

## Surface access grounds for objection to LBA planning application

The principal test for any planning application is whether it complies with the requirements set out in a council's local development plan.

This is the Leeds Core Strategy (2014, revised 2019) has a specific policy relating to LBA expansion which indicates that a planning application will be supported if it can be judged to meet the 4 criteria established by the policy. Three of those relate to surface access.

### “SPATIAL POLICY 12: MANAGING THE GROWTH OF LEEDS BRADFORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The continued development of Leeds Bradford International Airport will be supported to enable it to fulfil its role as an important regional airport subject to:

- (i) Provision of major public transport infrastructure (such as Tram Train) and surface access improvements at agreed passenger levels,
- (ii) Agreement of a surface access strategy with identified funding and trigger points,
- (iii) Environmental assessment and agreed plans to mitigate adverse environmental effects, where appropriate,
- (iv) The management of any local impacts and implementation issues, including visual and highway issues.

The initial analysis of the application indicates that the 3 surface access criteria have not been met by the application, and that therefore it should be refused. The application does not include any proposals for major public transport infrastructure (i). Consequently, there is no management of the traffic impact (iv). Neither does the application contain any agreed surface access strategy that has funding (ii)

Therefore objections on surface access grounds could be based on the criteria set by Core Strategy Spatial Policy 12 having not been met:

Criteria (i) - with the withdrawal by Leeds Executive Board in January 2020 of the council's support for the previous link road proposal, there are no proposals for 'the provision of major public transport infrastructure and surface access improvements' capable of responding to increased passenger levels up to 7mppa

Criteria (iv) - that consequently, and in the absence of such infrastructure, the road traffic generated by the proposed 75% increase in passenger numbers would have severe local highway impacts.

Criteria (ii) and that the application does not contain a surface access strategy relating to the application that has been agreed by Leeds City Council, and with identified funding relating to the cost of that strategy.”