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Statement of Matters

Leeds City Centre West: The Innovation Arc - Supplementary Planning Document

Pre Adoption Consultation

Leeds City Council has prepared the Draft 'Leeds City Centre West: The Innovation Arc - Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)'. This document details guidance for future development and transformation of the 'Innovation Arc' – an area to west of the city centre which is home to many of the city's educational, healthcare, and cultural institutions. The SPD outlines the Council's vision to develop the area over the next 20 years and will help guide planning policy.

The city's 'Innovation Arc' which is equal in size to 175 football pitches, bordered by Woodhouse, Hyde Park, Burley and New Wortley and contains three university campuses, the Leeds General Infirmary, the courts buildings, the Town Hall, Leeds Art Gallery, the city's library and museum, and City Square and the railway station.

The SPD covers movement and connectivity, public spaces, land use and opportunities, heritage and culture and sustainability. It includes ambitions for improvements to roads, public spaces, walking and cycling links, public transport routes, green spaces and buildings. The document will be used to shape and guide future Planning Applications by developers, the delivery of new infrastructure, as well as supporting funding bids.

Proposals include:

- Unlocking 1 million square feet of new innovation space.
- Creating 1 million square feet of refurbished space in nationally significant historic buildings.
- Building two new green city centre parks.
- Developing 200,000 square metres of new and improve public space / realm.
- Investing in active travel and public transport.
- Supporting new neighbourhoods to create around 3,000 new homes.

An initial draft document was subject to consultation between the 24 October and 12 December 2022. This second consultation allows further representations on both the revised Innovation Arc' SPD and the Consultation Statement.

Period for submission of Comments

This is the Pre Adoption consultation (Reg stage 13) of the Innovation Arc SPD. The consultation will run for a period of 4 weeks starting on **Tuesday 27th June 2023** and finishing on **Wednesday 26 July 2023**.

How to view the documents

The dedicated and accessible website www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com will be home to all the information contained within the draft SPD. A PDF version of the document will also be available on the website. [There includes a separate section for the different topic areas, which are available in a short summary format.](#)

You will also be able to access consultation material at the Council's principal Office:

Merrion House, 110 Merrion Centre, Leeds, LS2 8BB (Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm) (Wednesday 9:30 am – 4:30pm)

Submitting your comments

People can have their say on the SPD draft policies by using the online response form through the website www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com;

- alternatively emailing innovationarc@leeds.gov.uk or
- by writing to: Innovation Arc SPD Consultation, Policy & Plan Group, Merrion House, 9th Floor East, 110 Merrion Way, Leeds, LS2 8BB.

All SPD comments should be received by **Wednesday 26 July 2023**.

Notification Request

Please let us know if you have any requirements in terms of alternative formats or languages and we will make arrangements to make sure your views are registered.

If you are unable to access the consultation material online please contact us on 0113 37 87993 or write to us at innovationarc@leeds.gov.uk

If you make a representation you can request to be notified at a specified address of the adoption of the SPD.