

Appendix 4 - Consultation History

Consultation on regeneration proposals for Beeston Hill & Holbeck has involved the following:-

- Consultation undertaken as part of the preparation of the Beeston Hill & Holbeck Land Use Framework which was adopted by the City Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance in February 2005, and the Holbeck Regeneration Plan.
- Consultation on the development of Housing PFI proposals for the area, leading up to the submission of the Expression of Interest scheme in March 2006, and subsequently during the preparation of the Outline Business Case.
- Wider consultation on regeneration proposals for the area which take place through a well established network of Community Forums on a two monthly cycle.

Key stakeholder organisations influencing proposals for the PFI area are:-

The Board of Leeds South Homes (ALMO)
The South Leeds District Partnership
The Beeston Hill & Holbeck Regeneration Partnership Board (multi-agency)
The Beeston Hill & Holbeck Neighbourhood Renewal Residents' Forum
The South Leeds Inner Area Committee
Area Forums

In addition, the following stakeholder groups within the area have been consulted in the period leading up to the submission of the Expression of Interest and during the preparation of the OBC:-

- Holbeck Community Partnership
- Cross Ingrams Residents Association
- Normantons/St Lukes Residents Forum
- Hunslet Hall Road Area Forum
- Hunslet Moor Forum
- Gaitskells Residents Association
- Muslim Pensioners Group, Tunstall Road
- Representatives from the Sikh Temple, Lady Pit Lane
- The Hamara Centre
- The Refugees and Asylum Seekers (through the Asylum Seekers support team and a separate meeting)

Although some individual views expressed at these meetings do not favour specific PFI proposals, all of the groups have supported the objectives of the PFI scheme. Key issues that have arisen include:-

- There needs to be clear regeneration benefits in terms of improvements to open space, connectivity and the living environment.
- There needs to be improved housing conditions and choice.
- That clarity be provided around compensation and re-housing proposals.

Between May and July 2007 site specific consultation took place with tenants in the form of postal surveys and public meetings, followed up with face-to-face surveys on the specific options being considered for their area. The ALMO began surveying tenants in May and a series of public meetings were arranged throughout June to advise tenants of the regeneration options being considered for their area. The ALMO then undertook several weeks of door knocking to encourage tenants to complete surveys on the options. The results of this consultation fed into the option appraisal process detailed in section 3.4 of the report.

Communication Strategy

There is an ongoing need to ensure effective and meaningful involvement of the residents of Beeston Hill & Holbeck throughout the regeneration programme. To assist with this, a Communications Strategy has been developed.

The Communication Strategy aims to:-

- ensure that key decisions are communicated in a planned and effective way, following Leeds City Council's Corporate Communication Strategy;
- ensure residents of Beeston Hill & Holbeck are fully informed of the options being considered by Leeds City Council;
- ensure that residents have adequate opportunity to ask questions and comment upon the options available;
- ensure a structured, transparent and ongoing dialogue with residents takes place on the future of Beeston Hill & Holbeck;
- ensure that officers within the City Council and other partner organisations are effectively communicated with.

A Communications Officer will be appointed to deliver the Communications Strategy and ensure effective management of communications with stakeholders throughout the PFI process.