Item 9 – WYCA Mass Transit Consultation

"The West Yorkshire Mass Transit Spatial Development Framework is a joint Development Plan Document that aims to make sure new homes, businesses, services and public spaces are built in the right places and in the right way, to maximise the benefits from Mass Transit.

The joint Development Plan Document has been prepared collectively by the five West Yorkshire Local Planning Authorities through a joint committee of elected members, supported by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (the Combined Authority).

It will provide a West Yorkshire-wide strategic framework to support the delivery of all phases of West Yorkshire Mass Transit, and to ensure a joined-up approach to land use, growth, regeneration and transport decisions across the region. Once adopted by the five West Yorkshire local planning authorities, it will form part of their statutory development plans and will carry the same weight in planning decision making as Local Plans.

In January 2026, we consulted on the first stage of the Spatial Development Framework – known as Regulation 18 – to seek views on the scope and content of the draft Joint Development Plan Document from the public, businesses, community groups, charitable organisations, statutory bodies and other stakeholders.

The Regulation 18 consultation ran from Thursday 29 January until 23.59 on Thursday 12 March 2026. You can read the full Consultation Statement here.

What we are consulting on now:

This second stage of the consultation - known as Regulation 19 - is to seek views on the soundness and legal compliance of the draft joint Development Plan Document.

Because Regulation 19 is the final, formal consultation phase before a local plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination, your feedback must specifically address the legal and technical "soundness" of the proposed plan.

The consultation will run from Tuesday 4 August until 23.59 on Sunday 27 September 2026."

Further information and all relevant documents regarding the consultation can be found here:

https://www.yourvoice.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/SDFReg19

If you have any issues accessing any of the documents, please contact Jess at admin@todmorden-tc.gov.uk.