

Spatial Priority Area - Definitions and Criteria

SPAs are identified as the largest and or most strategic opportunities within our city region, requiring coordinated infrastructure investment and are broad areas rather than individual sites.

Our strategic pipelines (including employment, housing and transport) complement the SPAs providing a more comprehensive list of priority sites or schemes, which are key to driving inclusive growth. Many of the employment and housing pipeline sites fall within SPAs. The SPAs are, in some instances, aligned with enabling transport schemes through transport pipelines.

The SPAs have been developed and are to be actively managed to ensure that:

- we are doing all we can to bring forward the 60,000 extant housing permissions across West Yorkshire in the context of high demand for homes;
- we are doing all we can to support jobs growth by better understanding local supply and demand for strategic employment land;
- we are raising the profile of those areas in our city region with critical infrastructure and economic resilience challenges;
- we are prioritising development in locations served by sustainable transport networks.

CATEGORY OF SPA	AIMS	CRITERIA	Proposed SPAs
Core City	- Support inclusive growth and renewal in main Urban Centres through the delivery of key infrastructure, commercial and residential development opportunities.	- Largest settlements in Local Plan place hierarchies. These have been identified in local plans due to their size and role within the context of the district and sub region, their suitability to accommodate new development, and their accessibility to jobs and services. - Member of the UK Core Cities group. - Contributes the highest proportion of housing units to the West Yorkshire total. - Contributes the highest proportion of GVA to the West Yorkshire total.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leeds City Centre

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Main Urban Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support inclusive growth and renewal in main Urban Centres through the delivery of key infrastructure, commercial and residential development opportunities. - Transform urban centres to adapt to the climate emergency and to support the regional target to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2038. - Take a whole place approach to renewal in Urban Centres. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Largest settlements in Local Plan place hierarchies. These have been identified in local plans due to their size and role within the context of the district and sub region, their suitability to accommodate new development, and their accessibility to jobs and services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bradford City Centre • Wakefield City Centre • Huddersfield Town Centre • Halifax Town Centre
Investment Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investment to accelerate growth (housing or commercial), promote regeneration or increase resilience. - Identify requirement for public sector investment to deliver inclusive growth, tackle development constraints, promote urban renewal and to protect vulnerable places from economic and environmental threats. - Support the target to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2038. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Locations in this category are to align with Local Plan allocations. - Individual site allocations or clusters of sites with a capacity of >1000 units* (housing or) or > 15 ha* (employment) that are aligned with sustainable travel networks. OR - Meets 3 or more of the following criteria: - Land allocated for housing to deliver 400+ homes or significant commercial development within 600m of an existing or planned railway station or main bus interchange incorporating transit orientated development principles. - Alignment with current and future infrastructure investment priorities (identified as one of the places to connect through the emerging connectivity strategy). - Town is shortlisted at a 'Town Fund' area or 'Future High Street Fund' area. 	<p>Mixed use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canal Road Corridor • Chidswell • East Leeds Extension • Aire Valley • City Fields • Thornhills Garden Community (inc Clifton) • Kirkstall Forge <p>Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langthwaite Grange Extension • North West Leeds Employment Hub • Newmarket • White Rose Office Park • Cooper Bridge <p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castleford Growth Zone • Dewsbury Riverside Urban Extension

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Area has an average IMD score in the lowest 20%. - Opportunity / need for investment to maintain economic strength / increase resilience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manchester Road / Blackmoorfoot Road Corridor • Woodhouse Garden Community / Bradley Garden Village • North Halifax Growth Area <p>Regeneration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shipley • Keighley • Dewsbury • Batley • Todmorden • Brighouse • Five Towns (Castleford, Normanton, Featherstone, Pontefract, Knottingley) • Elland
Future Growth Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential areas / sites which may be suitable for strategic development that are not currently included in Development Plans. - Locations suitable to accommodate larger scale strategic development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Future growth locations are emerging priorities not currently allocated in Local Plans. - Individual site allocations or clusters of sites with a capacity of >1000 units* (housing or) or > 15 ha* (employment) that are aligned with sustainable travel networks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knottingley and Ferrybridge Growth Area • South Kirkby and South Elmsall Urban Extension (proposed additional allocation) • Newmarket (proposed additional allocation) • Broad Cut Farm (proposed additional location) • Apperley Bridge / Esholt • Holme Wood

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huddersfield Station to Stadium Enterprise Corridor
Environmental Opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential areas which offer significant opportunities to address environmental issues, increase resilience and tackle the climate emergency (for example flood risk management, carbon sequestration, net biodiversity and environmental gain, green and blue infrastructure, renewable and low carbon energy generation). Support the City Region target to achieve net zero carbon by 2038, with significant progress by 2030. 	<p>Meets 2 or more of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant areas or assets that offer an opportunity to enhance the environmental performance of the region and/or provide climate change mitigation An asset that has great potential to help tackle the climate emergency through a) reducing carbon emissions and/or 2) helps adapt communities or businesses to a changing climate Area of strategic scale Area that would require cross boundary co-ordination or delivery to realise its full potential. Assets that deliver more than one environmental benefit (Multi functionality – e.g. tree planting that offer direct flood protection to a high-risk area) An environmental, social, or economic asset that is identified as being specifically vulnerable or under short term threat. Opportunity / need for investment to maintain economic strength / increase resilience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calder Valley <p><i>Further work is required to identify other SPAs in this category. Spatial priorities are likely to emerge from progress on the Energy Strategy, Green and Blue Infrastructure Pilot and Zero Emissions pathway work. Other SPAs could include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Significant opportunities for peat restoration</i> <i>Significant & multi-functional opportunities for tree planting.</i>