

**THE EMERGING YORK CENTRAL AREA ACTION PLAN
ISSUES AND OPTIONS DOCUMENT
Comments of the Local Development Framework Working
Group**

General

- (i) That bullet pointed lists should comprise of no more than 4 points with longer lists being referenced by numbers.
- (ii) That reference should be made in appropriate sections to the emerging proposals for the British Sugar site.
- (iii) That baseline information should be made accessible to the public on the web and at libraries and Council receptions.

Section 1 – Introduction

No comments.

Section 2 – Spatial Portrait

No comments.

Section 3 – Strategic Context

- (i) That references to the Regional Housing Strategy and the Regional Sustainable Framework should be included.

Section 4 – Objectives for York Central

- (i) That a key aspiration from the Planning Brief, to provide a particular quality of design that would complement the historic centre and attract visitors in its own right, should be carried over as an objective.
- (ii) That being an exemplar in terms of sustainable design should also be included in the vision.
- (iii) That the final bullet point of paragraph 4.4 should be reviewed to clarify that it related to an interchange for sustainable transport and detail the types of transport which might be included.
- (iv) That provision of types of housing suitable for families should be included as an objective.
- (v) That low car usage should be included as a separate objective.
- (vi) That the third bullet point of paragraph 4.4 should be amended to refer to provision of employment accommodation, rather than just office accommodation.
- (vii) That the bullet points in paragraph 4.5 should be re-ordered to put the key sustainability objectives first.
- (viii) That designing out vandalism should be included as a sustainability objective.
- (ix) That the objective of “vibrant communities that participate in decision making” should be amended to delete the word “vibrant”.
- (x) That the fifth bullet point in paragraph 4.5 should be amended to remove the reference to rural landscapes, or an explanatory note should be

included to explain that the sustainability objectives had been lifted from the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for the Core Strategy.

Section 5 – Constraints and Key Issues

- (i) That open space, leisure and social facilities should be included as a key issue.

Section 6 – Transport, Access and Parking

- (i) That paragraph 6.1 should be rephrased to emphasise that linkages to the city centre and the surrounding area were crucial to the success of York Central.
- (ii) That the ninth bullet point of paragraph 6.2 should be amended to refer to total levels of traffic, rather than just those relating to journeys to work, and emphasise that there was a need to achieve a 20% modal share limit, rather than a desire.
- (iii) That the second bullet point of paragraph 6.2 should be amended to clarify that there was a second vehicular access to the site, also with limited headroom.
- (iv) That the twelfth bullet point of paragraph 6.2 should be rephrased to refer to York Central's impact on existing Park and Ride services and any future proposals.
- (v) That the possible solutions set out in paragraph 6.3 should include pedestrian links, car clubs and secure, covered cycle parking.
- (vi) That the eleventh bullet point of paragraph 6.3 should be rephrased to make reference to suggested locations for car parks, both on and off the site.

Section 7 – Housing

- (i) That provision of types of housing suitable for families should be included as a key issue.

Section 8 – Economy and Employment

- (i) That reference should be made to the 24 hour economy.
- (ii) That the fourth bullet point of paragraph 8.1 should be rephrased to make it clear that a minimum amount of floorspace will be set for employment related development on the site and that provision could exceed this.
- (iii) That reference should be made to other types of employment, apart from Science City.
- (iv) That reference should be made as to how employment related development links to the job needs and skill levels of York residents.
- (v) That reference should be made to opportunities for relocating recently established small, local businesses.

Section 9 – Culture, Tourism and Historic Environment

- (i) That the first bullet point of paragraph 9.1 should be rephrased to refer to the desire to increase visitor spend and provide better paid jobs in the tourist industry.

Section 10 – Community Facilities

- (i) That this section should be re-titled to cover open space, leisure and social facilities and should include reference to GP's, dentists, pubs, restaurants, local shops, community halls, play areas, parks and playing fields.
- (ii) That reference should be made to the need to re-provide facilities that would be lost by the demolition of the Railway Institute prior to its replacement.
- (iii) That the first bullet point of paragraph 10.1 should be amended to refer to provision of services for existing residents, as well as new residents.
- (iv) That the fifth bullet point of paragraph 10.1 should be amended to refer to access by public transport, as well as by foot and cycle.
- (v) That reference should be made to provision for faith communities.

Section 11 – City Stadium

- (i) That the key issue relating to limits on height to protect important views should be moved to section 12.

Section 12 – Urban Design Principles

- (i) That this section be re-titled and expanded to refer to general building design principles, as well as urban design principles.
- (ii) That, with regards to the second bullet point of paragraph 12.1, it should be clarified what legibility means.
- (iii) That sustainability, safety, building design, maintenance and revenue implications should be added as key issues.

Section 13 – Indicative Site Options

No comments.

Section 14 – Consultation and Next Steps

No comments.