

## Leeds City Council: Core Strategy Main Modifications

Main modifications are changes that must be made to the Local Plan to make it sound.

Main Modifications not suggested or agreed by the Council but considered necessary by the Inspector to make the Core Strategy sound are listed as IMM (Inspector Main Modifications). Where a modification includes changes proposed by the Council and includes an Inspector modification the Inspector's modification is highlighted in red.

The table includes a brief explanation of the reason for the main modifications. More detail will be included in the Inspector's report.

Further hearing sessions are to be held on 13 May 2014 to discuss changes the Council propose to Policy H5 (Affordable Housing) and Policy H7 (Gypsies and Travellers). Changes to the submitted policies are likely and there may also be changes to other policies (see the letter to the Council which accompanies this schedule). The Inspector has also invited the Council to incorporate a monitoring table into the Core Strategy. It is likely, therefore, that there will be another set of main modifications which will be subject to consultation later in 2014.

Page and paragraph numbers relate to the Consolidated Core Strategy (comprising Publication and Pre-Submission Changes Version alongside changes post Pre-Submission): Core Document reference CD1/1

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IMM1	23	Spatial Policy 1	<p>To deliver the spatial development strategy based on the Leeds settlement hierarchy <u>and to concentrate the majority of new development within and adjacent to urban areas, taking advantage of existing services, high levels of accessibility, priorities for urban regeneration and an appropriate balance of brownfield and greenfield land, the distribution and scale of development will be in accordance with the following principles:-</u> <del>the broad spatial framework for the location and scale of development is:</del></p> <p>(i) <del>To concentrate the majority of new development within urban areas taking advantage of existing services, high levels of accessibility and priorities for urban regeneration and an appropriate balance of brownfield and greenfield land.</del> The largest amount of development will be located in the Main Urban Area <u>with and Major Settlements.</u> <del>delivering significant amounts of development.</del> Smaller Settlements will contribute to development needs, with the scale of growth having regard to the settlement's size, function and sustainability.</p> <p>(ii) <u>In applying policy (i) above, the priority for identifying land for development will be as follows:</u> <del>That settlements within the hierarchy will guide the identification of land for development, with priority given in the following order:</del></p> <p>a. Previously developed land and buildings within the <u>Main Urban Area / relevant settlement,</u></p> <p>b. Other suitable infill sites within the <u>Main Urban Area / relevant settlement,</u></p> <p>c. Key locations identified as sustainable extensions to the <u>Main Urban Area / relevant settlement.</u></p>	Clarity and effectiveness and to reflect evidence

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			(iii) Unchanged (iv) Unchanged (v) Unchanged (vi) Unchanged (vii) Unchanged (viii) To undertake a <b>selective</b> review of the Green belt (asset out in Spatial Policy 10) to direct development consistent with the overall strategy, (ix) Unchanged	
IMM2	29		Insert Maps showing the boundaries of the East Leeds, Leeds Bradford Corridor and South Leeds Regeneration Priority Areas	Clarity and effectiveness
MM3	31	Para. 4.5.2	The unique selling point for AVL remains the delivery of a sustainable new district for the city and its region, delivering new jobs and homes. AVL, which has been identified as one of Leeds City Region's Urban-Eco Settlements, will promote sustainable development by seeking the delivery of commercial and residential areas which have high quality environment, energy efficient buildings and operations, low carbon and green business, sustainable transport, <u>retail and</u> community facilities and linked areas of green infrastructure including a new city park in the South Bank area of the City Centre. Remainder unchanged.	Clarity and effectiveness
MM4	32	Spatial Policy 5	Aire Valley Leeds (Urban Eco-Settlement) is identified (see Key Diagram) as a strategic location, providing <del>between a minimum</del> of 6,500 <del>and 9,000</del> new homes, and at least 250 hectares of land for employment uses (including research and development, industrial, and warehouse development) <u>and new retail services of an appropriate scale (in accordance with the approach set out in Policies P5 and P7).</u> Remainder unchanged.	To reflect evidence
IMM5	33	Para 4.6.7	Delete paragraph 4.6.7 and renumber paragraphs	To reflect evidence
IMM6	35	Spatial Policy 6	<del>The provision of 70,000 (net) new dwellings will be accommodated at a rate</del> <del>of:</del> <del>3,660 per annum from 2012/13 to the end of 2016/17 (18,300)</del> <del>4,700 per annum from 2017/18 (51,700)</del> Remainder unchanged	Step up not justified by evidence
MM7	40	Paras 4.7.12 to 4.7.18	4.7.12 Overall a balance needs to be struck between providing local employment opportunities, promoting sustainable patterns of development and protecting the character of the countryside and <u>reflecting</u> Green Belt <u>purposes</u> <del>designations</del> . The District's Major Settlements have a vital role in serving surrounding rural areas and in providing local job opportunities. In preparing the LDF Allocations documents, sufficient land needs to be made available for economic development purposes (for example rural social enterprises) in these locations taking into account the needs of the wider rural catchment area. <del>4.7.13 Outside the major settlements, small businesses and local services are a vital part of the</del>	Clarity and effectiveness

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			<p>economy and the life of the community. In order to grow and diversify the rural economy the following proposals should be supported, where appropriate;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>conversion of existing buildings promote the development and diversification of agricultural and other land base rural businesses</del></li> <li>• <del>support provision &amp; expansion of tourist and cultural facilities in appropriate locations</del></li> <li>• <del>retention and development of local services and community facilities.</del></li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting training / skills and job creation initiatives</b></p> <p>4.7.14 In order to ensure residents are able to access local job opportunities, employers and developers will be required through planning obligations to enter into local labour and training agreements and apprenticeships, appropriate to the individual development.</p> <p><b>Supporting most new employment development within urban and rural areas</b></p> <p>4.7.15; unchanged and becomes 4.7.14  4.7.16; unchanged and becomes 4.7.15  4.7.17; unchanged and becomes 4.7.16  4.7.18 <u>7</u> Leeds and the region <u>have an important</u> <del>play an integral</del> role in assisting emerging new businesses <u>links</u> (business start-up, investment in new projects) and encourage young entrepreneurship. These will be supported by the retention and provision of new small start up units including workshops in appropriate locations.</p>	
MM8	41	Spatial Policy 8(v) & (ix)	<p>(v) Supporting <u>the growth and diversification of the</u> rural economy, consistent with the Settlement Hierarchy and the protection and enhancement of a high quality rural environment. <u>Outside the Main Urban Area, Major Settlements and Small Settlements, small businesses and local services are a vital part of the economy and the life of the community.</u> In order to grow and diversify the rural economy the following proposals should be supported, where appropriate;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>conversion of existing buildings</u></li> <li>• <u>promote the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses</u></li> <li>• <u>support provision &amp; expansion of tourist and cultural facilities in appropriate locations</u></li> <li>• <u>retention and development of local services and community facilities.</u></li> </ul> <p>(ix) Support the advancement of high quality communications infrastructure to foster sustainable economic growth and to enhance business links <u>subject to landscape, townscape and amenity considerations.</u></p> <p>Remainder unchanged</p>	Clarity and effectiveness
MM9	42	Para 4.7.22	<p>The methods for forecasting demand used in the Leeds ELR (2010 Update) concluded 706,250 square metres of office floorspace would be required over the period 2010-28 as a minimum (this includes the margin of choice discussed above). Currently 840,000 square metres already exists in planning permissions. However the City Centre and Town Centres are identified as being priority locations for office development, and a large proportion of the existing supply is in an out of centre location. Therefore additional land in the City and Town Centres should be identified for office use. Therefore a minimum of 1,000,000 square metres of <u>land floorspace</u> will be identified <del>for office use, through LDF allocations documents</del> of which 840,000 square metres is already</p>	Clarity and effectiveness

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			identified in <u>planning permissions</u> . The additional floorspace will be identified in or on the edge of the City and town centres. By identifying floorspace in excess of need, the Council will be in a position to re-examine any renewals for out of centre office locations and direct them to more central locations as appropriate. No new out of centre office locations will be allocated.	
IMM10	44	Para 4.8.5	To meet Leeds' housing and employment requirements, it is anticipated that some land will need to be taken out of the Green Belt to provide for these allocations. As emphasised throughout the Core Strategy, a key priority for Leeds is to respond to the consequences of population growth and demographic change and the development needs associated with this. Within the Core Strategy, focus is therefore placed upon opportunities for growth within Regeneration Priority Programme Areas (Spatial Policy 4) and within the Main Urban Area and settlements identified as part of the Settlement Hierarchy. This framework (and as directed by Spatial Policy 1) will be used to direct growth to the most appropriate and sustainable locations, to meet housing need and other growth requirements. The Core Strategy provides the overall basis for a <del>selective</del> Green Belt review (as set out in Spatial Policy 10 below). The detailed mechanism for the review will be through the Site Allocations DPD, informed by the above approach and through consultation with stakeholders including local communities, developers and infrastructure providers, to determine the precise extent and location of boundary changes.	
IMM11	45	Spatial Policy 10; second paragraph and (v)	A <del>selective</del> review of the Green Belt will need to be carried out to accommodate the scale of housing and employment growth identified in Spatial Policy 6 and Spatial Policy 9, as well as an additional contingency to create new Protected Areas of Search (to replace those in the UDP which will be allocated for future development). The <del>selective</del> review will generally consider Green Belt release around: Criteria i to iii unchanged Exceptionally, sites <del>outside unrelated to the Main Urban Area, Major Settlements and Smaller Settlements, Settlement Hierarchy</del> could be considered, where they will be in sustainable locations and are able to provide a full range of local facilities and services and within the context of their Housing Market Characteristic Area, are more appropriate in meeting the spatial objectives of the plan than the alternatives within the Settlement Hierarchy. Otherwise review of the Green Belt will not be considered to ensure that its general extent is maintained. <del>(v) Development proposals not part of the selective Green Belt review will be considered against the suite of Green Belt policies saved from the UDP and through the emerging guidance and legislation of the Localism Act.</del> Remainder unchanged	Clarity and effectiveness and to reflect evidence
MM12	57	Policy CC1 (d) new criterion (e) & (g)	d) <u>Comparison retail proposals will be subject to a sequential order of preference of Primary Shopping Quarter, then edge of the Primary Shopping Quarter, then the rest of the City Centre. Proposals for comparison retail space located outside of the Primary Shopping Quarter will undergo a sequential assessment to demonstrate that there are not site opportunities within other sequentially preferable locations. Impact Assessments will be in line with the requirements of Policy P8.</u> <del>Comparison retail space will only be permitted outside of the Prime Shopping Quarter when it cannot be accommodated within the Prime Shopping Quarter, or in the case of</del>	Clarity, effectiveness

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			<p><del>bulky goods retailing space cannot be accommodated also in areas designated for bulky goods retailing. This will be according to NPPF sequential testing, and, in the case of proposals of 2,500sqm or more according to NPPF impact testing.</del></p> <p>e) <u>It is recognised that in many cases the Primary Shopping Quarter will not be an appropriate location to direct Bulky Goods. Therefore, where this is demonstrated through a Sequential Test, Bulky Goods proposals will be directed to within the City Centre boundary, and then on to fringe areas beyond the City Centre boundary that are well connected by Public Transport corridors and that are not more than 300m from the City Centre boundary. Impact Assessment will be in line with the requirements of Policy P8.</u></p> <p><del>e) f) Considering proposals for convenience retailing and convenience facilities (such as dry cleaners, off licences, small branch banks, cafes and pubs) as follows:</del></p> <p>Criteria i to v unchanged</p> <p><u>g) All other Town Centre uses will be supported within the City Centre boundary provided the use does not negatively impact on the amenity of neighbouring uses and that the proposal is in accordance with all other Core Strategy policies.</u></p> <p><del>Existing criteria (f) becomes (h)</del></p> <p><del>Remainder unchanged</del></p>	
MM13	62	Policy H1	<p>LDF Allocation Documents will phase<sup>1</sup> the release of allocations according to the following criteria in order to ensure sufficiency of supply, geographical distribution in accordance with Spatial Policy 7, and achievement of a previously developed land target of 65% for the first 5 years and 55% thereafter. Subject to these considerations, phases with the earliest release should be made up of sites which best address the following criteria:</p> <p>i) Location in regeneration areas,</p> <p>ii) Locations which have the best public transport accessibility,</p> <p>iii) Locations with the best accessibility to local services,</p> <p>iv) Locations with least impact on Green Belt objectives,</p> <p>v) Sites with least negative and most positive impacts on existing and proposed green infrastructure, green corridors, greenspace and nature conservation,</p> <p>Consideration will be given to bringing forward large sites, of more than 750 dwellings, to facilitate, early delivery in the Plan period.</p> <p>In special circumstances, allocated sites may be permitted to be released in advance of their phasing outlined above, so long as the permitted site delivers infrastructure and housing investment that is needed within Regeneration Priority Areas. In such cases, suitable mechanisms will be agreed to ensure that delivery within the Regeneration Priority Area occurs either before, or in conjunction with the delivery of the permitted site.</p> <p><u>The Council will maintain</u> <del>Where</del> a five year supply (plus appropriate NPPF buffer) of deliverable housing sites <del>cannot be demonstrated through annual monitoring, consideration will be made to</del> <u>through considering release of</u> the subsequent phase or phases of sites to help address the shortfall. <del>Any release of further phases of housing land will only be considered if it is found that either:</del></p>	To reflect evidence

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			<p>i) Delivery on PDL in the past year has met the target;  ii) Delivery on PDL is expected to meet the target for the next five years; or  iii) A sufficient number of sites (equivalent to the five year supply figure minus the windfall allowance) are reasonably capable of being developed.  1 Phase means a series of sequential bandings of site preference</p>	
MM14	63	Para. 5.2.9	<p>Add the following to the end of the paragraph:  Density is measured by the number of dwellings per hectare (dph). Net housing density is <u>calculated by dividing the developable area (i.e. excluding land for roads, greenspace etc.) within the red line boundary of the planning approval by the total number of units granted permission.</u>  Delete the definition of density from the glossary.</p>	Clarity and effectiveness
MM15	68	Paras 5.2.25 to 5.2.27	<p>5.2.25 Leeds has a diverse housing stock ranging from large Victorian terraces to modern city centre flats. Some houses tend to be more suitable for families and when these are in areas with high concentrations of HMOs they should remain available for occupation by families. Factors to consider include the size of the dwelling, the amount of garden and private amenity space available, location of the property and any prolonged period of vacancy. <u>In the interpretation of H6Aiii it is recognised that some streets (or a part of a street) may already have such a high concentration of HMOs that the conversion of remaining C3 dwellings will not cause further detrimental harm. Also, in the interpretation of H6Av it may be the case that the remaining C3 dwellings would be unappealing and effectively unsuitable for family occupation. In such circumstances policy H6A would not be used to resist changes of use of such dwellings to HMOs.</u>  5.2.26 <u>In order to encourage landlords to experiment with lettings of HMOs to non-HMO occupants, the Council will consider granting flexible C3/C4 permissions for new and existing C4 HMOs. This will enable a C4 HMO to convert to a C3 dwelling house without losing the potential to revert back to C4 use within a fixed period (normally 10 years). If a property has a lawful C4 use when applying for a flexible permission this will then be a material consideration when the Council considers the planning application. The permission will enable flexibility to let a property between C3 and C4 uses during the specified period. On expiry of the dual use period, the use of the property at that time would become the permitted use of the property.</u>  5.2.267 <del>The decade</del> period 2001 – 2010<del>2</del> witnessed considerable development of new purpose built student accommodation particularly in and around the north west sector of the City Centre. Growth in this accommodation is to be welcomed in order to meet need and to deflect pressure away from private rented houses in areas of over-concentration. Nevertheless, care is needed to ensure that purpose built accommodation does not itself become over-concentrated and is located with good access to the universities.  The existing 5.2.27 becomes 5.2.28</p>	Clarity and effectiveness and to reflect evidence
IMM16	69	Policy H6	<p>A) No change  B) Add new criteria (v)  <u>v) The proposed accommodation provides satisfactory internal living accommodation in terms of daylight, outlook and juxtaposition of living rooms and bedrooms;</u></p>	Clarity and effectiveness

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MM20	75	Para 5.2.41	The breakdown of the existing supply of commitments includes for out of centre sites amount to 322,470 sq.m, with a further 19,290 sq.m <del>is</del> located in or on the edge of town centres and 498,736sq.m <del>is</del> located in the City Centre. Spatial Policy 9 states that an additional 160,000 sqm will be identified in, or on the edge of City and Town centres. Policy CC1: City Centre Development proposes to accommodate at least 655,000sq.m of office-based development, <del>equating to 98% of the total provision</del> with a further 3,710sq.m to be identified in or on the edge of town centres ( <del>2%</del> ). The proposed total of offices in or on the edge of centres reflects the current percentage of commitments, scaled up to the new requirements.																									
MM21	75	Table above para 5.2.42	<p><b>The proposed distribution of office development allocations will be:</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th colspan="3"><b>Gross Total Floorspace</b></th> </tr> <tr> <th><b>Location</b></th> <th><b>Existing planning permissions</b></th> <th><b>Proposed new locations</b></th> <th><b>Net total Floorspace*</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Out of Centre</td> <td>322,470 sq.m</td> <td></td> <td>322,000 sq.m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>n or On Edge of Town Centres</td> <td>19,290 sq.m</td> <td>3,710sq.m</td> <td>23,000 sq m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City Centre</td> <td>498,736 sq.m</td> <td>156,264sq.m</td> <td>655,000 sq m</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total proposed allocations <i>office provision</i></b></td> <td><b>approx. 840,000 sq.m</b></td> <td><b>Approx 160,000sq.m</b></td> <td><b>Approx 1,000,000sq.m</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<b>Gross Total Floorspace</b>			<b>Location</b>	<b>Existing planning permissions</b>	<b>Proposed new locations</b>	<b>Net total Floorspace*</b>	Out of Centre	322,470 sq.m		322,000 sq.m	n or On Edge of Town Centres	19,290 sq.m	3,710sq.m	23,000 sq m	City Centre	498,736 sq.m	156,264sq.m	655,000 sq m	<b>Total proposed allocations <i>office provision</i></b>	<b>approx. 840,000 sq.m</b>	<b>Approx 160,000sq.m</b>	<b>Approx 1,000,000sq.m</b>	To reflect evidence
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			<b>Small</b>	<u>Up to 500 sq m</u>	No	No	<u>Accessibility standards*</u>	
			<b>Medium</b>	<del>251</del> <u>501</u> – 2,499 sq m	Yes	No	n/a	
			<b>Large</b>	Over 2,500 sq m	Yes	Yes	n/a	
MM23	76	Change the second para 5.2.46 to 5.2.47 and modify as shown	It is considered appropriate for small scale offices and office extensions to be supported in regeneration areas and in accessible rural locations away from town and local centres, without the need for a sequential test. The threshold size of small scale is defined as <del>250-500</del> <u>250-500</u> sq.m. Therefore in regeneration areas and in those areas not served by a centre in rural areas or villages (as shown on Map 4) small scale office development (up to <del>250-500</del> <u>250-500</u> sq.m) will be permitted without the need to undertake a sequential test. Locations outside of the Settlement Hierarchy will need to demonstrate compliance to accessibility standards as outlined in Table 1, Appendix 2 of the Core Strategy. All office development larger than 500 sq m will need to undertake a sequential assessment.					To reflect evidence
MM24	77	Para 5.2.49	National planning guidance advises <u>that</u> when assessing applications for office development outside of town centres, an impact assessment <del>should</del> <u>will</u> be required if the development is over 2,500sq.m. <del>This threshold will be used in the application of Policy EC2. For the purposes of the Core Strategy it is considered appropriate to apply this threshold to large scale office development.</del>					Clarity and effectiveness
MM25	77	Policy EC2	<p>Appropriate locations for allocations and windfall office development;</p> <p>(i) A target of 655,000sqm for the city centre and 23,000 sqm (<del>equivalent to 2.3% of identified need over the plan period</del>) of new office floorspace is set for locations in or on the edge of town centres to guide allocation documents.</p> <p>(ii) The focus for most office development will be within and/or edge of the City Centre, and designated town and local centres.</p> <p>Due to the availability of development opportunities in centre and edge of centre, out of centre proposals would normally be resisted. <u>Exceptions would apply where either (iii) or (iv) below are applicable, with the exceptions of,</u></p> <p>(iii) <u>There are</u> existing commitments for office development <del>will</del> <u>that can</u> be carried forward to meet the identified floorspace requirement over the plan period, unless it would be more sustainable for the land to be re-allocated to meet identified needs for other uses.</p> <p>(iv) <u>There is a need</u> to provide flexibility for businesses, <u>so that</u> small scale office development (up to <del>250-500</del> <u>250-500</u> sqm) will not be subject to sequential assessments in the following locations;</p> <p>i. Regeneration areas identified under Spatial Policy 4</p> <p>ii. Settlements within the Hierarchy which do not have a designated centres as outlined in Map 4</p> <p>iii. Villages or rural areas that are not included in the Settlements Hierarchy, <del>which will also be subject to the accessibility standards as defined by Table 1 in Appendix 2.</del></p> <p>v) Not changed</p>					



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MM26	77	Paras 5.2.50 to 5.2.57	<p>Map 13: shows which locations are subject to a sequential assessment</p> <p>Heading above para 5.2.50  <del>Safeguarding existing industrial and warehouse employment sites and premises</del>  <u>Safeguarding existing employment land and industrial areas</u></p> <p>5.2.50; no change  5.2.51 Policy EC3 applies to proposals on sites currently or last in use for employment purposes <del>within the B Class Uses (B1a – offices, B1b – Research &amp; Development, B1c – Light industry, B2 – General Industrial; and B8 – Storage or Distribution).</del> The issue to be determined is whether there is a planning need for the site to remain in employment uses. There is a shortage of employment sites in certain locations but potential oversupply in others. The conclusions relating to land supply in the Leeds Employment Land Review (2010 Update) and subsequent updates will be a key consideration when making assessments of proposals for the development of existing employment sites.  5.2.52; no change  5.2.53 This is a criteria based policy which applies to the consideration of planning applications. Part A, <del>which includes bullet points (i) to (iii),</del> relates to all sites not identified in an area of shortfall and therefore assessed on a District-wide basis. <del>Whilst Part B (iv) refers to only sites located within areas of shortfall.</del>  Part A: For all sites across the District <u>outside of areas of shortfall</u>  <u>Bullet point (i) relates to employment allocations and other land identified in the Leeds Employment Land Review (2010 Update) or future updates of the review. Employment needs are identified in Spatial Policy 9 which sets out the amount of land needed over the plan period.</u>  <u>Bullet point (ii) applies to all existing premises and land previously or currently used for employment uses but which are not allocated. Non-viable may be defined as:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>property or land has remained empty or vacant for a period of time despite being marketed (for a minimum of 12 months), or</u></li> <li>• <u>the employment space no longer serves the needs of businesses, and may be incompatible with neighbouring uses through noise and amenity issues.</u></li> </ul> <u>Bullet point (iii) provides opportunity for mixed use proposals to deliver the Core Strategy employment objectives as identified in Spatial Policy 8 and 9.</u> </p> <p><del>(i) Relates to points (ii) and (iii) where existing premises/site are considered nonviable in marketability terms. Non-viable may be defined as:</del> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>property or land has remained empty or vacant for a period of time despite being marketed, or</del></li> <li>• <del>the employment space no longer serves the needs of businesses, and may be incompatible with neighbouring uses through noise and amenity issues.</del></li> </ul> </p> <p><del>(ii) (i) Relates to any proposals on employment land, sites or premises which already have an employment allocation* or identified in the Employment Land Review in place for B Use Class employment type.</del></p> <p><del>(* Current land/premises allocated for employment uses will be safeguarded until their long term</del></p>	

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			<p><del>future is reviewed and determined through the LDF Allocation documents.)</del>  <del>Employment needs are identified in Spatial Policy 8 which defines the key job sectors whilst Spatial Policy 9 sets out the amount of land needed to deliver these employment sectors over the plan period.</del>  <del>Applies to land or premises previously or currently used for employment but which are not allocated.</del>            Part B: Proposals in shortfall areas            Part B refers to <u>general employment</u> sites in shortfall areas. <u>Please see Glossary for the definition of general employment land.</u> Applications will be assessed using an appropriate definition of “surrounding area” as agreed between the Council and the applicant with reference to Table 1 – Accessibility Standards and Indicators for Employment and Social Infrastructure Uses in Appendix 2.            The availability of sites and past take up in the surrounding area will be assessed to determine how much supply should be maintained to achieve the economic objectives of the Core Strategy.            5.2.54 Local need is calculated for the total amount of land that will be required in an area based on <u>local population</u> <del>projected population change</del>. This calculation will identify surplus and deficit of any local provision.            5.2.55 Leeds Employment Land Review (Update 2010) identified a potential shortfall of available <u>general employment</u> land in some areas of the district, particularly in the north and west of the city. Over the last decade there has also been a significant loss of existing employment sites to other types of development, particularly new housing encouraged by the focus on Brownfield development. While redevelopment is often positive, consideration also has to be given to retention of local employment opportunities. Therefore, in areas where there is an identified shortfall in the provision of <u>general</u> employment land there will be a presumption against loss of <u>general</u> employment sites to other uses.            5.2.56 The Leeds Employment Land Review (2010 Update) identifies the following local sub areas - Inner North East, Inner North West, Inner West, Outer North West and Outer North East where there are currently shortfalls in employment land provision. <u>It may not always be possible to address deficiencies in some area due to the lack of availability of suitable sites.</u> Accessibility is also an important issue, particularly the needs of businesses to access transportation networks. Subsequent updates of the Leeds Employment Land Review will monitor and bring up to date any changes to these areas <u>and identify any new areas.</u>            5.2.57 <del>Many of these areas where deficiencies exist are in locations where land is not available and accessibility is also an important issue, particularly needs of businesses to access transportation networks. Subsequent updates of the Leeds Employment Land Review will monitor and bring up to date any changes to these areas.</del></p>	
MM27		Map 13: Key	<p>Smaller Settlements without an identified centre: offices smaller than <u>500m<sup>2</sup></u> <del>250m<sup>2</sup></del> not subject to sequential test            Rural Areas: Offices smaller than <u>500m<sup>2</sup></u> <del>250m<sup>2</sup></del> not subject to sequential test but must demonstrate compliance with Appendix Two Accessibility Standards</p>	To reflect evidence

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IMM29	95	Policy P8	<p>Leeds City Council has adopted a centres first approach to main town centre uses* as set out in Policy SP2. Proposals must accord with the following sequential and impact assessment requirements. <u>Impact assessments should be proportionate to the level of development proposed.</u></p> <p>A) No change B) No change C) No change D) <u>Proposals for all other edge of centre or out of centre Class A, leisure or office uses. A sequential assessment will not be required for rural offices or other rural development with a floorspace of less than 500sqm (see Policy EC2 iv).</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>TOTAL GROSS SIZE OF BUILT DEVELOPMENT</th> <th>SEQUENTIAL ASSESSMENT</th> <th>IMPACT ASSESMENT</th> <th>WITHIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS: CATCHMENT</th> <th>OUTSIDE RESIDENTIAL AREA: CATCHMENT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	TOTAL GROSS SIZE OF BUILT DEVELOPMENT	SEQUENTIAL ASSESSMENT	IMPACT ASSESMENT	WITHIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS: CATCHMENT	OUTSIDE RESIDENTIAL AREA: CATCHMENT						To reflect evidence
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MM31	100	Policy P10	New development for buildings and spaces, and alterations to existing, should be based on a thorough contextual analysis and provide good design that is appropriate to its location, scale	Clarity and effectiveness																														

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			<p>and function.</p> <p>New development will be expected to deliver high quality inclusive design that has evolved, where appropriate, through community consultation and thorough analysis and understanding of an area. Developments should respect and enhance existing landscapes, <u>waterscapes</u>, streets, spaces and buildings according to the particular local distinctiveness and wider setting of the place with the intention of contributing positively to <del>P</del>place <del>M</del>making, quality of life and wellbeing. Proposals will be supported where they accord with the following key principles;</p> <p>(i) No change  (ii) No change  (iii) The development protects the visual, residential and general amenity of the area through <del>positive</del> <u>high quality</u> design that protects and enhances surrounding routes, useable space, privacy, air quality and satisfactory penetration of sunlight and daylight,  (iv) No change  (v) No change  (vi). No change</p>	
MM32	100	Paras 5.3.45 & 5.3.46	<p>Insert the following paragraph after the Conservation heading</p> <p>5.3.45 There are complementary 'Saved' Development Plan conservation policies which should be considered in conjunction with this policy (see paragraph <del>xxxx</del> and appendix <del>xxxx</del>).</p> <p><del>5.3.45</del> <u>5.3.46</u> The historic environment of buildings and spaces is one of the key contributors to Leeds' identity, making it visually distinct from other cities. Leeds' historic environment is a finite resource which needs careful management, particularly in the balance between preservation and change. <del>In new design, On the whole, considered</del> innovation <u>which takes account of its surroundings</u> should be encouraged except where the context demands a response which <u>fully reflects the character of adjoining properties</u> <del>response which copies the host</del>. Sustainable construction is as relevant in an historic context as it is elsewhere.</p> <p><del>5.3.46</del> <u>5.3.47</u> In all cases change, especially harmful change, should be justified. The good management of the historic environment relies on informed conservation which identifies the historic significance of buildings and spaces and strategies to overcome harm. <u>Except for the most minor changes, it is expected that developers will consult the Heritage Environment Record maintained by the West Yorkshire Archaeology Advisory Service which contains information on all know archaeological sites, including battlefields, historic parks and gardens and some conservation areas.</u></p> <p><del>On the whole, considered</del> innovation <del>should be encouraged, except where the context demands a response which copies the host. Sustainable construction is as relevant in an historic context as it is elsewhere.</del></p> <p>Re number following paragraphs</p>	Clarity and effectiveness
MM33	102	Policy P11	<p>The historic environment, consisting of archaeological remains, historic buildings townscapes and landscapes, including locally significant undesignated assets and their settings, will be conserved and enhanced, particularly those elements which help to give Leeds its distinct identity:</p>	Clarity and effectiveness

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Victorian and Edwardian civic and public buildings, theatres, arcades, warehouses and offices within the city centre and the urban grain of yards and alleys.</li> <li>• the nationally significant industrial heritage relating to its textile, tanning and engineering industries, including its factories, chimneys and associated housing.</li> <li>• its legacy of country houses, public parks, gardens and cemeteries.</li> <li>• the 19th century transport network, including the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.</li> </ul> <p>Development proposals will be expected to demonstrate a full understanding of historic assets affected, including any known or potential archaeological remains. <u>Where</u> appropriate, heritage statements assessing the significance of assets, the impact of proposals and mitigation measures will be required to be submitted by developers to accompany development proposals. Innovative and sustainable construction which integrates with and enhances the historic environment will be encouraged.</p> <p>Conservation-led regeneration schemes will be promoted. Priorities for new schemes will be in Regeneration Priority Areas, but schemes outside these areas <u>may also be considered</u> <del>identified</del> where <del>eligibility criteria are met</del> the historic environment offers potential as a catalyst for the wider regeneration of the area.</p> <p>The Council maintains a register of historic assets at risk to help it prioritise action and will seek to impose planning conditions or obligations for their repair and refurbishment where appropriate. Where appropriate, the City Council will use the <del>statutory</del> provisions of the planning acts to secure repairs. Enabling development may be supported in the vicinity of <del>Listed Buildings and in Conservation Area Areas</del> <u>historic assets</u> where linked to the refurbishment or repair of heritage assets. This will be secured by <u>planning condition or planning obligation</u>.</p>	
MM34	104	Para 5.4.1	<p>Increased economic prosperity and population growth are likely to lead to increasing pressure upon the local transport infrastructure. In particular, greater levels of car use will lead to significantly higher levels of congestion affecting more hours of the day, and will also generate greenhouse gases that contributes towards climate change. In order to tackle these two issues new transport infrastructure will be provided during the plan period (See Spatial Policy 11). However it will also be necessary to use other initiatives to manage the level of car use and to gain maximum benefits from investment in more sustainable choices <u>as outlined in Proposal 11 of the Local Transport Plan</u>, <del>and</del> This will be delivered through Policy T1.</p>	Clarity and effectiveness
MM35	104	Policy T1	<p>To complement the provision of new infrastructure <del>and Proposal 11 of the Local Transport Plan</del> the Council will support the following management priorities: Remainder unchanged</p>	Clarity and effectiveness
MM36	104	Para 5.4.3	<p>A key element of accommodating an increased population whilst minimising traffic growth is to ensure that new development is located in accessible locations that provide a real choice of sustainable transport alternatives. <u>In accordance with Proposal 12 of the Local Transport Plan</u> <del>As part of this</del>, accessibility standards have been developed (based on the RSS evidence base) that define the minimum standards that a new development will need to meet. The standards are set to ensure that all new development, including sites in rural areas and smaller settlements, occurs in sustainable locations which are accessible to a range of key destinations. Where these</p>	Clarity and effectiveness

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MM37	105	Policy T2	New development should be located in accessible locations that are adequately served by existing or programmed highways, by public transport and with safe and secure access for pedestrians, cyclists and people with impaired mobility, in accordance with Proposal 12 of the Local Transport Plan. (i) No change (ii) No change (iii) Significant trip generating <del>sites</del> <u>uses</u> will need to provide Transport Assessments/ Transport Statements in accordance with national guidance. Remainder unchanged.	Clarity and effectiveness
MM38	110	Policy G4	On site provision of greenspace of 80 square metres per residential unit, will be sought for development sites of 10 or more dwellings that are outside the City Centre and in excess of 720 metres from a community park, and for those which are located in areas deficient of greenspace. In areas of adequate supply, contributions of an equivalent value towards the safeguarding and improvement of existing greenspace will take priority over the creation of new areas. <u>In this circumstance, qualitative improvements would be needed to address the pressures placed upon existing greenspace in the form of increased usage and increased demand arising from new residential development.</u>	Clarity and effectiveness
MM39	122	Policy EN5	The Council will manage and mitigate flood risk by: Avoiding development in flood risk areas, <u>where possible</u> , by applying the sequential approach and where this is not possible by mitigating measures, in line with the NPPF, both in the allocation of sites for development and in the determination of planning applications. Remainder unchanged	Clarity and effectiveness