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Dear Colleagues,

Site Allocations Plan and Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan Publication Drafts

You will be aware that following earlier stages of public consultation and discussion with ward members, the Site Allocations and Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plans were considered by Executive Board on 15th July 2015.

You'll also be aware that Executive Board subsequently approved the Plans, together with the sustainability appraisals and other relevant supporting documents for the purposes of public participation and to formally invite representations.

The Publication stage of Plan preparation is the final formal stage of consultation, prior to the submission of the document for independent examination.

At this stage the City Council has made its choices for allocations, taking into account comments from earlier stages of engagement. The focus of this stage of consultation is therefore to invite formal representations on the Plans. This is needed in order to identify which allocations are supported and the reasons why sites may be unsuitable (in relation to the government's tests of soundness i.e. "Have the Plans being positively prepared?", "Are the Plans Justified?", "Are they Effective?" and "Are they consistent with National Planning requirements?"). Following submission, the independently appointed government inspector will consider all responses given on the Plans and the list of potential sites, before deciding whether they are appropriate or if they need further review.

Within this overall context, an 8 week period of public consultation, starting on 22nd September is currently being arranged. The consultation will include an on line comments form and mapping information (accessed via the City Council's web site), the distribution of material via the City Council's network of libraries and One Stop Centres, liaison with locality co-ordinators and the use of social media. A series of 'drop in' exhibitions across the District are also being planned, to provide an opportunity for members of the public to discuss the Plans and proposals with

officers (see attached schedule – please note that this may be subject to change and members will therefore be notified of any amendments). Given the resource intensive nature of this process and to assist with future stages, emphasis is being placed upon receiving comments via the online form, although paper copies of the form will be made available.

As at the previous stage of consultation, the exhibitions have been planned to provide coverage across the district and ensure access to the relevant information is as easy as possible accepting that resources mean that we are not able to provide exhibitions in every individual community. Whilst further exhibitions will not therefore be possible officers will again try to assist members by providing appropriate material should members themselves wish to arrange meetings in their wards. For instance it may be possible to provide exhibition material when it is not in use elsewhere. Colleagues should note that we are trying to maximize the use of on-line resources and as a consequence very few hard copies of the plans are being printed.

The preparation of these Plans is a significant step in taking forward the city's key commitments for regeneration and the provision of new homes (including affordable housing for older people and sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People) and jobs across the District. The assistance of Members to date in helping to shape these proposals is appreciated and I am aware that many challenges remain.

However, it is important that collectively we can keep the process moving forward positively. Without such Plans in place, the City is more vulnerable to speculative, poorly planned and uncoordinated development, to the detriment of local communities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Lewis', written in a cursive style.

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Site Allocations Plan and Aire Valley Leeds Area Action Plan

Consultation period Tuesday 22nd September – Monday 16th November (8 weeks)

Exhibition Programme

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 22nd September	2:00 – 8:00pm	Leeds Civic Hall, (Banqueting Suite).
Wednesday 23rd September	2:00 – 8:00pm	Guiseley Methodist Hall (off Oxford Road)
Thursday 24 th September	2:00 – 8:00pm	Otley, Resource Centre.
Wednesday 30 th September	2:00 – 8:00pm	Pudsey Civic Centre (Woodhall Room)
Saturday 3 rd October	10:00 – 3:00pm	Horsforth, Mechanics Institute.
Monday 5 th October	2:00pm – 8:00pm	East Ardsley (Church Hall)
Tuesday 13 th October	2.00 – 8.00pm	St Hilda's Church Hall, Cross Green
Wednesday 14 th October	2:00 – 8.00pm	Hunslet Parish Hall
Friday 16 th October	2:00 – 8:00pm	Rothwell (Blackburn Hall, Community Centre)
Saturday 17 th October	10:00 – 3:00pm	Morley (Town Hall, Morlean Room)
Monday 19 th October	2:00 – 8:00pm	Wetherby (Town Hall, Deighton Room)
Wednesday 21 st October	2:00 - 7:00pm	Crossgates (Library)
Friday 23 rd October	2:00 – 7:00pm	Garforth (Miners Welfare Hall)
Thursday 29 th October	2:00 - 8:00pm	Leeds Civic Hall, (Banqueting Suite).
Friday 30 th October	2:00 - 8:00pm	Leeds Civic Hall, (Banqueting Suite).

Other Planned Consultation Activity

Gypsy & Travellers (some of these fall outside the 8 week period)

Date	Time	Venue
10 th September	All day	Site visits to proposed sites with GATE
17 th September	10.00 - 1:00pm	Lee Gap, Horse Fair, West Ardsley
25 th September	10:00 – 2:00pm	GATE offices – drop in session