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Core Strategy Development Plan Document

Regulation 20 of the Town & Country (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012.

Publication Draft - Representation Form

PART A: PERSONAL DETAILS

** If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation in box 1 below but complete the full contact details of the agent in box 2.*

	1. YOUR DETAILS*	2. AGENT DETAILS (if applicable)
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Personal Details & Data Protection Act 1998

Regulation 22 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 requires all representations received to be submitted to the Secretary of State. By completing this form you are giving your consent to the processing of personal data by the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council and that any information received by the Council, including personal data may be put into the public domain, including on the Council's website. From the details above for you and your agent (if applicable) the Council will only publish your title, last name, organisation (if relevant) and town name or post code district.

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PART B – YOUR REPRESENTATION - Please use a separate sheet for each representation.

3. To which part of the Plan does this representation relate?

Section	4.1	Paragraph		Policy	BD1F
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4. Do you consider the Plan is:

4 (1). Legally compliant	Yes		No	
4 (2). Sound	Yes		No	NO
4 (3). Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes		No	

5. Please give details of why you consider the Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please refer to the guidance note and be as precise as possible.

If you wish to support the legal compliance, soundness of the Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

The Trust note and welcome that the Key Diagram acknowledges the route of the proposed Bradford Canal.

The Bradford Canal which linked Bradford City Centre with the Leeds and Liverpool Canal at Shipley was closed in 1922 and has since been in-filled. In 2006, the Council proposed a restoration scheme to reopen the canal as a major component and catalyst for the wider regeneration of Bradford and the Shipley road canal corridor. The Trust supports such proposals that widen the inland waterway network.

In our response to the consultation on the Shipley and Canal Road Corridor Area Action Plan, we agreed with the proposed approach of the AAP for achieving the long term aim of reopening the canal through establishing a Linear Park and Canal Road Greenway which acknowledge the canal's alignment.

However, we also recommended that a Policy that safeguards the route of the Bradford Canal is included within the AAP and the Core Strategy to fully support a future restoration scheme.

In light of our response to the AAP, we recommend that this approach is adopted by the Core Strategy.

Having regard to 'soundness' matters, this would respond to paragraph 114 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which calls for local planning authorities to plan 'positively for the creation, protection, enhancement and management of networks of biodiversity and green infrastructure. It would also conserve an important heritage asset in a context in which the NPPF at paragraph 126 calls for local planning authorities to set out in their local plans 'a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment' and 'recognise that heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource....'

In this context, we would wish to highlight and encourage the application of good planning policy practice being taken forward elsewhere by local planning authorities to address the safeguarding of

routes for canal restoration, responding to the aforementioned and new NPPF context. For example, in its well advanced (submitted) Core Strategy, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council recognises the Chesterfield Canal as both an important heritage asset and part of the Borough's green infrastructure network and seeks to protect the line of the canal and promote the canal's reinstatement. This approach is also being taken forward in the Council's draft 'Policies and Sites' development plan document. A further example is the approach set out in the well advanced (submitted) Lichfield Core Strategy in respect of the Lichfield Canal where though proposed modifications to the submission draft 'the line of the route for a restored Lichfield Canal' is embraced as a 'green infrastructure corridor' and the route is shown on the 'key diagram'.

6. **Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at question 5 above where this relates to the soundness. (N.B Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination).**

You will need to say why this modification will make the Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

For the reasons mentioned above, we suggest the addition of the following text to the Policy in order to safeguard the route of the Bradford Canal for future reinstatement:

'The proposed route of the Bradford Canal as identified on the Key Diagram will be safeguarded from development in order to enable a future restoration scheme.'

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.

Please be as precise as possible.

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the Plan, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

	No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination
yes	Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

To enable the Trust to put forward a case at the Examination for safeguarding the route of the Bradford Canal for future restoration.

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt when considering to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

9. Signature:

[Redacted Signature]

Date:

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PART C: EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY MONITORING FORM

