

Annex 3: Key Projects

A3.1 The following table provides a summary of the anticipated outcomes from the key projects outlined in preparing the Local Plan Preferred Options Document

Project Title	Outcomes
Consultation Audit Trail	To produce a comprehensive audit trail using past LDF Core Strategy and Allocations DPD consultations to help inform each section of the new Local Plan.
Vision	<p>The overall aim is to produce a Spatial Planning Vision for City of York. The Vision along with its associated objectives will guide the overall approach to the location of development and all strategic policies included within the plan.</p> <p>In terms of its content the Vision must aim to capture the broad aspirations and approached contained in other relevant Council strategies such as the Council Plan, Economic Prospectus, The City Action Plan, The Economic Strategy, Climate Change Strategy etc. It must also reflect the issues arising out of the existing evidence base and National Policy issues such as the National Planning Policy Framework and the UK Sustainable Development Strategy.</p>
Spatial Strategy	The overall aim is to produce a Spatial Strategy that will indicate the approach to the distribution of development through the Local Plan process. The Strategy will be directly linked to the overall Local Plan vision and will respond to the development needs of the City both economically and in terms of housing.
City Centre Policies	To review existing situation, explore new city centre vision and develop preferred options for consultation
Green Belt General Extent	The overall aim is to provide an approach that will allow the Council to set the general extent of the Green Belt. It is important that this piece of work recognizes the historical

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	rational and approach in York to this subject as well as recognizing the role of Green Belts as an urban planning tool.
Green Belt Detailed Boundaries	To carry out a detailed assessment of accuracy of existing greenbelt boundaries and evaluate suggested amendments to the greenbelt to give a more defensible long term boundary and to determine potential allocations.
Strategic Allocations	To re-consider strategic allocations in light of housing targets, housing supply, delivery and viability
Historic Environment	To review existing situation and develop preferred options for consultation
Natural Environment	To review the existing situation and refresh the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and review the PPG17 Open Space Study alongside producing new evidence base documents for Green Infrastructure including the Biodiversity Audit Plan and the Lower Derwent Valley Plan. The Preferred Options strategy and policy can then be developed for the Preferred Options consultation.
Environmental Protection	To review existing situation, fully take into account all environmental protection issues and develop preferred options for consultation
Housing Growth and Supply	To be able to show an appropriate quantum and mix/type of deliverable and viable housing sites over the Local Plan period including the production of an updated housing trajectory, updated Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), housing implementation strategy and relevant policy changes to the Housing Growth and

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	Distribution, Aiding Choice in the Housing Market and Affordable Housing sections of the Core Strategy.
Community Facilities and Education	To review existing situation and develop preferred options for consultation
Retail	Undertake new evidence base work to assess the role and function of the City Centre and other centres in York; define a network/hierarchy of centres and develop an appropriate policy approach; assessment of the capacity of existing centres to accommodate new development; allocate a range of sites to meet the scale and type of retail development likely to be required over the Plan Period.
Economic Growth and Supply	Undertake rerun of econometric forecasts, revisit land supply and develop preferred options for consultation
Transport	To establish the city-wide transport impacts of the planned growth rates for and location of development and to use outcomes from impacts assessment to determine whether growth rates for and location of development is acceptable. If found not acceptable investigate suitable policies and measures to mitigate the impacts to make it (more) acceptable and if found that policies alone are insufficient to mitigate effects, reassess development growth rates and locations. A transport assessment of preferred allocations and designations will also be completed to inform preferred options for consultation.
Climate Change and	To refresh the evidence base for renewable energy including the AEA Study, undertake additional mapping of wind turbine locations and District Heating Schemes inline with

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Sustainability	new evidence and to review new Carbon Modeling data recently produced to develop Preferred Options for consultation.
Waste and Minerals	Include strategic policies for both waste and minerals in the Local Plan Preferred Options Document. This will require the Council to commission additional evidence base documents for both waste and minerals in order to robustly develop Preferred Options for consultation
Infrastructure and Planning Gain	<p>To establish a fully revised 'Outline' Infrastructure Delivery Plan to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the infrastructure, facilities and services required to enable the planned growth to be realised; • Demonstrate that the infrastructure required to enable strategic allocations and other potential sites to be developed can be delivered; • Identify, with a reasonable degree of certainty, the infrastructure, facility and service costs; and • Identify, with a reasonable degree of certainty, the sources of funding for the required infrastructure, facilities and services (and/or funding gaps).
Sustainability Audit Trail	Written audit of the previous Sustainability Appraisal (SA) process for the Core Strategy to provide a summary of outcomes to inform the Local Plan and a consistent approach to evaluation is undertaken.
Sustainability	The Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/SEA) and

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Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment and Heritage Impact Assessment	Habitat Regulation Assessment will continue to be an integral part of ensuring the soundness of the Local Plan and is required for the document to comply with the European SEA Directive (2001/42/EC). The SA/SEA will need to document the full audit trail of options considered for each policy choice or site allocation in order to be in compliance with statutory guidance - to be considered sound at examination the Plan has to be 'justified' meaning that the plan should be the most appropriate strategy, when considered against the reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence. The SA/SEA will need to be developed in tandem with the Local Plan throughout the process.
Duty to Cooperate	To provide a clear demonstration that the two key requirements of the Duty to Co-operate have been met.

A3.2 In working towards a Submission Draft Local Plan the key outcomes for all projects will be to consider the Preferred Options consultation responses, the Sustainability Appraisal and viability testing outcomes before developing Submission Draft policies for consultation.