

Adel Neighbourhood Forum

Adel Bells article – December 2022

For a number of years now the Adel Neighbourhood Forum has been preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Adel; this embodies the views of local residents and businesses on future development in Adel and, once adopted, will be taken into consideration by the Council when reviewing applications for future developments in our area. Because of the changes that have taken place since the last formal consultation with residents the Neighbourhood Forum Steering Group decided to hold a final, six week Consultation in the summer prior to finalising the Plan and submitting it to Leeds City Council for adoption.

Leaflets were delivered to all residents in the area, and the Consultation was also publicised on the Forum's website and by email from Councillor Barry Anderson. Copies of the draft Plan were (and still are) available for residents to download and review, a printed copy was lodged at Holt Park library and other copies were available for inspection at the three drop-in consultation events that were held.

Around a hundred residents attended the drop-in events and a number also emailed their comments to us. In general all residents were extremely supportive of the initiative, being concerned about the extent of inappropriate development in the area, and some made specific comments which are all being reviewed for incorporation into the final version of the Plan.

Our aim now is to produce a final version of the Plan in the next few weeks and then submit that to the Council for adoption. Once we have submitted it, the Council will send it to an independent inspector who may make changes if it is inconsistent with local or national policies. When that is complete, a referendum of all residents in the area will be held, with a simple majority of those voting being needed for the Plan to be adopted, after which it will form part of the Council's planning policy. At this stage we do not know how long the inspection process will take but we hope that, when the Council announces the referendum, you will vote to adopt the Plan.

In the meantime the Neighbourhood Forum continues to review planning applications submitted for developments in the area and comment on these where appropriate.

If you would like to get in touch with the Neighbourhood Forum then please email us on:
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