

Appendix B

<p>Activity Re-use of prominent central Bingley site</p>	<p>Project title <b>Sainsbury/Former Bradford and Bingley cleared site</b></p>
<p>Purpose</p>	
<p>Bradford and Bingley Building Society closed its Bingley HQ on Main St. in 2009. Sainsbury purchased the site but saw a down turn in the fortunes of large scale supermarket retail which resulted in them revising their investment intentions. They decided not to build the major store they had planned and had planning permission for.</p>	
<p>Current position, including reporting arrangements</p>	
<p>Sainsbury attended a public meeting in Bingley in July 2014 at All Saints Church. The meeting was organised by MP Philip Davies, in conjunction with the Church and Cllr Green. This was shortly before their application to demolish was submitted and work began. By this time they were looking for new users of the site as they no longer intended to build the proposed store. The building was demolished in spring 2015. Sainsbury opened a Sainsbury Local in Bingley at 117 Main Street. The company announced, in 2014, a national project to introduce smaller stores in a Joint venture with Netto to compete with discount supermarkets. This initiative resulted in the opening of 16 Netto stores in the UK but the arrangement was judged unsuccessful and these stores were expected to close by August 2016.</p> <p><b>Update as of 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b></p> <p>Subsequently, Sainsbury sold the site to Lidl and a planning application for a supermarket was submitted obo Lidl in Spring 2017. The proposed supermarket development has undergone a number of revisions and is expected to be approved under delegated powers in February 2018.</p>	
<p>Anticipated outcome, including timescale.</p>	
<p>The central location within Bingley means that the site has a prime town centre location with potential to serve a wide residential settlement. Following planning permission being granted Lidl has indicated that it is likely to commence development within a month. The build programme is 35 weeks.</p>	