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Outer South

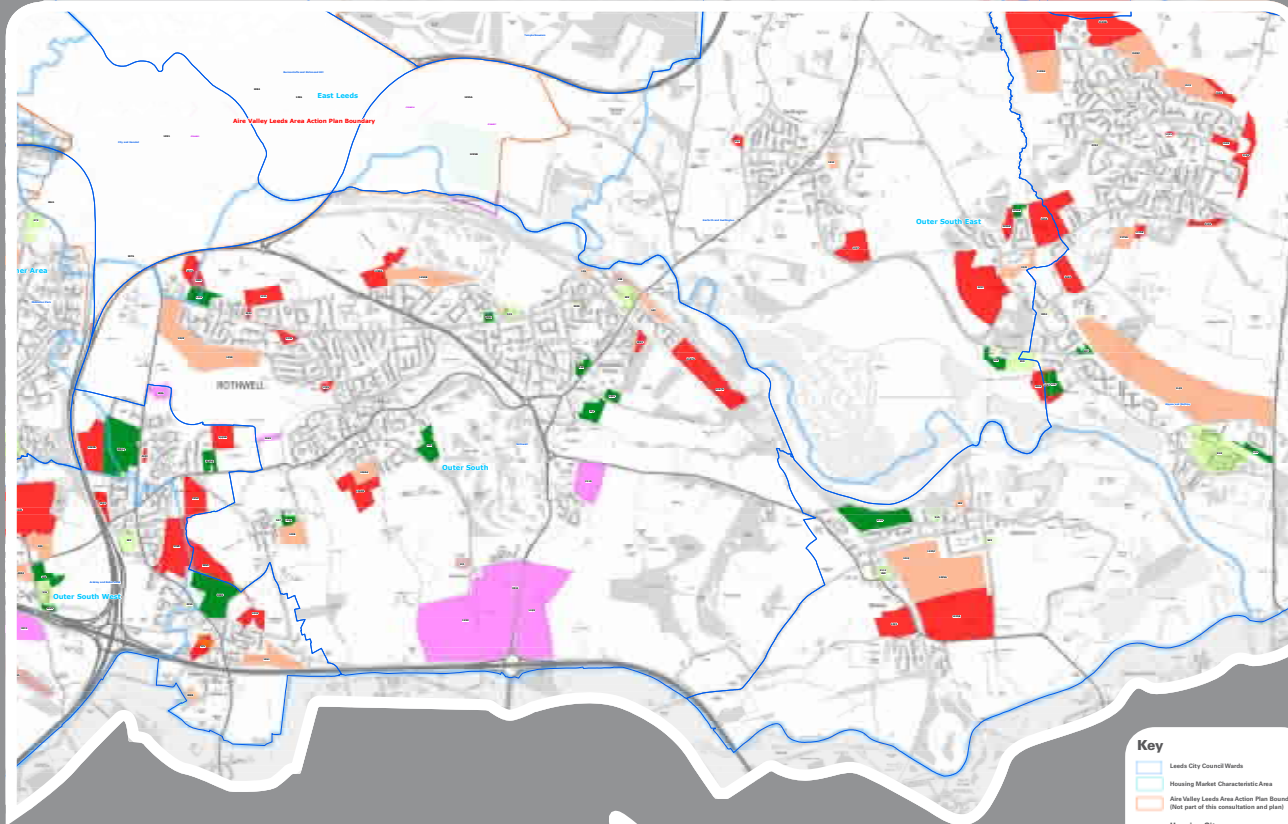
Including Rothwell, Methley, Mickletown, Robin Hood and Carlton

Site Allocations Plan Consultation

June/July 2013

5 easy steps to having your say on where new housing development should be...

- 1 Look at the colour-coded sites on the plan.
- 2 Of the red, green and amber sites, are there any that you prefer? If there are, please say why you prefer a site.
- 3 Of the red, green and amber sites, are there any that you don't like? If there are, please say why you don't like them.
- 4 Are there any other sites not marked red, green or amber that you think may have potential for housing development?
- 5 Record your views on the comments form online or available here.



If you need help with this consultation please speak to one of the facilitators who are here to help

What does this mean?

Initial Assessment: For each site a survey has been completed including, where appropriate, a Green Belt review. This looks at the use of the site as well as neighbouring uses, the constraints, such as sloping land, significant tree coverage and flood risk for the site, as well as accessibility to local services and the potential impact on the local road network. This assessment process will continue as we progress the plan, particularly as further details have been provided or added. You can see the survey, referred to as 'findings', on www.leeds.gov.uk/development.

Housing Target: This is the overall housing number that Leeds needs to provide. This is a figure of 60,000 which has been set out in the Core Strategy. We only need to check the amount of green belt land available to provide the housing target. We are currently reviewing the amount of green belt land available to provide the housing target. We are currently reviewing the amount of green belt land available to provide the housing target.

Housing Allocations: These are sites that have already been identified for housing in the Leeds Unitary Development Plan (LUDP) - the current development plan for Leeds. The Core Strategy alongside the Site Allocations Plan will update and replace the LUDP.

Planning Permission: The Council is responsible for making decisions and grant permission for other developments in the area. Sites referred to in this consultation period as being planning permission on those sites that were granted approval as at 21st March 2012.

15 year period: The Site Allocations Plan will guide development for 15 years. The end of the plan period is 2026.

Greenfield: Land that has not previously been used for urban development. It is normally used for agriculture, forestry, or other uses.

Green Belt: This is a designation for areas of open land around urban areas and large built-up areas where strict planning controls apply to help the land remain open or largely undeveloped. The purpose of the Green Belt is to check the uncontrolled growth of urban areas, prevent inappropriate uses of the countryside and preserve the special character of built-up areas. It also helps to separate the countryside from urban areas and assist urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land. The designation is not intended to be a statement of the quality or attractiveness of the open land.

What is the housing target for the Outer South Area?

2,407 (over a 15 year period, that's approximately 160 new homes per year).

What are the options for new housing for the Outer South Area?

The Council has done initial assessments of the options for new housing and this shows that there may be enough sites to accommodate **3,253** homes, more than the number of new homes that are needed locally (2,407). **This means that there is local choice on which sites are the best.**

Which sites do you think are the best?

To help you, we have colour-coded the sites into red, amber and green:

- **Green** – sites which we think have the **greatest potential** to be allocated for housing.
- **Amber** – sites which have potential but there may be **issues which need to be resolved**, or the site may not be in such a favoured location as green sites.
- **Red** – sites which we think are **not considered suitable** for allocation for housing.

What factors should you consider in deciding which are the best sites?

You may wish to consider the following:

- **Proximity to highways and transport infrastructure** – such as bus stops, railway stations, main roads.
- **Proximity to services** – such as schools, doctors, shops, community facilities, sports facilities.
- **Impact on Green Belt** – for example, does the site play an important role in separating existing settlements?
- **Impact on greenfield** – has the site been developed before?
- **Impact on important landscape features or habitats** – would development have an adverse impact on nature conservation?
- **Opportunity for placemaking** – creating attractive, vibrant and successful places that promote health, happiness and well being.
- **Opportunity for community benefits** – such as improved open space, affordable housing, improved public transport, cycle and pedestrian routes and roads.

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