

### Draft Vision Statement

Inner North West Leeds is an area with unique assets and challenges. Home to two large universities, the area contains the largest concentration of students anywhere in the UK, particularly in the Headingley and Hyde Park areas. The area is also home to diverse communities, stretching from Little London in the south east, to Tinshill in the north west. Other neighbourhoods in the area include North Hyde Park, Little Woodhouse, Burley, Hawksworth Wood, South Headingley, Far Headingley and the Ivesons.

#### **Cleaner & Safer Neighbourhoods**

The goal is streets that are clean, free from graffiti, litter and household waste. Pavements and walkways will be free from obstruction by wheelie bins. Crime and anti social behaviour will be reduced so that the area is safer. Late night disturbances will be a rare occurrence.

#### **Balanced Community**

Community groups and residents wish to celebrate and promote the area whilst tackling the challenges it faces, making it a desirable place to live for all ages, from families and mature adults through to young people and students. It is hoped that people of all ages, races, religions and backgrounds will want to be part of the community, taking advantage of local benefits such as good, thriving schools (primary and secondary), a diverse retail economy, well maintained green space and cultural and social activities. By offering a range of benefits it is hoped that the area will be seen as a safe, nurturing and culturally rich environment for all, bringing stability to the population.

Large family homes, characteristic of many of the neighbourhoods in the area, will be encouraged back into family occupation, rather than being used as houses in multiple occupation.

#### **Culture**

The area includes an international cricket stadium, a rugby ground, plus the historical attractions of Kirkstall Abbey, Hyde Park Cinema and Woodhouse Moor. These local assets will be retained and conserved, whilst enhancing the wider opportunities for increasing the quality of life of residents.

Added community value will come from both universities, including recognition of their impact on local neighbourhoods, acting to minimise this and assisting with the integration of students into the community.

#### **Transport**

Two major arterial roads for Leeds, the A660 and A65, run directly through the area. The vision for local residents is to be able to access these routes in any direction, at any time of the day without encountering congestion, which during rush hours can be severe.

In order to achieve this a unique identity has been created which characterises inner north west as Leeds' Left Bank. The area shares many features with the Left Bank in Paris, it is situated on the left bank of the river Aire and is the prominent area of the city in terms of education, as well as being culturally rich and diverse in flavour. The vision for Leeds' Left Bank also includes:-

## Appendix 1

- Vibrant shopping areas providing a range of services and benefits.
- An area where small businesses thrive and choose to be based, creating a entrepreneurial culture.
- Sports and cultural activity facilities open to all, particularly those of the universities
- Well managed and well used green spaces

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