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**WEST YORKSHIRE MASS TRANSIT: SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK JOINT DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (DPD) (REGULATION 18) CONSULTATION**

The Council has been working with the other four Local Planning Authorities in West Yorkshire (Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Wakefield) and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) to prepare a **West Yorkshire Mass Transit: Spatial Development Framework (SDF) Joint Development Plan Document (DPD)**.

This arrangement promotes effective co-ordination and co-operation to create a strategic policy framework to add to existing local planning policy and inform the development of future Local Plans. This strategic policy framework will take the form of a Spatial Development Framework, which will have formal planning policy status.

The City Council has published, for comment, **West Yorkshire Mass Transit: Spatial Development Framework (SDF) Joint Development Plan Document (DPD) (Regulation 18) Issues and Options<sup>1</sup>** document. The West Yorkshire Combined Authority are supporting the preparation of the DPD. The Spatial Development Framework will provide a long term (25 years) West Yorkshire wide strategic planning framework supporting the delivery of all emerging and future phases of West Yorkshire Mass Transit.

Based on the 'Issues and Options' presented within the consultation material, it is proposed a strategic, West Yorkshire-wide, approach to planning is required to identify the spatial priorities, principles, and implementation mechanisms that will be necessary to optimise the development and growth opportunities across the proposed Mass Transit network to deliver the transformational change expressed in the Mass Transit Vision 2040.

The Spatial Development Framework is a detailed document that covers a range of strategic planning policies. But it also raises some important questions that you might want to have your say on:

- **Provide region-wide spatial policy alignment for optimising the delivery of Mass Transit to support sustainable development**
- **Set principles around the focus of growth along Mass Transit corridors**
- **Focusing economic and housing growth around transit hubs, including establishing principles for Transit-oriented Development (ToD)**
- **Placemaking and design quality**
- **Modal shift and active travel integration**
- **Environment, climate, flood risk, and biodiversity**
- **Delivery and implementation mechanisms; and**
- **Policies to support the implementation of Mass Transit infrastructure across West Yorkshire**

This consultation will not include the following:

- **Site Allocations (housing, employment, mixed-use)**
- **Broad areas of growth or change**
- **Local or strategic Green Belt review**
- **Detailed safeguarding of routes for Phase 1 or later phases**
- **Numeric growth distribution or reallocation of district growth targets; and**
- **Replacement of Local Plan policies (it provides a strategic overlay only).**

**Period for submission of Comments**

Comments are invited on the Spatial Development Framework Issues and Options Document and Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for a period of 6 weeks, starting on **Thursday 29 January until 23.59 on Thursday 12 March 2026**. This statement provides details on how to make comments.

<sup>1</sup> In fulfillment of the requirement to notify and invite representations as part of Local Plan preparation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

### **How to view the documents**

The dedicated and accessible website [Yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/SDFReg18](https://Yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/SDFReg18) will be home to all the information contained within the Spatial Development Framework Joint Development Plan Document (DPD).

The consultation will be carried out in accordance with the [Leeds Statement of Community Involvement](#).

You will also be able to access consultation material at [Libraries](#) and [Community Hubs](#) as well as the Council's Main Office at Merrion House, 110 Merrion Way, Leeds, LS2 8BB.

### **Submitting your comments**

This is an important piece of work, and it is crucial that everyone who wishes to comment on the Spatial Development Framework is heard, ensuring that views are gathered from as many people, businesses, and stakeholders as possible. This approach helps to ensure that the comments received represent varied perspectives from all people and sectors across the city.

People can also have their say on the Spatial Development Framework by using the online response form through the consultation site: [Yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/SDFReg18](https://Yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/SDFReg18),

- alternatively emailing: [MassTransit@westyorks-ca.gov.uk](mailto:MassTransit@westyorks-ca.gov.uk), or
- by writing to: FREEPOST, WY MASS TRANSIT SDF JDPD CONSULTATION, WEST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY (no stamp needed).

This Issues and Options consultation on the draft Spatial Development Framework will run **until 23.59 on Thursday 12 March 2026**.

The intended next stage is known as the 'Publication Draft Plan'. At this stage, comments received will be carefully considered alongside the evidence that has been developed to identify and present policies. This stage is likely to be subject to public consultation in summer 2026.

### **Notification**

Unless you specify otherwise, if you make a representation, you will be notified of future stages (including further public consultation). Correspondingly, your representation may be accompanied by a specific request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following:

- (i) the submission of the Local Plan for independent examination;
- (ii) the publication of the recommendations of the Inspector who will be appointed to carry out the subsequent examination; and
- (iii) the adoption of the Local Plan.

If you have any questions, need to respond in a different way, or require consultation materials in another format, please contact us by phoning us on 0113 245 7676 (Metroline - charged at the standard operator's rate) or write to us at: [MassTransit@westyorks-ca.gov.uk](mailto:MassTransit@westyorks-ca.gov.uk). Alternatively, you can also email us at [localplans@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:localplans@leeds.gov.uk)

### **Privacy Notice**

To comply with its statutory obligations, the Council and its partners must make your representation available for public inspection, which includes making this available on the internet. This includes your name, address, and the contents of your comment. To protect personal data from unnecessary disclosure, the Council will, however, remove any personal information provided in your representation which we are not required, by law, to make available (for example, telephone numbers and signatures). Your information will be shared between the five Local Planning Authorities, WYCA and external professional advisers supporting the SDF. Anonymous comments cannot be accepted. Links to Councils [Planning Privacy Notice](#) and link for [WYCA Your Voice Privacy Notice](#)



# West Yorkshire Mass Transit: Spatial Development Framework Joint Development Plan Document Regulation 18



The West Yorkshire Mass Transit Spatial Development Framework is a joint Development Plan Document that aims to make sure new homes, business spaces, services and public spaces are built in the right places, in the right way, to maximise the benefits from Mass Transit.

The joint Development Plan Document has been prepared collectively by the five West Yorkshire Local Planning Authorities through a Joint Committee, supported by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (the Combined Authority).

It will provide a West Yorkshire-wide strategic spatial framework to support the delivery of all phases of West Yorkshire Mass Transit, and to ensure a coordinated approach to land use, growth, regeneration and transport decisions across Local Planning Authority boundaries.

Once adopted by the five West Yorkshire Local Planning Authorities, it will form part of their statutory development plans and will carry the same weight in planning decision making as Local Plans.

## What are we consulting on?

This first stage of the consultation - known as 'Regulation 18' - is to seek views on the scope and content of the draft joint Development Plan Document from the public, businesses, community groups, charitable organisations, statutory bodies and other stakeholders.

The Regulation 18 consultation will run from **Thursday 29 January until 23.59 on Thursday 12 March 2026.**

## How can I comment?

This consultation includes the 'Draft West Yorkshire Mass Transit Spatial Development Framework Joint Development Plan Document (DPD) Regulation 18 Main Report' and the following supporting documents.

- [Habitat Regulation Assessment \(HRA\) Screening Report](#)
- [Equalities Impact Assessment \(EqIA\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal \(SA\) Compatibility Assessment](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal \(SA\) Scoping Report \(issued for statutory consultation in December 2025\)](#)

For further information we have also provided a [Non-Technical Summary](#) and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

Once you have reviewed the consultation materials online, or at one of the locations across West Yorkshire listed below, please submit your response by completing the survey:

### **Complete our survey**

Consultation responses can also be submitted:

- By email - [MassTransit@westyorks-ca.gov.uk](mailto:MassTransit@westyorks-ca.gov.uk)
- By post - Freepost WEST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY (no stamp needed)

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Printed copies of the consultation materials are available at the following locations:

### **Bradford**

- Bradford Council's principal office - Britannia House, Hall Ings, Bradford, BD1 1HX
- Keighley Town Hall, Bow Street, Keighley, BD21 3PA,
- Bradford Local Studies Library, Margaret McMillan Tower (side entrance), Princes Way, Bradford, BD1 1NN
- City Library, Centenary Square, Bradford, BD1 1SD
- Shipley Library, 2 Wellcroft, Shipley, BD18 2QH
- Bingley Library, Myrtle Walk, Bingley, BD16 1AW
- Keighley Library, North Street, Keighley, BD21 3SX
- Ilkley Library, Station Road, Ilkley, LS29 8AH

Please visit Bradford Council's [website](#) for opening times and contact details.

### **Calderdale**

- Central Library & Archives (Customer First Office) - Square Road, Halifax, HX1 1QG
- Akroyd Library - Akroyd Park, Bankfield, Boothtown Road, Halifax, HX3 6HG
- Brighouse Library (Customer First Office) - Halifax Road. Brighouse, HD6 2AF
- Elland Library - Coronation Street, Elland, HX5 0DF
- Hebden Bridge Library - Cheetham Street, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8EP
- King Cross Library -151 Haugh Shaw Road, Halifax, HX1 3BG
- Mixenden Library - Mixenden Road, Mixenden, Halifax, HX2 8PU
- Northowram Library - Lydgate, Northowram, Halifax, HX3 7EJ
- Rastrick Library - Crowtrees Lane, Rastrick, Brighouse, HD6 3NE
- Sowerby Bridge Library - Hollins Mill Lane, Sowerby Bridge, HX6 2QG
- Todmorden Library (Customer First Office) - The Strand, Rochdale Road, Todmorden, OL14 7LB

Please visit Calderdale Council's [website](#) for opening times and contact details.

### Kirklees

- Huddersfield Library - Civic Centre 3, High street, Huddersfield HD1 2EY
- Dewsbury Library - Dewsbury Retail Park, Railway Street, Dewsbury WF12 8EQ
- Batley Library - Batley Library, Market Place, Batley, WF17 5DA

Please visit Kirklees Council's [website](#) for opening times and contact details.

### Leeds

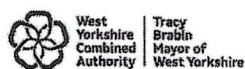
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- The Council's Main Office at Merrion House, 110 Merrion Way, Leeds, LS2 8BB.

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### Wakefield

- Customer Access Point - Wakefield One, Burton Street, Wakefield, WF1 2DA

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## Survey

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## **Regulation 18 Development Plan Document**


 Spatial Development Framework Joint Development Plan Document (Main report) (1.07 MB) (docx)


 Spatial Development Framework Joint Development Plan Document (Non-Technical Summary) (82.5 KB) (doc)

## **Impact assessments**

 Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Report (3.4 MB) (pdf)

 Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) (490 KB) (pdf)

 Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Compatibility Assessment (331 KB) (pdf)

 Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report (issued for statutory consultation in December 2025) (607 KB) (pdf)


## Frequently asked questions (FAQs)


- ❓ What is the Spatial Development Framework (SDF)?
  
- ❓ How does the Spatial Development Framework relate to West Yorkshire Mass Transit?
  
- ❓ How does the Spatial Development Framework relate to local plans and planning policies?
  
- ❓ How does Mass Transit fit into our wider plans for transport in West Yorkshire?
  
- ❓ What is the purpose of this consultation?
  
- ❓ Why is consultation happening now and what are the key timescales?
  
- ❓ How can you take part in the consultation?
  
- ❓ What will happen after the consultation and how will feedback be used?
  
- ❓ How have we considered the environmental impact?
  
- ❓ What will the personal information I provide be used for?

## Paper copy of survey

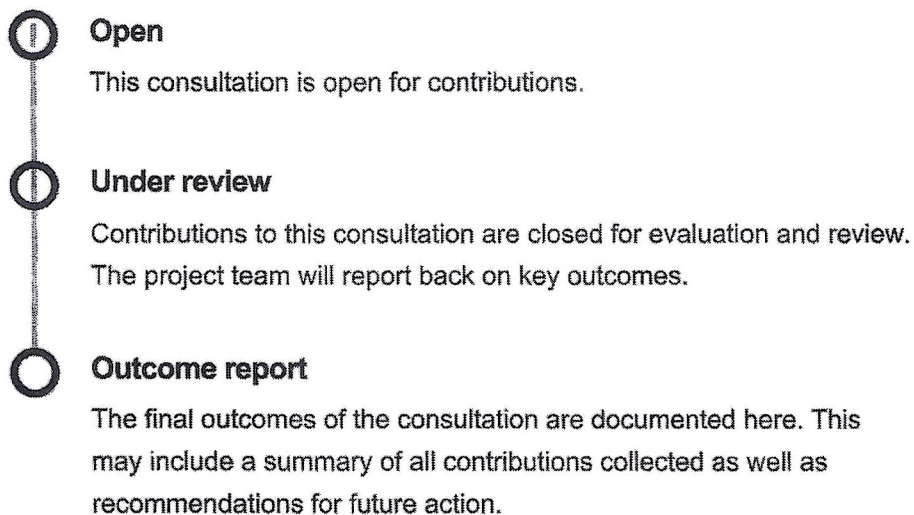
 Spatial Development Framework - Regulation 18 consultation survey (print version)  
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## Consultation dates


 Spatial Development Framework - Regulation 18 consultation launch  
**29 January 2026**

 Spatial Development Framework - Regulation 18 consultation closes  
**12 March 2026**

## Consultation lifecycle



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