

##### Spatial Issues for Business

- Bradford’s geographical location/geography doesn’t encourage good motorway access. Need for new road route.
- No public transport link to M606 industrial area – without a car, can’t work there. Need for transport incentives for businesses/employees.

- Create more '606' type economic zones, eg along rail corridors, Airedale, Canal Rd (supported by tram-train link), Laisterdyke (off Dick Lane), along '606' itself! (NB Airedale, Canal Road & '606' came up in 2 of 3 workshop sessions)
- Improve existing roads for inner Bradford businesses.
- Not many good quality business parks in Bradford. Topography is an issue here – Bradford needs big flat sites but doesn't have them.
- "I'm a businessman – there are no places for me to develop."
- Businesses want accessible sites.
- Unused industrial land – is it being properly marketed?

### **Other Economic Development Issues**

- Need incubator units to encourage new business – including in areas like West Bradford.
- Need starter units.
- Types of industry to attract to Bradford:-
- Call centres
- Info Technology
- Eco-industries – link to university
- Recycling industries
- Media & entertainment – to build on Little Germany, National Museum of Film
- Need also for research to spot needs/gaps in market.
- Job creation in above sectors vital to creating better communities for young people, BME, inner city residents.
- High quality employment opportunities should be created in inner city.
- Cultural assets – 'curry capital' – not well sold to outsiders.

### **Economy - General**

- High young people unemployment.
- High BME unemployment.
- Employment barriers – language, cultural, perceptual, training, skills. Plus people have come to have low expectations.
- Existing jobs – many are low paid.
- People here are less likely to look outside Bradford for jobs.
- No job opportunities in Bradford. People commute. Graduates commute out because good well-paid jobs not here.
- Need training centres, upskilling.
- Need to encourage BME business enterprise.
- Need sustained support.
- How do we capitalise on the skills of asylum seekers/refugees – many wasted doing poor jobs at present.
- Need to build pride, dignity, respect in city/community.

## **TRANSPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES**

### **Why I use the car rather than other transport**

- to carry loads or equipment
- have choice of when and how to go
- quick
- don't have to look at timetables
- going to different venues during the day

- public transport: not enough routes
- more comfortable
- freedom of movement - don't have to wait, better for late travelling
- convenience
- use car for work
- public transport is not always accessible or reliable
- can be cheaper than public transport

#### **Problems when using the car in Bradford**

- parking not too bad in city centre, can park near train station
- too much traffic, especially rush-hour
- road layout causes congestion
- new roads
- expensive
- need to consider people who need to use cars for work

#### **Solutions**

- flexible times for working and schools
- wider car parking spaces

#### **Problems caused by cars**

- speed cameras distract drivers
- flashing 30 signs - better than speed cameras
- speeding
- car parking takes up room in city
- pedestrian safety - especially because of bad drivers
- bad for environment

#### **Need fewer cars on road - ideas:**

- encourage park-and-ride
- regulates number of cars for each household
- promote car sharing
- promote eco-fuels
- improve public transport while discouraging cars
- incentives for using greener cars
- have special school buses
- have exclusion zones, e.g. around schools, Bradford College, University, small towns e.g. Shipley

#### **Barriers to using public transport**

- safety issues particularly for women
- lack of conductors
- not frequent enough
- lack of services
- cost
- lack of information
- lack of access to pick-up and drop-off points
- there are less train stations now
- lack of integration of public transport

- roads too small
- too many cars
- don't have enough time to use public transport
- need more frequent buses
- having two stations in city centre - problem in evening going between them
- elderly people can't get a bus stop
- expensive
- after 6 p.m. difficult to use public transport
- Keighley and villages - no buses in evening into town, problem especially for elderly
- difficult going across city (rather than into city centre)

### **Solutions**

- Public transport should be free for everyone (but costs money to run!)
- need park and ride
- more information
- make easy to pay
- needed buses like City Hopper
- could have smaller buses off-peak
- buses and trains should be pleasant environment and not smell

### **Walking**

- not safe walking on your own especially elderly, women. Okay for men except some areas
- men: may get strange looks when walking - feel worried/unsafe in some areas
- there are different attitudes about walking now - walk less
- Bradford is hilly - especially difficult for elderly, disabled, parents with small children
- places are too far to walk
- places need to be more attractive to walk in
- walking hard work for some, especially elderly, even to bus stop

### **Solutions**

- need more visible policing and better lighting
- Manningham Park good example of how to do it

### **Cycling**

- not enough separate cycle lanes
- fumes are a problem
- roads too busy
- narrow roads - dangerous
- on-road cycle lanes - dangerous
- Bradford too hilly
- motorists not considerate

### **Solutions**

- schemes to encourage free bikes

### **Accessibility**

- difficult to access quality shops - richer people go to Leeds
- can be difficult to get to doctors surgeries/shops for some people
- difficult to get to or from the bus stop for some people

## Solutions

- new development may help
- needs to be more interesting place to shop
- will never be able to compete with Leeds

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND HOUSING

### Housing:

- Development should assist in integration
  - Community facilities
  - Open space
- Up grade existing housing stock
- Variety of housing stock available
- Improve open space
  - Create open space with natural surveillance
- Design must be of a higher quality in conservation areas
- Design should respect local character
  - Design
  - Materials
- Mixture
  - Currently a lack of large houses (4/5 bedrooms)
- When allocating house, reflect the population numbers in the area.
- High density housing
- Need for green space
  - Current space is poorly looked after
  - Spec in inner city is/should be protected
  - Development should be encouraged to have open space...even on small sites
  - If a financial arrangement is agreed to over come need for green space...ensure money stays in the local area.
- Large gardens
- Style
  - Eco-friendly (solar panels), Should be sensitively located – not in Conservation Areas)
  - Alternative materials
- Diverse design...reflect multi-cultural areas
  - Connect design to locality
  - Flexibility and quality
- Affordable housing
  - Mix
  - Conversions of Mills (must have amenity space – social integration) but not appropriate for family use so amount should be restricted.
  - Brownfield sites
  - No. Bedrooms
  - Gardens sizes
  - 
  - First time buyers need provision
  - Location – everywhere – centre/suburbs



- Variety – Mix of tenure
- New development site should have a mix of tenure types that are affordable
- Affordability should be for all, including elderly
- Enable people to move up the ladder
- Currently there is a lack of semi-detached properties in city centre
- Housing is too small
- There is a growing elderly population and a lack of bungalows

**Community Facilities:**

- Lack of school
  - This will worsen as the population grows
  - Must be...
    - Quality!
    - Must be integrated with new housing
- Lack of facilities
  - Shops
  - Currently building estates not communities.
- There is a need for more religious facilities due to increase in population
- Integrated Development
  - Churches/religious buildings
  - Schools
  - Health centres
  - Leisure/Children's play facilities
- Presumption should not be in the favour of housing
- Facilities that generate income
  - Development should have an employment centre
- Mix use
  - Reduce traffic
  - Promote community
- Affordability
  - Social housing (mixed not just social – affordable across the board)
  - Up grade existing
- Integrate existing facilities into residential development
- Need for more places of worship – all types
  - When development is considered assess what facilities the scheme is to be sited near (need to link communities with facilities)
- Youth provision
  - Schools
  - Open space/Play areas
- Health care
  - More GP surgeries
  - Chemists
- Social enterprise
- Social housing
  - Lack of facilities for refugees

## **WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE, HIGHFIELD CENTRE, KEIGHLEY**

### **Overall spatial vision and strategy**

- If a lot of housing and other development coming to Bradford, Keighley should grow at the same rate
- Keighley could be nearer Bradford's size.
- New development - facilities should encourage integration of BME and white communities
- In Keighley it would be nice if Asian families were more spread out, even in the hills
- The council seems to want to keep communities divided
- Need to recognise that there are new communities in Keighley now - e.g. Polish, Ukrainian
- Growing Keighley could create some problems between communities

### **Jobs and economy**

- Since mills closed down there is little skilled work in Keighley, more effort needs to be made to train people in skills so they can get better paid jobs (unskilled, low paid jobs mean it is not worth working)
- Especially need jobs for the older generation
- Young people often go to university, want to return to K but no suitable jobs (a problem in Yorkshire generally)
- Should attract business into Keighley, e.g. IT
- Businesses should be forced to think about social issues, eg employing and training local people, and not just in low skilled jobs
- Best to encourage businesses that have a multicultural bias
- If Keighley was bigger there would be more training opportunities
- There should be better support for people after get qualified, so they can get a job, eg interview techniques, support to keep applying for work

### **Community facilities**

- There should be more central community facilities in Keighley for everyone - integration. Involve all communities in developing them
- There is a perception in the white community that BME groups get all the funding, council needs to make more efforts to explain how money is spent
- Young people go to Leeds rather than Bradford for leisure activities, feels safer, more to offer.
- Facilities limited in Keighley
- problems in Keighley about territories - not just BME communities that are not integrated
- Integration should start in schools

### **Housing**

- Lots of local people can't afford to buy houses, so building affordable housing important
- Mix of different size houses would be better - integration of generations as well as ethnic communities
- There are current problems when BME people move to new areas, that other people sell up, don't want to live with BME people, are not friendly or welcoming

- Some estate agents won't sell houses to Asians, people have to get white friends to negotiate.
- All this is a barrier to integration of different communities in any new developments
- There is a lack of housing in Keighley, need more so young people can live near their families
- Lack of housing for people with special needs
- Much of the housing is not very high standard

## **TRANSPORT ISSUES**

### **Public Transport**

- No direct bus service Keighley-Ilkley, ie service deviates too much from a direct route.
- 662 bus service Keighley-Bradford very good.
- Train travel into North Yorkshire expensive, eg even for short journey to Steeton/Silsden.
- View that train fares from stations south of Keighley to Leeds/Bradford also too expensive.
- People use own transport for security reasons.
- Canal waterbus put forward as an idea.
- Increasing the capacity and use of Worth Valley railway also suggested.

### **Road Network**

- Keighley Town Centre – from 230pm-530/6pm centre is 'gridlocked'. Airedale P'ship apparently looking into problem/solutions. Group stated that traffic lights are a problem and that through traffic clogs up the system. Suggestions re linking the town's 2 by-passes and introducing a 1-way system.
- Keighley suffers from poor motorway links – to M62 and M65. This is a disincentive to investment.
- John Dennis (sportskeighley) and Hawarum Hussain ? (Bradford PCT) both looking at transport/access in Keighley. This needs to be tied into LDF/Core Strategy work.

### **Walking**

- Ref John Dennis/PCT work referenced above.
- Ref made to local Asian Women's Walking Groups – active at dusk in Highfield area.
- Ref also to PCT encouraged (funded?) Asian walking project taking community members out to Yorkshire Dales.
- Keighley's hilly topography a barrier to walking.

### **Cycling**

- Keighley's hilly topography a barrier to cycling!
- Car drivers make cycling dangerous.
- Need for 'real' cycle lanes on roads, not just lanes which reduce road width in order to discourage overtaking.
- Lack of cycle parking is an issue.
- Suggestion re linking town centre to canal towpath.

**Other Issues**

- Lack of local open space and other facilities affordable to use – hierarchy of spaces needed.
- Need for a central young people facility (all ages) to encourage cohesion. There is no single youth only building.
- View that facilities/buildings are available in Keighley but no money to open them all the time/maximise use.
- Mosque life may mitigate against the use of extended schools by BME kids if not sited near to mosques.



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