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Report of the Director of City Development

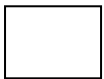
Development Plan Panel

Date: xx June 2010

Subject: Leeds LDF Core Strategy – ‘Preferred Approach’ Analysis of Consultation Responses: Vision for Leeds & Spatial Vision Chapter

Electoral Wards Affected:

All



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Executive Summary

1. At Development Plan Panel on 2 February, members received a report concerning the Leeds LDF Core Strategy ‘Preferred Approach’, setting out an initial report of consultation and a headline summary of the initial comments received.
2. Within this context, the purpose of this report, is to provide further detailed consideration of the comments received in respect of the Vision for Leeds & Spatial Vision section.
3. Particular topics covered include the overall vision and spatial approach, the scope of the emerging themes and individual objectives. Overall, it can be noted that there was a large measure of support for the broad approach but a series of points regarding the need for clarity, greater emphasis and further detail in specific areas. These include the housing strategy and the interrelationships of development with neighbouring authorities.

1.0 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 At Development Plan Panel on 2 February, members received a report concerning the Leeds LDF Core Strategy 'Preferred Approach', setting out an initial report of consultation and a headline summary of the initial comments received. Within this context, the purpose of this report, is to provide further detailed consideration of the comments received in respect of the Vision for Leeds & Spatial Vision section.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 As noted in previous reports to Panel, the Core Strategy is the overarching and central document of the LDF process. Government Guidance (PPS12, 2008), emphasises the key role of the Core Strategy, in setting out an overall spatial vision for an area and how the places within it should develop, to provide a link to the Community Strategy (Vision for Leeds) and Local Area Agreements, and the provision of an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP).
- 2.2 Following consideration of the 'Preferred Approach' document by Development Plan Panel on 30 September, a period of informal public consultation has been undertaken across the District (26 October – 7 December 2009). In support of this, a range of consultation activity has taken place. In response to this consultation activity a number of comments have been received in response to the Vision for Leeds & Spatial Vision section. These are summarised in section 3 below and a more detailed summary scheduled is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3.0 Main issues

- 3.1 The "Vision for Leeds" chapter of the Core Strategy 'Preferred Approach', sets out the overall 'Vision for Leeds' & Spatial Vision for the Core Strategy and linked to these, a series of Strategic Themes and Spatial Objectives. This framework in turn, provides a structure for the remaining document as part of an integrated approach. The requirement for an overall 'Vision' stems from national guidance (PPS12), which also emphasises the need for Core Strategies to give 'spatial expression' to Community Strategies (the Vision for Leeds). In the Leeds context it should be noted that the Vision for Leeds is currently undergoing review, with further consultation planned later in the year. Within this context the Publication and Submission drafts of the Core Strategy, will need to reflect any subsequent changes. In addition, following the decision of the Coalition government to rapidly abolish Regional Spatial Strategies (RSS for Yorkshire and the Humber - 2008), it will be necessary to 'take stock' of any further guidance, in seeking to progress the Core Strategy through its subsequent phases.

Spatial Vision & Strategy

- 3.2 The key headline issues and comments received in relation to the Spatial Vision and Strategy can be summarised as follows:
- Broad support for overall approach,
 - Support for the definition of the settlement hierarchy as a basis to plan for future growth,
 - the need for greater clarity and consistency between the Spatial Vision and subsequent Themes,
 - the need to give greater emphasis to health issues,
 - the need to ensure integration of Core Strategy with Community Strategy priorities and related Strategies including the emerging Agenda for Improved Economic Performance & Regeneration Strategy,

- Where possible, make individual objectives more locally specific to Leeds (especially the delivery of long term Housing requirements) & go beyond the current Vision for Leeds,
- Some concern that the Core Strategy is being advanced prior to the publication of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment,
- The need to more explicitly take into account a range of cross boundary issues between Wakefield and Bradford and to give greater emphasis to the City Region role of Leeds.

4.0 Next Steps

- 4.1.1 Comments received in relation to the Spatial Vision & Strategy, provide a useful basis upon which to advance the Core Strategy to the Publication stage. Next Steps will however need to take into account the consequences of the abolition of the RSS (see Panel report 'new Coalition proposals'), the update of the Vision for Leeds and the ongoing preparation of City Council strategies (including the Regeneration Strategy & the Agenda for Improved Economic Performance). Integral to this approach also, will be the need to continue to work with a wide range of partners in the preparation of the Core Strategy, including neighbouring authorities via the Leeds City Region.

5.0 Implications for Council policy and governance

- 4.1 None, other than to reiterate that the LDF Core Strategy needs to reflect the strategic objectives of the Council Plan and give spatial expression to the Community Strategy.

6.0 Legal and resource implications

- 6.1 A number of the consultation responses make reference to the City Council's evidence base in support of the Core Strategy. Following the detailed consideration of comments received, it may be necessary to undertake further technical studies and research, to underpin particular policy approaches where necessary. Subject to the scope of such work, it is likely that there may be resource implications in terms of staffing and the commissioning of technical work, as required. Such work and resource commitments will need to be addressed within the context of existing provision and the City Council's overall budget position and priorities.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 This report has provided an overview and analysis of the comments received in respect of the Vision for Leeds & Spatial Vision section, as part of the Core Strategy Preferred Approach consultation. In response to comments received the schedule attached as Appendix 1 details the changes and next steps in preparing the draft Core Strategy Publication document for Panel consideration in due course.

8.0 Recommendation

- 7.1 Development Plan Panel is recommended to:

- To note and comment on the contents of the report and the course of further action (as detailed in Appendix 1) in preparing a draft Publication Core Strategy.

APPENDIX 1

**LCC RESPONSES TO REPRESENTATIONS ON THE VISION FOR LEEDS & SPATIAL
VISION SECTION**

CORE STRATEGY PREFERRED APPROACH

LCC RESPONSES TO REPRESENTATIONS ON THE VISION FOR LEEDS & SPATIAL VISION SECTION

Representor	Those Represented	Representor Comment	LCC Initial Response	Action
Cllr Illingworth 2703	Cllr Illingworth	<p>CS policies need to be focused on narrowing the health gap in Leeds, and most people would argue that this is more important than any other subsidiary objectives. If people disagree, please could they identify which other objective is more important? Deeply disappointing that health differentials do not appear in the vision at all.</p>	<p>The public health agenda is integral to the LDF, the LDF & the Core Strategy in particular, must take into account a wide range of economic, social & environmental issues. It is not the role of the Core Strategy however to duplicate national guidance or related strategies but to complement them and give 'spatial expression' in addressing identified issues, through relevant strategic objectives and policy approaches. The Core Strategy will therefore seek to give spatial expression to the importance of public health via the need to tackle deprivation in priority areas, the need to retain and enhance the quality of the physical environment (including Green Infrastructure & greenspace provision and connectivity), promotion of walking and cycling and through the provision of health care facilities in appropriate locations.</p>	<p>Retain health as integral component of the Core Strategy Spatial Vision & objectives</p>

<p>Wakefield Metropolitan District Council 104</p>	<p>Wakefield Metropolitan District Council</p>	<p>It is considered that the proposed strategy is consistent with Wakefield Council's own Core Strategy, regeneration and growth ambitions. Consequently, there is broad agreement with the preferred approach, but attention should be drawn to the following issues that may present cross boundary opportunities and issues for Wakefield district.</p> <p>Under the strategic theme of 'Green infrastructure' there are a number of opportunities for cross boundary working for enhanced networks for green infrastructure and the natural environment, such as habitat networks, wetlands and the integrity of the Green Belt.</p> <p>Under the strategic themes of 'Sustainable communities' and 'Managing the needs of a growing city' a significant amount of additional development and investment for regeneration is proposed in south Leeds, including housing and employment land. This provides the opportunity to strengthen the regeneration links between Wakefield and Leeds, but may also have knock on effects for the capacity of transport and infrastructure between the two districts.</p> <p>Under the strategic theme of a 'Well connected city' a number of transport improvements are proposed which present opportunities for cross boundary links to address these issues in the interest of sustainability of transport in the sub-region.</p> <p>Under strategic theme 'Sustainable communities' a significant amount of new development is proposed in the Lower Aire Valley in Flood Zones 2, 3a and 3b. In addition, potential for hydro-electric power generation is identified along the Rivers Aire and Calder. These developments may have implications for flooding down stream in Wakefield district. A flood alleviation scheme is proposed along the River Aire under the strategic theme 'Managing environmental resources'. The implications of this scheme for the Wakefield catchments downstream should be established, to ensure that they are acceptable. Wakefield Council would encourage Leeds City Council to consider the adopted policies in the Wakefield Local Development Framework to facilitate a joined up, cross boundary, strategic approach.</p>	<p>The comments of support are welcomed.</p> <p>Comments relating to cross boundary issues and the need for continued joint working are noted and consistent with the City Council's own commitments to work with a wide range of partners and local authorities (including via Leeds City Region).</p> <p>Comments noted & see above. The City Council will also need to prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) to support the preparation of the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Comments noted, see above.</p> <p>Comments noted, sees above.</p>	<p>Continue to work with neighbouring authorities in the preparation of the draft Publication Core Strategy (and Infrastructure Delivery Plan).</p>
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Coal Authority 1922	Coal Authority	Comments received relate to a series of detailed points regarding the need for the Core Strategy to include an overarching strategic policy for minerals (including coal) and include a policy for Mineral Safeguarding Areas (as required by national guidance MPS1) - and for such areas to be identified on the Key Diagram.	As noted in the representors comments, the City council is also preparing a Natural Resources & Waste DPD in parallel to the production of the Core Strategy. It is envisaged that the preparation of the NR&WDPD, will provide an opportunity for a more detailed policy approach to relevant topics than can be covered in the Core Strategy. However, it is accepted that the relationship and content of the two documents needs to be clearer. Comments on the recent consultation on the NR&WDPD are also currently being reviewed.	Review scope & content of the Core Strategy & NR&WDPD regarding minerals.
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<p>English Heritage 99</p> <p>Roundhay Planning Forum 5057</p> <p>Helen Longfield 5647</p> <p>Scott Wilson 414</p>	<p>English Heritage,</p> <p>Roundhay Planning Forum,</p>	<p>Comments received relate to a series of detailed points and suggested wording revisions in relation to the approach of the overall Vision, the need for a strategic theme to cover the natural & built environment and the concern that this is too generalised and more specific to Leeds (as distinct from other cities). It is felt also that greater emphasis needs to be given to the desire to retain those elements of the City's character, which contribute to the distinct identity of Leeds and its surrounding communities.</p> <p>Broad support for support in Para 4.1 but would benefit from an addition to more clearly relate to the proposed Vision. Support for Strategic Theme of enhancing Leeds' role as a distinctive place, and welcome Objective SC.5. Leeds has a distinctive, and in some cases, unique, set of assets, which help to define the character of the City. It is wholly appropriate therefore that the management of these assets is one of the key objectives of the CS. Para 3.11 ought to set out more specifically the key elements of the city's historic and natural environment and thus set the context / rationale for the approach taken towards the management of the area's environmental assets within the CS and other DPDs. At present, this paragraph could describe the environmental assets of virtually any authority in the country and therefore needs to be more specific.</p> <p>Concern is expressed also regarding the potential conflict between the growth of Leeds and its role as the economic engine for the Region, and the protection of its significant historic assets.</p>	<p>The supportive comments are welcomed.</p> <p>The desire to retain and enhance the unique character of the District is integral to the Core Strategy. Consequently, sufficient emphasis and clarity needs to be made, without duplicating the role of other related strategies and key documents (including Conservation Area Appraisals and Action Plans).</p> <p>See above.</p> <p>The need to maintain and enhance existing character and achieving the need for longer term economic development is both a challenge and opportunity for the city. In policy terms the Sustainability Appraisal provides a basis to consider the application of the policy framework and make recommendations on the need for adjustments.</p>	<p>Review detailed policy wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft & strengthen references to the unique character of the district and the need to make this more Leeds specific where necessary.</p>
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<p>Government office for Yorkshire and the Humber (GOYH) 95</p>	<p>Government office for Yorkshire and the Humber (GOYH)</p>	<p>Comments include: the need for the strategy to deal with key issues in specific places across the district, together with the scale and distribution of development. Greater emphasis needed to be given to the economy, transport issues and the link between economic development & travel needs. The “Vision for Leeds” needs to be more locationally specific, setting a clear picture (in words) of how Leeds will develop over the next 20 years (physically, economically, socially and environmentally). The document should be redrafted and ordered to follow the above key issues accordingly.</p> <p>It is felt also that the Core Strategy should contain policies to define Green Belt boundaries and for PAS, replacing the UDP policies. The approach therefore needs to be reviewed following the completion of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). With regard to the ‘Preferred spatial approach’ - concern is expressed that the ‘urban areas only’ approach may turn out not to be realistic given the amount of housing and employment land with associated infrastructure that is likely to be required. It is noted that a strategy that is so focused on regeneration may not lead to a sound plan in the Leeds City Region growth context.</p>	<p>It is accepted that where possible the Core Strategy needs to be more ‘place’ and locationally specific. An appropriate balance has to be made however between the level of prescription and the broad strategic direction and necessary flexibility for the plan period. The document needs to be read as a whole but it is accepted that there is scope to improve the ‘flow’ and sequence of the document and the presentation of the thematic chapters, to improve clarity and emphasis.</p> <p>The points regarding the SHLAA are noted and following completion this information will form part of the evidence base, in informing the strategic approach to housing provision and distribution.</p> <p>With regard to comments on development in relation to urban areas and major regeneration, the adopted Regional Spatial Strategy gives particular emphasis to the need for the regeneration of such areas as a priority. With this context the lower Aire Valley & East & South East Leeds (EASEL) are specifically mentioned. Such an approach is consistent with the City Council’s stated priorities, which also include emerging proposals for an Urban Eco Settlement and continued joint working in relation to the Leeds Bradford corridor. In terms of sustainability these areas present major challenges and opportunities for Leeds and the region as a whole and there are concerns that their longer term potential is not fully recognised through the Core Strategy. Subject to appropriate phasing and infrastructure, it is accepted that longer term growth requirements need to be addressed as part of an overall ‘package’. Consistent with GOYH’s advice, it is felt that the need for place making is integral to this approach, consistent with the principles of sustainable development.</p>	<p>Review the vision and detailed policy wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft to improve the flow and sequence of the document and the presentation of the thematic chapters.</p>
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Steve Harris 5658	Steve Harris	Policy 18 and the proposed Waste Transfer Site at Evanston Avenue conflicts with / contradicts the Spatial Vision.	Comment noted but this is a very specific matter relating to the City Council's Residual Waste Treatment project.	None
Yorkshire Water 948	Yorkshire Water	General support for the aim to manage natural resources and waste in an efficient and sustainable manner with the support of the necessary local infrastructure; managing and adapting to the consequences of climate change including improved surface water management; and the use of renewable energy technologies.	Comments of support welcomed.	None.
GVA Grimley 5661	GVA Grimley	The Spatial Vision for Leeds and associated objectives are not easily identifiable within the document. More emphasis on the provision of locally accessible goods and services should form a key objective in achieving the vision. It is recommended that 'local access to high quality retailing and fresh food' is added to the 2nd bullet point under 'Narrowing the Gap'	The Sustainable Communities thematic chapter, seeks to address issues associated with access to goods & services via the policy approach to the retail hierarchy / town centres.	Amend Sustainable Communities thematic chapter.

<p>Rob Smith Peacock & Smith 5665</p>	<p>Peacock & Smith 43837/43825/</p>	<p>The themes of 'going up a league as a city', developing Leeds as the regional capital and narrowing the gap' between disadvantaged areas/people and the rest of the city are generally to be welcomed, as are the more specific aims of providing for good quality homes and a range of choice of high quality affordable housing.</p> <p>However, it is felt that, the vision and objectives fail to recognise the importance of meeting housing demand in all areas of the District, and reflect an over-emphasis on the identified priority regeneration areas. Whilst a phased approach to longer term housing development and growth may assist regeneration and renewal to some extent, account also needs to be taken of the choices [in terms of housing type and location] that need to be provided to meet housing demand. To ignore this factor will be to undermine the ability of the Core Strategy to deliver the vision that is identified. These factors need to be recognised and included in the objectives, in order to provide a balanced approach that is consistent with the Government's policy objectives for housing.</p>	<p>Comments of support welcomed.</p> <p>With regard to comments in relation to regeneration & longer term housing growth, the adopted Regional Spatial Strategy gives particular emphasis to the need for the regeneration of such areas as a priority, as well as promoting the need for longer term housing growth. With this context the lower Aire Valley & East & South East Leeds (EASEL) are specifically mentioned. Such an approach is consistent with the City Council's stated priorities, which also include emerging proposals for an Urban Eco Settlement and continued joint working in relation to the Leeds Bradford corridor. In terms of sustainability these areas present major challenges and opportunities for Leeds and the region as a whole and there are concerns that their longer term potential is not fully recognised through the Core Strategy. Subject to appropriate phasing and infrastructure, it is accepted that longer term growth requirements need to be addressed as part of an overall 'package'. The detailed approach to the overall housing strategy will be covered as part of the thematic housing chapter and embedded within the Spatial Vision & Objectives.</p>	<p>Review detailed policy wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft in relation to longer term phasing and housing growth in the 'Spatial Vision' and Housing thematic chapters.</p>
<p>Leeds Civic Trust 62</p>	<p>Leeds Civic Trust</p>	<p>Support for the overall approach of the spatial development of the city. However it is considered that para 4.4 is anodyne and does not further the vision. Para 4.5 expands on the vision but is centred on places not people. The city should be aiming for:- mixed communities- pride in the local community. Public transport - feel safe in the city section 4.5 why specific reason to the Lower Aire Valley 4.6 potential for strategic objectives - SC6 promotion of pride of place MER5 reduce overall carbon emissions.</p>	<p>Comments of support are welcomed. It is noted above that further opportunities need to be taken to make the vision and spatial approach more Leeds specific. With regard to the relationship to the policy topics noted, an overall inattention of the Core Strategy, is that an interrelated approach is taken to 'people, 'place', connectivity and the delivery of environmental objectives as part of sustainable communities.</p>	<p>Improve clarity in preparation of Publication draft to make more Leeds specific where possible.</p>

<p>Jonathon Dunbavin ID Planning 5671</p>	<p>Barwick Developments Persimmon Homes (West Yorkshire) Ltd Edmund Thornhill Great North Developments Ltd Bracken Developments Ltd Robert Ogden Partnership Ltd Ringways Motor Group Taylor Wimpey</p>	<p>Broad support for Strategic Themes and Spatial Objectives. However, considers that further clarification is required regarding to narrowing the gap, and spatial objectives SC1 and MNGC3 Para 4.5 - Narrowing the gap objectives should apply to all parts of the District.</p> <p>Broad support for OBJ SC1 but the objectives also needs to identify that growth will occur throughout the city centre, main urban area and within the settlements at the same time throughout the plan period. OBJ MNGC3 - Broadly supported but should emphasise that this is not a sequential approach to brownfield development.</p>	<p>Comments of support are welcomed.</p> <p>In addition to the delivery of key regeneration priorities, subject to appropriate phasing and infrastructure, it is accepted that longer term growth requirements need to be addressed as part of an overall 'package'. The detailed approach to the overall housing strategy will be covered as part of the thematic housing chapter and embedded within the Spatial Vision & Objectives.</p>	<p>Review detailed policy wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft in relation to longer term phasing and housing growth in the 'Spatial Vision' and Housing thematic chapters.</p>
<p>Mosaic Town planning 5672</p>	<p>Mosaic Town planning</p>	<p>Concern with the spatial vision, particularly with regard to the direction of growth within Leeds, the distribution and phasing of housing development, and the provision of affordable housing in the location in which it is needed.</p>	<p>In addition to the delivery of key regeneration priorities, subject to appropriate phasing and infrastructure, it is accepted that longer term growth requirements need to be addressed as part of an overall 'package'. The detailed approach to the overall housing strategy will be covered as part of the thematic housing chapter. Integral to this approach is the need to meet identified Affordable Housing requirements.</p>	<p>Review vision & detailed policy wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft in relation to longer term phasing and housing growth in the 'Spatial Vision' and Housing thematic chapters (including Affordable Housing).</p>

<p>Pegasus Planning Group 4388</p>	<p>Pegasus Planning Group</p>	<p>Comments received relate to a series of detailed points regarding support for the Settlement Hierarchy and the scope of Garforth to accommodate future growth (and for the settlement in turn to be identified as a “principle town”, consistent with the RSS). Comments emphasise the need for the Core Strategy to plan for growth as part of a longer term spatial approach, provide certainty and to ensure that such areas of growth are ‘woven’ into the city’ and help to provide ‘mixed & sustainable communities’.</p> <p>It is commented also that that delivering the level of growth required by the RSS will by necessity involve some degree of change to the main urban area and the major settlements through urban extension. The emphasis should therefore be on avoiding significant adverse impacts to areas of high landscape value and those parts of the district, which are especially sensitive to change.</p>	<p>In addition to the delivery of key regeneration priorities, subject to appropriate phasing and infrastructure, it is accepted that longer term growth requirements need to be addressed as part of an overall ‘package’. The detailed approach to the overall housing strategy will be covered as part of the thematic housing chapter. Integral to this approach is the need to deliver mixed and sustainable communities. The detailed approach to the overall housing strategy will need to be covered as part of the thematic housing chapter but the overall approach set out as part of the spatial vision.</p>	<p>Review detailed policy wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft in relation to longer term phasing and housing growth in the ‘Spatial Vision’ and Housing thematic chapters.</p>
<p>Bradford Metropolitan District Council 100</p>	<p>Bradford Metropolitan District Council</p>	<p>Comments note a desire for a stronger emphasis on the role of Leeds as ‘part of the LCR’ and recognition of the complex relationships and complementarity within the region and sub region. Within this context it is felt that emphasis is needed to the importance/roles/functional relationship of adjoining districts/areas, particularly Bradford, e.g. in providing a labour force for the future economic prosperity of Leeds, linked to housing provision/markets and wider transport connectivity issues and how the Leeds LDF will address/support coordinated cross boundary delivery.</p>	<p>The Core Strategy will need to recognise & reflect the wider role of Leeds within the City Region. The detailed interrelationships emerging from the conclusions of the evidence base will in turn need to be addressed through the overall strategy and specific policies where appropriate. As noted above, the City Council will continue to work with partners and neighbouring authorities in the preparation and delivery and the Core Strategy.</p>	<p>Within the context of the developing evidence base, review detailed policy wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft (and Infrastructure Delivery Plan).</p>

<p>Barton Willmore Planning Partnership Northern 45</p>	<p>Barton Willmore Planning Partnership Northern 43847</p>	<p>Comments received include the need for the Core Strategy to include a specific policy dealing with the Green Belt (and mechanism for local reviews). It is noted also that the Strategic Themes and Spatial Objectives are considered to be broadly in alignment with the RSS. However, it is felt that they need to go further in directing opportunities to promote the growth of Leeds in accordance with that identified in the RSS, especially in relation to levels of housing. Within this context additional wording is suggested to reflect this. In relation to the strategic pattern of growth, it is felt that there needs to be more explicit reference to the 'Leeds Renaissance Programme' (the Leeds 'petals' diagram and the connectivity to the City Centre and Rim). It is felt that these concepts should transfer to the Core Strategy Key Diagram & supporting maps.</p> <p>It is commented also that with regard to housing growth, the accompanying text should define and explain the rationale behind such areas and include framework policies that will enable the level of housing growth needed in the District in the period to 2026. It is considered that such an approach is necessary given that there are a range of phasing and deliverability issues associated with the larger expansion areas such as the Aire Valley.</p>	<p>In addition to the delivery of key regeneration priorities, subject to appropriate phasing and infrastructure, it is accepted that longer term growth requirements need to be addressed as part of an overall 'package' (including any selective Green Belt review). The detailed approach to the overall housing strategy will be covered as part of the thematic housing chapter but the overall approach set out as part of the spatial vision. It is noted that major regeneration initiative present many challenges & opportunities and delivery issues. However, significant progress is being made with Aire Valley Leeds through a range of initiatives including the proposals for an Urban Eco Settlement. The overall spatial strategy will also need to be presented as part of the Key Diagram (supporting maps/information will be used where necessary).</p>	<p>Review & update where necessary, detailed policy wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft in relation to longer term phasing and housing growth in the 'Spatial Vision' and Housing thematic chapters (and their presentation via the Key Diagram).</p>
<p>Leeds Chamber of Commerce 1736</p>	<p>Leeds Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>The vision "For Leeds to be a distinctive, competitive and inclusive city, for the benefit of its communities, now and in the future" is broadly supported.</p> <p>It is felt however in ensuring that the competitive and successful aspects of this vision are met, through the City Council taking a flexible approach, supportive of innovative development. The Core strategy needs to give a long term strategic steer, but allow for encouragement of opportunity in the current market conditions.</p>	<p>Comments of support are welcomed.</p> <p>It is important that the Core Strategy allows for innovation and recognises the impact of current market conditions as part of a longer term approach. In supporting this process the City Council is working with a wide range of partners and agencies to secure funding and to develop infrastructure to meet current and future needs.</p>	<p>Review detailed policy wording & supporting text (including cross references to the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan) in preparation of Publication draft.</p>

DLP PLanning 2657	DLP PLanning	It is felt that specifying numerous, objectives and themes within the Core Strategy are considered unnecessary and add another layer of complexity. The key policies of the plan should be the main components of the Strategy.	The comments are noted but national guidance (PPS12) requires Core Strategies to identify a “Spatial Vision” and objectives, which are in turn amplified by the Core Strategy policies. It is accepted however that opportunities to improve clarity and brevity should be taken where necessary.	Review detailed policy wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft and take opportunities to improve overall clarity and brevity where possible.
Barton Willmore planning Partnership- Northern 57	Barton Willmore planning Partnership- Northern 44456/44470	<p>Strategic Theme: Sustainable Communities:SC1 - there is no reference to the provision of housing. This is inconsistent given the main urban area is identified for a focus for housing growth.</p> <p>SC4 - there is a need for flexibility with regards to zero carbon development to ensure that objective is deliverable. Strategic Theme: Managing the Needs of Growing City MNGC3 - support is given to making the best of previously developed land, but it is considered that there is a need to include Strategic Sites.</p> <p>MNGC4 - supports emphasis on providing affordable housing where this is justified and does not undermine viability. A flexible approach is recommended.</p>	<p>The comments are noted but it needs to be emphasised that the policy approach of the Core Strategy needs to be considered as a whole. Policies for housing have been included within a specific section, which is intended to be complementary to the Sustainable Communities theme but it is accepted that appropriate cross references would improve clarity.</p> <p>The need for flexibility is recognised and is discussed further in responses to detailed Sustainable Communities comments (Policy SC7). to be consistent with national guidance and the local evidence base, the Core Strategy needs to meet a range of sustainability objectives at the same time including, Eco-homes standards, reducing carbon and Affordable Housing.</p>	Amend ST: SC1 to refer to housing.

<p>Carter Jonas 5681</p> <p>Savills Northern Branch</p> <p>467</p>	<p>Carter Jonas</p> <p>Savills Northern Branch</p>	<p>The relationship to the Community Strategy (its status and priorities) and implications of the current review, need to be made more explicit and reflected in the Core Strategy. In addressing these particular concerns we would suggest that a diagram and/or narrative is included within this section which explains hierarchy of documents and strategies and how these feed into, influence and inform (the preparation of the) Core Strategy.</p> <p>It is felt that the objectives themselves, they appear robust and comprehensive towards the needs of the City and District as whole. There is concern however, and that issues (including regeneration – including specific reference to rural diversification) in rural areas need to be given more emphasis and therefore integral and important part of the City and regional economy (and the provision of local facilities). It is noted that Policy EC7 later in the document refers to the rural economy; however, it is felt that there is a sufficient and discrete reference for this policy in the objectives. As a result it is considered that the priorities and objectives should make reference to the role of the rural areas to the setting of the City and the importance of maintaining a vibrant and prosperous rural economy for creating that setting.</p> <p>It is considered also that further clarity is needed to identify which strategic objectives specific policies are intending to address.</p>	<p>It is not the purpose of the Core Strategy to repeat or duplicate existing strategies (including the Community Strategy). It is noted however that appropriate cross references and the relationship between documents needs to be clear.</p> <p>The Core Strategy applies to the Metropolitan District as a whole. Consequently, the overall approach needs to take into account the characteristics, issues, challenges and opportunities facing the District. Within this context, Leeds MD has a unique character comprised of both urban and rural areas. This therefore needs to be reflected in the Spatial Vision & Objectives and as appropriate within the thematic chapters.</p> <p>It is agreed that the relationship between strategic objectives and individual policies should be expressed more clearly.</p>	<p>Review detailed policy wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft, to amplify the unique characteristics of the district (including urban/rural areas).</p>
<p>Turley Associates 1743</p>	<p>Turley Associates</p>	<p>The aspirations are agreed with but it is not agreed that the Core Strategy embodies these aspirations and importance of key themes. It is felt therefore that the document needs to be reordered as follows : Managing the need of a growing City; Sustainable Communities; A Well Connected City; Green Infrastructure; Managing Environmental Resources.</p>	<p>Comments of support are welcomed.</p> <p>As noted above, the document needs to be read as a whole but it is accepted that there is scope to improve the 'flow' and sequence of the document and the presentation of the thematic chapters, to improve clarity and emphasis.</p>	<p>Review structure in the preparation of Publication draft, to improve the flow and sequence of the document and the presentation of the thematic chapters.</p>

<p>Dacre Son & Hartley 480</p>	<p>Dacre Son & Hartley</p>	<p>Whilst broadly supportive of the strategic themes and spatial vision there are a number of concerns raised. Paragraph 4.1 refers to the end date of the Plan being 2026. This may be insufficient time should Green Belt revisions be required and suggest the Plan looks towards a minimum end date of 2030. While this date goes beyond the RSS end date, 2026 will not provide sufficient long term guidance for the emerging Allocations DPD.</p> <p>Specific concerns are raised in relation to detailed wording under paragraph 4.5 'Narrowing the Gap' and the need to this to be revised (as follows - 'have a managed and responsive delivery plan for the supply of new housing to ensure the right type of housing deliver in the right locations at the right time to meet the needs of all communities; assist in urban renaissance and renewal and avoid longer commuting journeys, especially from the outside in to the District. Ensure that where new housing sites are needed, they are appropriately planned in the most suitable and sustainable locations to make best use of existing community facilities and public transport and green infrastructure networks). It is noted also that MNGC1 needs to be amended cover 'all of its needs'. It is commented also that MNGC 3 places a 'strategic' emphasis upon making best use of previously developed land (PDL). It is not clear why this PDL emphasis needs to be strategic when the RSS requires it to be a 'priority'. The text hints towards the old style PPG3 sequential approach which is clearly not present in PPS3 or RSS. - MNGC 4 needs to refer to PDL as a priority to help.</p>	<p>Comments of support are welcomed.</p> <p>The detailed policy wording comments are noted. With regard to the plan period, it is intended to plan to 2026 to be consistent with the RSS. Detailed issues relating to housing phasing & delivery will be addressed as part of the Housing theme but embedded as part of the Spatial Vision and objectives.</p> <p>The City Council is committed to the delivery of a housing strategy the meets the District's overall housing needs as part of an integrated spatial strategy. This needs to take into account a range of issues including priorities for regeneration, the phasing of development and the need for infrastructure. In taking this forward the policy approach will need to take into account national guidance and its application, within the local context.</p>	<p>Review & update where necessary, detailed policy wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft in relation to longer term phasing and housing growth in the 'Spatial Vision' and Housing thematic chapters.</p>
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<p>Natural England 58</p>	<p>Natural England</p>	<p>Natural England welcomes the spatial vision, particularly its references to climate adaptation and protecting and enhancing the distinctiveness of the natural environment.</p> <p>However, the vision fails to capture the need to reduce the amount of resources required for Leeds communities to achieve sustainable development (including rising fuel, land and carbon costs will penalise the least resource efficient communities and reward those that are most resource efficient. Whilst wider sustainability concerns are recognised later in the spatial objectives, emphasis on resource efficiency in the vision itself will ensure that developers place this at the heart of their proposals. Resource efficiency needs to be emphasised. Suggest re-wording 'For Leeds to be a distinctive, competitive, inclusive, resource efficient and successful city, for the benefit of its communities, now and in the future'. Natural England welcome the priorities, which include further reference to adaptation to climate change. It is critically important that steps are taken to adapt to climate change, and that the services provided by the natural environment play a key role in our adaptive response to climate change. It is essential that any adaptation action is 'sustainable'. Pg 15 - Recommend that the priority "continue to manage and adapt to the consequences of climate change, is changed to read 'continue to sustainably manage and adapt to the consequences of climate change.'</p>	<p>Comments of support are welcomed.</p> <p>The suggested wording changes are noted and the comments in relation to delivering sustainable development are recognised but to some extent relate to issues (such as fuel prices) which are outside the scope of the Core Strategy or spatial planning. However, it is integral to the approach of the Core Strategy that where opportunities can be taken to improve sustainability within the scope of the document, these need to be taken (including the development of the Urban Eco Settlement proposals, encouraging walking & cycling, sustainable design and construction and regeneration initiatives with an emphasis upon 'place making' and sustainable communities). As part of the City Council's Local Development Framework and in complementing the Core Strategy, the City Council is also preparing a Natural Resources and Waste Development Plan Document and a range of environmental initiatives. Integral to these is the desire is to effectively and efficiently manage the use of natural resources (and resource flows) across the district and as a consequence mitigate the environmental impact of Leeds beyond its own boundaries.</p>	<p>Review and update where appropriate the detailed wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft re, the Spatial Vision & Objectives and within the scope of the Managing Environmental Resources ' theme.</p>
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<p>NHS Leeds 5693</p>	<p>NHS Leeds</p>	<p>Comments include coverage of issues relating to Health & Wellbeing and to reduce inequalities and the need for these to be incorporated with the introduction, Vision and Objectives. It is suggested also that stronger links need to be made to the Community Strategy's commitments to these issues and initiatives. It is felt that this approach could be further enhanced by including a spatial objective on health i.e. 'health & well-being' 'healthier communities' or specifically including health with sustainable communities i.e. "healthy sustainable communities" This would strengthen health in the strategy and would act as a driver for health based policy(s) within the core strategy.</p> <p>It is noted that HUDU guidance 'Integrating Health Into the Core Strategy' suggests a number of objectives for health policy in Core Strategies: Ensuring that health inequalities are addressed through equal access for all to homes, jobs, sports and leisure facilities, open and green spaces, as well as social, community and healthcare facilities. Ensuring that the potential health impacts of development and regeneration are identified and addressed at an early stage in the planning process through the use of Health Impact Assessment (or Equality Impact Assessment). Ensuring that the design and management of new developments and regeneration schemes promote and maintain healthy lifestyles. Encouraging physical activity e.g. through the provision of opportunities to walk and cycle in the design of new developments and regeneration schemes. Providing opportunities to improve physical and mental well-being through the provision of high quality open and green spaces and sports and recreation facilities. To avoid mental illness arising from exposure to crime or from the fear of crime through appropriate design in new developments and regeneration schemes. To avoid the public health impacts related to climate change, such as overheating, through adaptation and mitigation measures.</p>	<p>The public health agenda is integral to the LDF, the LDF & the Core Strategy in particular, must take into account a wide range of economic, social & environmental issues. It is not the role of the Core Strategy however to duplicate national guidance or related strategies but to complement them and give 'spatial expression' in addressing identified issues, through relevant strategic objectives and policy approaches. The Core Strategy will therefore seek to give spatial expression to the importance of public health via the need to tackle deprivation in priority areas, the need to retain and enhance the quality of the physical environment (including Green Infrastructure & greenspace provision and connectivity), promotion of walking and cycling and through the provision of health care facilities in appropriate locations. In taking this forward, the City Council will have regard to the Healthy Urban Development Unit – "Integrating health into the Core Strategy", in liaison with the NHS.</p>	<p>Retain health as integral component of the Core Strategy Spatial Vision & objectives and improve clarity and cross references as appropriate.</p>
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<p>Environment Agency 46</p>	<p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>No reference to how the Sequential Test (PPS25) has been applied to the broad locations identified for development. Not immediately clear as to how saved policies will be brought forward through this Evidence base makes no mention of PPS25, PPS23 and the updated PPS25 Practice Guide (December 2009).</p> <p>The spatial objectives outlined within 'Managing Environmental Resources cover most of the EA's interests and provide an adequate framework for policy development around this theme. However, within the detailed strategic theme of "Managing Environmental Resources" the EA is concerned that water has not been specifically hi-lighted as an important natural resource and there are no policies targeted at the effective management of water within the Leeds District.</p>	<p>The 'sequential test' as advocated by PPS25, has been incorporated as part of the development of the broad locational strategy for housing and as part of technical assessments in the preparation of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). With regard to 'saved' policies, these are currently being reviewed as part of the Core Strategy and preparation of the Publication draft.</p> <p>As noted above the City Council is also preparing a Natural Resources and Waste DPD in parallel to the Core Strategy. Within this context, the Core Strategy will need to include key strategic policies and cross references to more detailed polices as part of the NR&WDPD.</p>	<p>Continue to incorporate the 'sequential test' in the preparation of the Core Strategy draft Publication document and ongoing work on the SHLAA.</p>
<p>Caddick Developments 83</p>	<p>Caddick Developments</p>	<p>The document should address the potential of AVL to contribute to the key objectives of the City of Leeds to 'go up a league', to develop its role as the regional capital, and to 'narrow the gap'</p>	<p>The key strategic role of the lower Aire Valley is recognised as a key priority with the emerging Core Strategy and the development of an Urban Eco Settlement. Given the ongoing development of this work, it is accepted that further emphasis needs to be given to this priority in the preparation of the draft Publication document.</p>	<p>Review structure in the preparation of Publication draft, to improve the flow and sequence of the document and the presentation of the thematic chapters, to give greater emphasis and clarity to the role of the lower Aire Valley and Urban Eco Settlement.</p>

Knight Frank 409	Knight Frank	<p>The Spatial Vision of the Core Strategy, “for Leeds to become a distinctive, competitive, inclusive and successful city, for the benefit of its communities, now and in the future” is generally supported. Section 4.4 of the Core Strategy advises how this vision will be achieved such as through adapting to climate change, provision of physical and community infrastructure and protecting and enhancing the distinctiveness of the built and natural environment. It is considered that greater emphasis needs to be placed on meeting the need for homes and economic development than is currently stated. Delivering new homes should be a fundamental part of achieving the overall vision across Leeds.</p> <p>The continued regeneration and renaissance of the main urban area (including the city centre) and settlements is identified as a mechanism to achieve the Spatial Vision. This should be re-worded to reflect the needs of areas that may not be in need of vast regeneration and renewal but through additional development and investment can still contribute to achieving the Spatial Vision. Paragraph 4.5 of the Core Strategy Preferred Approach advises of priorities the Core Strategy should deliver, which in turn relate to the Spatial Vision. Generally, these priorities are supported, but in relation to ‘Going up a League and Developing Leeds’ Role as the Regional Capital’, there should be a balance between regeneration areas and other areas of Leeds that are also in need of new development. In relation to ‘Narrowing the Gap’ priorities, the Core Strategy advises that there should be a phased approach to longer term housing development and growth to ensure that priorities for urban renaissance and renewal and the need for mixed and balanced communities are met. It is felt that this priority should be re-worded to reflect the housing needs of other communities outside the regeneration and renaissance areas. The phasing of housing should respond to the whole of the housing market, not just key regeneration areas.</p>	<p>Comments of support are welcomed.</p> <p>The desire to deliver new homes and regeneration priorities is integral to the Core Strategy. Consistent with the delivery of key regeneration priorities and linked to appropriate phasing and infrastructure, it is accepted that longer term growth requirements need to be addressed as part of an overall ‘package’. The detailed approach to the overall housing strategy will be covered as part of the thematic housing chapter. Integral to this approach is the need to deliver mixed and sustainable communities. The detailed approach to the overall housing strategy will need to be covered as part of the thematic housing chapter but the overall approach set out as part of the spatial vision</p>	<p>Review & update where necessary, detailed policy wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft in relation to longer term phasing and housing growth in the ‘Spatial Vision’ and Housing thematic chapters.</p>
Roger Davis 4754	Roger Davis	<p>The summary leaflet makes no mention of extending the social green space, such as allotments. It gives no indication of preserving either council owned or privately owned existing allotments.</p>	<p>Emerging policies for Greenspace and cross references to the preparation of a (PPG17) Greenspace Audit & Needs Assessment, where set out in the main Core Strategy ‘Preferred Approach’ document.</p>	<p>Reflect the strategic conclusions of the Greenspace Audit, in the draft Publication document once completed.</p>

Signet Planning 5039	Signet Planning	<p>In general the spatial vision is supported, particularly the identified settlement hierarchy which places Rothwell as a major settlement second to the Leeds Main Urban Area.</p> <p>It is accepted that regeneration areas should be given a degree of priority, however, it must be recognised that development within Leeds over the plan period will have to extend beyond these areas, and therefore locations for future growth need to be identified as part of the Local Development Framework process.</p> <p>The identification of land for growth should be broadly in accordance with the proposed settlement hierarchy that has been set out and in this respect Rothwell offers the opportunity for further additional growth of an appropriate scale within a major settlement.</p>	<p>Comments of support are welcomed.</p> <p>The desire to deliver new homes and regeneration priorities is integral to the Core Strategy. Consistent with the delivery of key regeneration priorities and linked to appropriate phasing and infrastructure, it is accepted that longer term growth requirements need to be addressed as part of an overall 'package'. The detailed approach to the overall housing strategy will be covered as part of the thematic housing chapter. Integral to this approach is the need to deliver mixed and sustainable communities. The detailed approach to the overall housing strategy will need to be covered as part of the thematic housing chapter but the overall approach set out as part of the spatial vision</p>	<p>Review & update where necessary, detailed policy wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft in relation to longer term phasing and housing growth in the 'Spatial Vision' and Housing thematic chapters.</p>
Savills Northern Branch 467	Savills Northern Branch	<p>MEPC supports the vision.</p> <p>It is noted that although the Wellington Place masterplan and subsequent related planning applications have also been approved in relation to the current UDP, the development also largely accords with the vision outlined in the draft Core Strategy. As a result of this MEPC seek assurances that the planning phases of the development will receive continued support once the Core Strategy is adopted.</p>	<p>Comments of support are welcomed.</p> <p>The key economic and strategic role of the City Centre is integral to the Core Strategy. In broad terms, proposals which are consistent with these strategic objectives and meet related policy requirements, will be supported. In principle the development of major office development in the City Centre is consistent with national guidance and local policy objectives.</p>	<p>None</p>
Drivers Jonas 1971	Drivers Jonas	<p>Broadly agree with this vision, which has been prepared in accordance with the RSS and Community Strategy and the intention that it will be implemented through strategic themes supported by a series of inter-related spatial objectives.</p> <p>It is considered that sites such as the Riverside Mill site offer the potential for Leeds to deliver this vision by making best use of previously developed land to deliver new housing development. This approach to regeneration will benefit the community by meeting the need for housing in Leeds, and bringing currently derelict sites back into active use.</p>	<p>Comments of support are welcomed.</p> <p>The role of such sites, as part of an overall approach to regeneration is noted and consistent with the overall strategic approach of the Core Strategy and Sustainable Communities theme.</p>	<p>None</p>

British Waterways 338	British Waterways	The inland waterways are a multi-functional resource. Apart from their traditional role as a system of travel or transport they serve in a variety of roles which can assist in meeting the strategic themes and spatial objectives, including: an agent of or catalyst for regeneration; a contributor to water supply and transfer, drainage and flood management; a tourism, cultural, sport, leisure and recreation resource; a heritage landscape, open space and ecological resource; sustainable modes of transport; and routes for telecommunication.	The important role of waterways is recognised as part of the Core Strategy and related documents (Natural Resources & Waste DPD).	Continue to recognise the key strategic role of waterways in the preparation of the draft Publication document.
Yorkshire Forward 2597	Yorkshire Forward	<p>Consider the CS approach to be generally well aligned with the RES.</p> <p>Support stated aims of; aspiration to make Leeds a place of first choice for investors; aim to secure the renaissance of the City Centre Rim; proposals to create an integrated network of GI; and the hierarchy of centres. Spatial links: Some links between Leeds and neighbouring authorities are mentioned, but might be benefit in considering in more depth some of the interdependencies which exist between Leeds and nearby settlements.</p>	<p>Comments of support are welcomed.</p> <p>The Core Strategy will need to recognise & reflect the role of Leeds and its wider role within the City Region. The detailed interrelationships and interdependencies emerging from the conclusions of the evidence base will in turn need to be addressed through the overall strategy and specific policies where appropriate. As noted above, the City Council will continue to work with partners and neighbouring authorities in the preparation and delivery and the Core Strategy.</p>	Continue to work with neighbouring authorities in the preparation of the draft Publication Core Strategy (and Infrastructure Delivery Plan).
ARUP 397	ARUP	There does not appear to be a coherent strategy for the definition, development and delivery of the urban eco settlement in the Core Strategy. For example, there is no Strategic Theme or Spatial Objective in the Core Strategy which highlights and supports the unique role of the Aire Valley as the District's only urban-eco settlement, which is expected to accept a significant proportion of the District's future housing growth. AVE considers that it would be beneficial to set a framework for the development and delivery of the urban eco-settlement in the next iteration of the Core Strategy. This will support the early delivery of schemes in the Aire Valley which confirm with the aspirations of the urban-eco settlement and also provide clarity as to what uses are appropriate and the options for supporting these uses with low carbon and renewable technologies.	The key strategic role of the lower Aire Valley is recognised as a key priority with the emerging Core Strategy and the development of an Urban Eco Settlement. Given the ongoing development of this work, it is accepted that further emphasis needs to be given to this priority in the preparation of the draft Publication document.	Review structure in the preparation of Publication draft, to improve the flow and sequence of the document and the presentation of the thematic chapters, to give greater emphasis and clarity to the role of the lower Aire Valley and Urban Eco Settlement.

<p>Turley Associates 5670</p>	<p>Turley Associates</p>	<p>It is felt that the document fails to meet the criteria set out at para 4.1 of PPS12, as a spatial planning document. In particular; the CS document contains a vision, but this is not spatially expressed. The actual spatial strategy is buried within detailed policy with no explicit spatial expression as to where and how future growth will be accommodated within the District; despite the scale of growth called for, the CS does not identify any strategic sites. Even Aire Valley Leeds, which is identified in RSS and the Leeds UDP as a site of regional significance is not treated as a strategic site and its delivery is relegated to an Area Action Plan. Bearing in mind the Council's bid for recognition of AVL as an Accelerated Development Zone and identification as an Urban Eco Settlement, it is strongly considered that the whole of AVL should be treated as a strategic site; there are numerous priorities and objectives within the document; however these appear to relate to a wide range of issues without focusing on the key choices and decisions that need to be made. Indeed a number of key decisions that are the meat of the CS are not addressed or are deferred for subsequent DPDs.</p> <p>The "key diagram" is simply a reproduction of the UDP proposals map, with limited spatial expression of the emerging strategy. No testing of alternative options has been undertaken as part of this document, nor is any detail given in respect of why alternative options were discounted.</p> <p>There is little detail on strategies for delivery of the strategy or monitoring its progress.</p>	<p>It is felt that the emerging Core Strategy is consistent with the requirements of PPS12 but (within the context of the above comments) accepted that the draft Publication document will need to be more spatially specific and expressed clearly and concisely as part of the Key Diagram.</p> <p>As emphasised above, The key strategic role of the lower Aire Valley is recognised as a key priority with the emerging Core Strategy and the development of an Urban Eco Settlement. Given the ongoing development of this work, it is accepted that further emphasis needs to be given to this priority in the preparation of the draft Publication document.</p> <p>Subsequent drafts of the Core Strategy will need to include further details of a monitoring framework, which will in turn need to be incorporated as part of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and LDF Annual Monitoring Report (where appropriate).</p>	<p>Review structure in the preparation of Publication draft, to make the strategy more spatially specific and to give greater emphasis and clarity to the role of the lower Aire Valley and Urban Eco Settlement.</p>
<p>Rachel Unsworth 846</p>	<p>University of Leeds</p>	<p>Very detailed comments regarding punctuation & cross references.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>	<p>Check punctuation & cross references in Publication document.</p>

	<p>15th October, Leeds Initiative Strategic Group, Carriageworks</p>	<p>Need to ensure the City Region context is fully appreciated</p> <p>Importance of the Infrastructure Plan as a means of connecting the sustainable community strategy (Vision for Leeds) and the Leeds Strategic Plan with the Core strategy. Challenge of different timescales.</p>	<p>The Core Strategy will need to recognise & reflect the wider role of Leeds within the City Region. The detailed interrelationships emerging from the conclusions of the evidence base will in turn need to be addressed through the overall strategy and specific policies where appropriate. As noted above, the City Council will continue to work with partners and neighboring authorities in the preparation and delivery and the Core Strategy.</p> <p>Agree that the Core Strategy needs to be co-ordinated with the Community Strategy and Leeds' Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Within the context of the developing evidence base, review detailed policy wording & supporting text in preparation of Publication draft (and Infrastructure Delivery Plan).</p> <p>Ensure integration of Core Strategy with Community Strategy priorities and related Strategies including the emerging Agenda for Improved Economic Performance & Regeneration Strategy</p>
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	2 nd November, Civic Hall, Housing / Regeneration / Infrastructure / developers, 'drop in' session.	Need to make more explicit links to the Economic Strategy, regeneration strategies, Core Cities work etc. Is clever signposting within the document possible	The Core Strategy needs to have regard to the City Council's 'Economic Strategy '(Agenda for Improved Economic Performance).	Review structure in the preparation of Publication draft, to make more explicit the cross references to the City Council's 'Economic Strategy '(Agenda for Improved Economic Performance).
Cllrs Fox, Anderson, and Parker	3 rd November – Members Briefing	Need to make sure the CS shows the linkages with neighbouring authorities' Core Strategies. Need to identify the tensions and aspirations, for instance, proposed uses across the orders could lead to increased pressure on Leeds' infrastructure.	Comments relating to cross boundary issues and the need for continued joint working are noted and consistent with the City Council's own commitments to work with a wide range of partners and local authorities (including via Leeds City Region).	Continue to work with neighbouring authorities in the preparation of the draft Publication Core Strategy (and Infrastructure Delivery Plan).

<p>Cllrs Kendall, Immingham, Campbell</p>	<p>6th November – Member’s Briefing</p>	<p>How do we prioritise between the five spatial themes – what policies will set out what is more important?</p> <p>How do the surrounding districts feed into the plan, given that what they do greatly affects Leeds?</p>	<p>It is intended that the various themes across the Core Strategy are considered as a whole and are therefore interrelated. The scope and nature of individual policies is determined by the evidence base and have appropriate emphasis, linked to local circumstances.</p> <p>Neighbouring local authorities have all been consulted on the emerging Core Strategy and as noted above the City Council will continue to work with a range of partners in the preparation of the strategy, including Leeds City Region.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Continue to work with neighbouring authorities in the preparation of the Core Strategy</p>
	<p>16th November Otley Library Event</p>	<p>Lack of local distinctiveness in the Core Strategy. North of the district is largely ignored and each community should have a community plan to ensure the needs of the people are understood and dealt with</p>	<p>Within the context of national guidance, the Core Strategy is set at a broader strategic level (but which tackles matters of ‘place’ & people’, rather than providing a level of detail that may be associated with a ‘community plan’. In parallel to the Core Strategy, the City Council is facilitating a range of initiatives at a community level, including working through Area Committees and the development of a Regeneration Strategy.</p>	<p>None</p>
	<p>26th November Plans Panel West</p>	<p>The Leeds City Region is becoming increasingly important. Can more of the growth be apportioned to other LCR authorities</p>	<p>As noted above the City Council is working closely</p>	<p>Continue to work with neighbouring authorities in the preparation of the Core Strategy</p>

Disability and Access Groups	7 th December Planning Aid Session	No joined up thinking between departments – housing, social services, metro, the Post Office – no integrated thinking – e.g. elderly people’s developments need post box near by as can’t walk far.	These concerns are noted but the City Council is aiming to work in an integrated way as part of a ‘one Council’ approach and to work closely with partners. The delivery of individual social services and provision of post boxes is a level of detail beyond the scope of the Core Strategy. Where appropriate, the Core Strategy will however shape the scope and provision of infrastructure via the Infrastructure Delivery Plan.	Continue to promote a ‘One Council’ approach in the development of the Core Strategy and the preparation of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP).
Leeds Tenants Federation	26 th November Planning Aid Session	Should separate out city centre from the main urban area – don’t class them as one category Development should be spread more evenly across the district – not just in south	As noted above the role of the City Centre is key to the development of the Core Strategy as a whole. The scale and distribution of development, needs to be consistent with the overall strategy, including links to the availability of infrastructure and in areas of potential.	Give greater emphasis to the role of the City Centre in the preparation of the draft Publication document and review the scale & distribution of development, consistent with on going technical work (including the Housing Background paper and Infrastructure Delivery Plan.