



Drighlington Parish Council

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Leeds Local Plan – Scoping Consultation Comments

Drighlington Parish Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Leeds Local Plan Scoping Consultation. The Parish Council acknowledges that this stage is only seeking views on the proposed scope of the Plan and the approach to future engagement, rather than on detailed site plans and specific policies. With the development of national planning policy still underway, the Parish Council acknowledges that this is a transition period and this brings some uncertainty. It is therefore important that the Leeds Local Plan remains adaptable so it can respond to new national requirements alongside local needs.

1. Proposed Scope of the Plan

The Parish Council considers the proposed scope to be appropriate and comprehensive. The Parish Council supports the inclusion of the following key areas:

- The overall distribution of development and the strategic approach to growth across the district.
- Infrastructure planning, including transport, education, health provision, utilities, and digital connectivity.
- Environmental and climate-related matters, including biodiversity, landscape protection and green spaces.
- A mix of good, sustainable housing that is affordable and meets the changing demographics.
- The protection and enhancement of community facilities.

These reflect the issues of direct relevance to Drighlington, particularly in relation to transport pressures in the village and surrounding localities, infrastructure capacity, and the need to safeguard valued green spaces and village's identity.

The Parish Council emphasises the importance of ensuring that future stages of the Local Plan fully consider:

- The cumulative impact of development surrounding Drighlington
- Existing and emerging transport pressures on the A650 and connecting routes
- The protection of green spaces and landscapes valued by residents
- The need for proportionate, sustainable growth that reflects the village's infrastructure capacity and local character

The Parish Council looks forward to contributing further during the next consultation stage, when detailed policy options and site assessments will be presented.

2. Engagement Approach

The Parish Council supports the proposed methods for community engagement throughout the plan-making process and welcomes an inclusive approach that uses multiple consultation methods to keep the Community engaged and involved. The Parish Council supports:

- Clear and accessible consultation materials
- Early publication of documents wherever possible
- Opportunities for parish councils and residents to easily engage with planning officers
- Continued use of digital platforms alongside in-person engagement recognising that not all residents are able to engage digitally.

Early site of any community communication plans with flexibility to adapt them would be welcome.

Kind regards,

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