

Regulation 19**Local Plan****Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004****Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012****Representation Period for the West Yorkshire Mass Transit: Spatial Development Framework Joint Development Plan Document Publication Draft**

The Council has been working with the other four Local Planning Authorities in West Yorkshire, Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield, and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) to prepare the West Yorkshire Mass Transit: Spatial Development Framework Joint Development Plan Document. The Spatial Development Framework will provide a long-term, West Yorkshire-wide planning framework to support current and future phases of Mass Transit, helping to guide land use, growth, regeneration, infrastructure and investment. Once adopted, it will form part of the statutory development plan for the participating authorities.

The Publication Draft Spatial Development Framework follows earlier Regulation 18 consultation and engagement held between January and March 2026. Representations received have helped inform this formal Regulation 19 stage, which is the final opportunity to make representations before the document is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

Representations should focus on whether the Publication Draft Spatial Development Framework is legally compliant and sound. The soundness tests, set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, ask whether the plan is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. Further guidance on legal compliance and soundness is available in the consultation material and [national planning policy guidance](#).

Period for Submission of Representations

Representations are invited on the West Yorkshire Mass Transit: Spatial Development Framework Joint Development Plan Document Publication Draft for an eight-week period, starting on **Tuesday 4 August and ending at 23:59 on Sunday 27 September 2026**. This statement provides details on how to view the consultation documents and make representations.

How to View the Documents

The consultation documents will be available to view online through the dedicated consultation website: <http://yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/SDFReg19>

The consultation documents include:

- the West Yorkshire Mass Transit: Spatial Development Framework Joint Development Plan Document Publication Draft;
- Sustainability Appraisal Main Report
- Sustainability Appraisal Main Report Appendix E Baseline Figures
- Habitats Regulations Assessment;
- Regulation 18 Consultation Statement;
- the Viability Statement;
- supporting evidence and background documents; and
- Frequently Asked Questions.

The consultation will be carried out having regard to the [Leeds Statement of Community Involvement](#). You will also be able to access the consultation material at [libraries](#) and [Community Hubs](#), as well as at the Council's main office at Merrion House, 110 Merrion Way, Leeds, LS2 8BB.

Submitting Your Representations

This is an important stage in preparing the Spatial Development Framework. Everyone who wishes to make a representation should have the opportunity to do so. Representations should relate to whether the Publication Draft Spatial Development Framework is legally compliant and sound.

People can have their say on the Spatial Development Framework by using the online response form on the consultation site: <http://yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/SDFReg19>

Alternatively, email: MassTransit@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

By post: Freepost, WY Mass Transit SDF Consultation, West Yorkshire Combined Authority (no stamp is needed)

This Regulation 19 representation period on the Publication Draft Spatial Development Framework will run until **23:59 on Sunday 27 September 2026**.

Please make sure your representation includes your name and contact details. Anonymous representations cannot be accepted.

Need Help to Respond?

If you have any questions, need to respond in a different way, or require consultation materials in another format, please phone 0113 245 7676 (Metroline — charged at the standard operator's rate) or email MassTransit@westyorks-ca.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can email the Leeds Local Plans team at localplans@leeds.gov.uk.

Future Notification

If you make a representation, you may request to be notified at a specified email or postal address of any of the following:

- (i) that the West Yorkshire Mass Transit: Spatial Development Framework Joint Development Plan Document has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination;
- (ii) the publication of the recommendations or report of the person appointed to carry out the independent examination; and
- (iii) the adoption of the West Yorkshire Mass Transit: Spatial Development Framework Joint Development Plan Document.

Privacy Notice

To meet statutory planning requirements, Leeds City Council, the other West Yorkshire Local Planning Authorities and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority must make representations available for public inspection, including online and as part of the examination process. Your name and representation may be made public. Personal information not required by law, such as telephone numbers and signatures, will be removed where appropriate. Your information will be shared with the participating authorities, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and professional advisers supporting the preparation and examination of the Spatial Development Framework. Further information about how your personal data will be used is available in the relevant privacy notices: the [Leeds City Council Planning Privacy Notice](#) and the [West Yorkshire Combined Authority Your Voice Privacy Notice](#).

Scan the QR code to view the consultation documents and submit your representations online.

