

Wakefield LDF Core strategy Preferred Options Report

Comments on behalf of the Regional Planning Body

Overall the Core Strategy addresses the Regional context in a satisfactory manner. We have a number of specific comments and suggestions to help you in developing the submission document.

The Role and Function of Places

3.4.3 – 3.4.8

This section does not clearly explain the relationship between the Regional Settlement Classification and your own approach. It would be helpful to clarify this probably in a development of your appendix 6. At present it appears from the table at para 3.4.4 that there is no difference between Wakefield as a sub regional centre and places like Ossett that are local service centres in the regional study. However later in the section at para 3.4.10 you do make distinctions in the context of the development strategy.

Policy CS 1

The sequential approach to site selection set out in this policy broadly accords with policy P1 of current RSS but does not accord with the emerging approach in draft RSS policy YH8. It would be useful to discuss this point with you following the close of consultation on RSS when we are clear as to the extent to which this RSS policy has been challenged.

Housing

With regard to provision for the post 2016 period, the strategy should indicate broadly where provision would be directed. Also it would be useful to discuss this point with you following the close of consultation on RSS when we are clear whether the approach in the RSS has been challenged.

Accommodation of Gypsies and Travellers

As you may be aware the Assembly and the Regional Housing Board have commissioned a study of the needs of the travelling community that will report in July and inform the debate at the EiP into the draft RSS.

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