

2 A Vision for Little Woodhouse

2.1.1 The vision reflects the views of the community – residents, businesses and other stakeholders – expressed through public meetings and questionnaires and was endorsed by the Forum on ??

- a. *Little Woodhouse will be a strong and resilient mixed and balanced community of long-term residents, families, students and young professionals, with good connections to the nearby city centre, the universities, the LGI hospital and major transport links. There will be strong community links across different groups and organisations involved in the area.*
- b. *The Little Woodhouse area will retain and respect its rich heritage of buildings, streets and green spaces and will provide an attractive environment to residents and visitors, resilient to climate change. There will be clean and tidy streets with improvements in the environment, including litter collection, parking arrangements and safe bus, cycling and pedestrian routes.*
- c. *The area will offer sustainable places to live to different sized households and different age groups with opportunities to work, study, shop, and to enjoy leisure and healthy exercise close by. There will be good access to health and education services for all age groups. It will be a tranquil area with a low crime rate for an inner-city area.*

2.1.2 To achieve this Vision, eight Objectives have been identified:

- 2.1.2.1 **housing and community** - to meet the housing aspirations of all our residents, offering a balanced mix of housing stock, catering for all types of households, including younger and older people, families with children and cooperative housing ventures;
- 2.1.2.2 **heritage and character** - to value, protect and restore our heritage architecture and streets and build appreciation of this local community area;
- 2.1.2.3 **green infrastructure** - to improve the extent of planting and tree cover in green corridors and spaces with associated benefits for biodiversity, health and well-being, and climate change; to ensure green spaces are well maintained; and to seek opportunities to extend and develop their uses for health and leisure, including play areas and sports;
- 2.1.2.4 **community facilities and employment** - to support and promote local facilities and retail, and increase local employment opportunities, including cultural, educational, health, hospitality, voluntary and private organisations;
- 2.1.2.5 **movement** - to improve links to the city centre across the whole area, particularly more local bus services, safe cycling and pedestrian routes; to improve the street environment to make it cleaner and more attractive to use;
- 2.1.2.6 **health and well-being** - to support ways to address air pollution, noise nuisance, waste and crime prevention and seek opportunities to improve access to health and care facilities to promote a safer and healthier environment for the wellbeing of all residents and visitors;
- 2.1.2.7 **sustainability** – to make Little Woodhouse a welcoming place where people feel comfortable living for the long term and contributing to a lasting sense of pride and community;
- 2.1.2.8 **climate change** – to contribute to a reduction in carbon emissions by encouraging retrofit over new development, minimising carbon emissions from buildings and encouraging active travel.

2.1.3 The first five of these objectives form the themes on which the following policies are based. The final three objectives form a common thread which runs through all the themes and all the neighbourhood plan policies and community projects.

Housing Policy Intentions

Policy H1 Aiming for a balanced community- Policy Intention

To redress the imbalance in the mix of housing accommodation and ensure a higher proportion of dwellings suitable for family accommodation in the Little Woodhouse Area, where it is recognised there is high concentration of student accommodation, both as Purpose Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) purpose-built and as Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)

Policy H2: Housing Mix -- Policy Intention

Aim for a suitable mix of C3 dwellings of appropriate size and quality for all potential residents, particularly those suitable for family occupation, whether through new building or conversion, to meet local needs and aspirations and encourage long term residency.

Policy H3: Purpose-Built Student Accommodation -- Policy Intention

Avoid high concentrations of PBSA where they can impact other residential areas and ensure that students benefit from good quality, well-designed accommodation.

Policy H4: Conversions to student accommodation – Policy intentions

Ensure that conversions for student use are also capable of use by a variety of other households, to assist in achieving a more balanced community living in good quality, well-designed accommodation.

Policy H5: Houses in Multiple Occupation – Policy intentions

Avoid high concentrations of HMOs, and encourage their conversion to residential use, including accommodation suitable for families.

Policy H6: Affordable Housing – Policy intentions

Improve the number and range of houses affordable to those wishing to live or continue to live in Little Woodhouse..

Heritage and character policy intentions

Policy HC1 Little Woodhouse Heritage Area: Policy Intention

To ensure that new development within the Little Woodhouse Heritage Area recognises and respects the existing quality of the heritage setting in which it is located and that applicants understand the significance to Little Woodhouse of the heritage assets within that setting.

Policy HC2: Non-Designated Heritage Assets: Policy Intention

To ensure that new development affecting non-designated heritage assets recognises and respects the existing quality of the heritage asset and its setting and that applicants understand the significance to Little Woodhouse of the heritage asset.

Policy HC3: Design of Development: Policy Intentions

To encourage best practice in design in all areas and ensure new development respects the existing character of areas of Little Woodhouse outside the Conservation Areas

Policy HC4: Placemaking Opportunities: Policy Intentions

To improve the quality of public spaces in Little Woodhouse to make them attractive, distinctive and welcoming.

Policy HC5: Leeds City College – Park Lane Campus: Policy Intentions

To ensure development of this key site contributes to the vision and objectives of the Little Woodhouse Neighbourhood Plan.

Green policy intentions

Policy G1: Green Infrastructure Opportunities – Policy Intentions

To promote green infrastructure corridors for amenity and activity purposes, retaining existing and encouraging new small green spaces, trees (including street trees), hedges, green roofs and green walls.

The following Local Green Corridors have been identified:

- LWGC1 Clarendon Road
- LWGC2 Hyde Terrace – Springfield
- LWGC3 Moorland Road and Moorland Avenue / St John's Grove
- LWGC4 Woodsley Road
- LWGC5 Kelso Road – Kelso Gardens
- LWGC6 Kendal Lane – St John's Road
- LWGC7 Belle Vue Road – St John's Terrace – Rosebank Road
- LWGC8 Burley Road south side
- LWGC9 Kirkstall Road north side
- LWGC10 North- south Pedestrian routes

Policy G2: Local Green Spaces – Policy Intentions

To retain existing green spaces which contribute to the character and quality of life in Little Woodhouse by designation as Local Green Spaces.

Policy G2: Local Green Spaces

The following spaces, identified on the Policy Map and in the Appendix, are designated Local Green Spaces:

- LGS1 Hanover Square
- LGS2 Woodhouse Square
- LGS3 The Rosebank Millennium Green
- LGS4 Hyde Park Road (Benson Court)
- LGS5 The Willows
- LGS6 Duncombe Street
- LGS7 Marlborough Street
- LGS8 Marlborough Tower
- LGS9 Chorley Lane
- LGS10 Kendal Grove

Policy G3: Improving Existing Green Spaces – Policy Intentions

To create, where required, more usable green space and promote additional children's play opportunities

Community policy intention

Policy C1: Community Facilities – Policy Intention

To ensure that, where possible, existing valued community facilities are retained in use and additional community uses provided where appropriate.

- Hyde Park Surgery,
- Rosebank Primary School,
- Swarthmore Education Centre,
- Woodsley Community Centre
- Fox and Newt Public House
- The Highland Public House
- Woodsley Road Post Office
- Park Dale Hall

Employment policy intentions

Policy E1: Employment opportunities: Policy Intentions

To promote and encourage existing and new enterprises

Policy E2: Small scale employment: Policy Intentions

To promote home working and mixed residential/ small employment uses

Policy E3: Local shopping facilities: Policy Intentions

To maintain existing shopping facilities in an attractive environment

Movement policy intention

Policy M1: Safe Movement: Policy Intentions

To improve walking and cycling into and around the area