

HYDE PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

POLICY INTENTIONS

CONSULTATION

Purpose of the Consultation

The Hyde Park Neighbourhood Forum has been working hard since 2015 to research and explore local issues which are important to the local community and translate these ideas into a Neighbourhood Plan. This resulting Policy Intentions Document is a product of the extensive consultation and research that we have conducted in our neighbourhood and we are now seeking the views of the local community on our direction of travel.

The Policy Intentions Document sets out the policy ideas that the Forum wishes to turn into fully fledged planning policies, to include in the Hyde Park Neighbourhood Plan. This current document enables the local community to take the opportunity to comment on, and suggest improvements to these ideas that can be incorporated in the Neighbourhood Plan.

We want to ensure that we have accurately captured the views of the local community, and welcome any further ideas and suggestions on other issues to explore and seek to address through our Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Planning Process

Through new powers introduced in 2011 by the Localism Act, communities are able to produce Neighbourhood Plans for their areas which set locally-distinctive planning policies to be used to determine planning applications in a given area.

A neighbourhood plan can address locally important issues, and must be produced through extensive consultation and engagement with the local community. A neighbourhood plan, once made, will become part of the statutory development plan for Leeds, and will be used by the Council to inform decisions made on planning applications in Hyde Park. A neighbourhood plan cannot stop development from taking place, but it can shape development so that it is appropriate to the local area and reflects local needs and aspirations.

The Hyde Park Neighbourhood Plan is at a stage of the process where we are seeking to ensure that we are accurately capturing the views of local stakeholders, which include local residents, businesses and other partners. Once this consultation period has concluded, the Forum will collate comments made and, where appropriate, feed these into the emerging draft Plan.

We will then need to ensure that we have the appropriate evidence to substantiate our objectives and intentions, and will draft a formal consultation document, called a Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Plan. This will then be the subject of a more formal 6 week consultation period where we will invite comments from local residents and businesses, but also from a wider group of stakeholders such as local service providers and statutory bodies. After this, we will refine the draft Plan and submit it to Leeds City Council. A neighbourhood plan must be examined by an independent examiner to ensure that it meets regulatory requirements, known as the Basic Conditions. If the Plan successfully passes the examination, it

will then come back to the community for a local referendum. The referendum will pose the question:

“Do you want Leeds City Council to use the Hyde Park Neighbourhood Plan to help it determine planning applications in the Hyde Park Neighbourhood Area?”

If more than 50% of those voting vote in favour of the Plan, it will be formally made by the Council and become a statutory planning document. It will then be up to the Forum and the local community to monitor the implementation of the Plan and to work towards other projects that have been identified in our Plan.

What follows is a summary of the document itself, with details of how to comment.

Document Summary

Neighbourhood Plans should develop a shared Vision for an area. The Vision for Hyde Park, and what the Forum hopes the area will be like in 2028 is:

Hyde Park is an outstanding neighbourhood with exceptional qualities. Our vision is to make Hyde Park a more balanced and attractive neighbourhood for all who live, work and study in the area. By working with local residents and partners, we will protect and improve our built heritage, cultural and community assets and green spaces, and create a healthier and more pleasant environment that meets the needs of all sections of our diverse community.

Supporting the Vision for Hyde Park are the following objectives:

- (a) To rebalance the community by diversifying use of the current housing stock to attract and retain more long term residents to/in the neighbourhood;
- (b) To create a healthier and more pleasant environment by making it greener and cleaner; by protecting and improving our built heritage and green spaces; by improving sports and leisure facilities; and by tackling anti-social behaviour such as noise and rubbish;
- (c) To better meet the needs of all sections of our community by increasing the range of local facilities and protecting and promoting local employment; and
- (d) To make Hyde Park a more attractive place to live, work and visit by harnessing our community and cultural assets and local talents to enhance our existing cultural hub.

Policy Intentions

The policy intentions that we hope to develop into detailed planning policies fit into 7 themes: housing, heritage and built environment, green space, community facilities, arts and culture, business and employment and parking and traffic management.

Housing

Policy HB1: Improving the Housing Mix

The overall aim of this Policy is to rebalance the community such that:

- there is no increase in the number of students
- there is more family housing available
- suitable provision is made for young professionals
- people wish to stay in the area as long term residents

Policy HB2: Affordable Housing

The overall aim of this Policy is to rebalance the community:

- Property prices were no longer affordable in the area
- Ensure that affordable housing is available to all the community
- Ensure that that social housing is available to all the community

Policy H3: Bringing Empty Properties into Use

To help bring empty properties back into residential use

Policy will support the development of live/work accommodation and artists' studios/workshops where it brings back empty properties into beneficial use, provided

- The primary use remains residential,
- There is no adverse impact on local amenity, and
- There is no unwanted ancillary uses such as retail.

Heritage and Built Environment

Policy HBE1: Local Heritage Assets

The overall aim of this Policy is to ensure that local heritage assets that are not covered by other heritage based planning legislation have appropriate levels of protection.

Policy HBE2: Design and Development

The overall aim of this Policy is to ensure that the limited Greenery available in Hyde Park is protected and new urban Greenery promoted and to encourage new developments to reflect the best of design with respect to architectural, historical and landscape features.

Policy HBE3: Environmental Improvement Pilot Zones

The Policy seeks to recognise areas that are in need of environmental improvements and provide a framework that can be used as a vehicle for an integrated approach to environmental changes.

Green Space

Policy GS1: Protecting Local Green Space

Protects Local Green Space above and beyond the normal protection afforded by the Core Strategy.

Policy GS2: Green Links

Policy will designate green links within the Neighbourhood Area and protect them from development that would sever, block or prejudice their operation as part of a multi-functional amenity, recreational and wildlife network. Policy will also expect development adjacent to designated links to enhance or extend them where appropriate and feasible.

Policy GS3: Sports Facilities

Protect existing outdoor sports facilities and promote new outdoor sports facilities.

Community Facilities

Policy CF1: Protecting Community Facilities

Policy aims to protect Community Facilities in Hyde Park.

Policy CF2: Former Royal Park School Caretakers' House

Policy aims to protect the site for community use.

Arts and Culture

Policy AC1: Protecting and Enhancing Key Arts and Cultural Assets

Policy aims to protect the sites for community use.

Policy AC2: Site for Arts and Cultural Use

Policy will designate the site at the junction of Victoria Road, Headingley Lane and Hyde Park Road for arts and cultural use.

Policy AC3: Designation of Sites for Community Art Installation

Policy aims to protect the sites for Community Art Installations.

Business and Employment

Policy BE1: Shop Frontage Improvement Areas

To improve shopfronts

Policy BE2: Milford Builders Merchant Site

Policy will indicate that the site should be protected for general employment use.

Parking and Traffic Management

Policy PT1: Parking and New Developments

To reduce parking stress levels in the area

Consultation Information

The Policy Intentions Document consultation runs for 4 weeks from Wednesday 31st January to Wednesday 28th February 2018. Full copies of the PID and appendices are available on the Hyde Park Neighbourhood Forum website. Copies are also available to view at:

- All Hallows Rainbow Junction Cafe, which is open 10am-3pm on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays (24 Regent Terrace LS6 1NP)
- Cardigan Centre (145-149 Cardigan Road LS6 1LJ)
- Better Leeds Communities (42-46 Burley Lodge Road LS6 1QF)
- Brudenell Social Club - ask at the bar (33 Queen's Road LS6 1NY)
- Hyde Park Picture House (73 Brudenell Road LS6 1JD)

You are encouraged to make comments by filling in the survey and emailing it back to hydeparkneighbourhoodforum@gmail.com or posting it back to Hyde Park Picture House, 73 Brudenell Road, Leeds, LS6 1JD.

Comments will be analysed by the Steering Group and appropriate amendments made to the PID before we move the Plan on to the next stage of the process.

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