

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP

- 1 As reported to the Parish Council in December 2014, the main focus currently is on the forthcoming announcement by Leeds City Council of its Local Plan Site Allocations proposals, which will be considered by its Development Plans Panel at meetings scheduled for 6th and 13th January 2015.
- 2 Recent statements, concerning site allocations, from Wetherby Ward Councillors, as reported in the local press, have been noted. These appear to be in line with their announcements at the December 4th meeting in Wetherby, attended by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Parish Council and representatives of the Neighbourhood Plan Group, as previously reported. They are continuing to promote the inclusion of Headley Fields as a site for major housing development. The most recent communication from Councillor Procter states that the inclusion of Headley is now recommended by Council officers and that this is welcomed by all Harewood and Wetherby Ward Councillors and Mr. Shelbrooke MP.
- 3 In response to this, it should be noted that this view is not shared by this Parish Council, or the Neighbourhood Plan Group, nor by Bramham residents whose opinions have been expressed to date. The Group considers that there is a strong case for opposing the Headley development, based on sound Planning principles relating to sustainability and the recently adopted Core Strategy for Leeds.
- 4 In the event that the release of Green Belt land at Headley is approved by the City Council, for inclusion in the Local Plan, the Group intends to lead a campaign to oppose it, through the further formal stages of the Plan's preparation and will seek the engagement and support of Bramham residents for this course of action.
- 5 For information, the Council is reminded that the City Council's publication of draft Plan Proposals for formal consultation is not expected until summer 2015, with the likelihood that Examination in Public, by a Planning Inspector will not take place until 2016. Representatives of the NP Group will attend the Development Plan Panels and the City Council's Executive Board in February 2015 as observers.

