

Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council Local Development Framework

Submission Statement of Community Involvement

Regulation 28 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004

SUMMARY LEAFLET

Consultation Period 29th September 2006 – 10th November 2006

The Government has reformed the system of development planning in England. Development Plans are used to control and guide the development and use of land. As part of the reformed system, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council must prepare a “Local Development Framework”, which will eventually replace the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Unitary Development Plan.

The Local Development Framework will be a folder of different documents, one of which will be a “Statement of Community Involvement”. The Statement of Community Involvement will set out how the Council will involve the community in the preparation and revision of the Local Development Framework and the consideration of planning applications.

The Statement of Community Involvement covers the whole Borough except that part which falls within the Peak District National Park.

A draft Statement of Community Involvement was consulted upon during April-June 2006. 37 representations were received. These comments are summarised along with the Council’s responses in a report titled “Public Schedule of Comments and Responses on the Draft SCI”.

The Council has now amended the Statement of Community Involvement, where necessary and appropriate, and has submitted it to the Secretary of State for independent examination by the Planning Inspectorate. This is called the “Submission Statement of Community Involvement”. There is now a six-week public consultation period on the Submission Statement of Community Involvement that runs from **29th September to 10th November 2006**.

All comments received on the Submission Statement of Community Involvement will be made available and will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate to inform the independent examination. After the independent examination the Planning Inspector will produce a report that is binding upon the Council which will then be adopted by the Council as the final Statement of Community Involvement.

The Submission Statement of Community Involvement is available to view on the Council’s website at www.oldham.gov.uk, as well as at the Civic Centre and public libraries during usual opening hours.

The Council’s Vision for the Statement of Community Involvement is to “*enable, empower and encourage all residents and other stakeholders of Oldham Metropolitan Borough to actively participate in the planning to improve their Borough*”.

Comments on the Submission Statement of Community Involvement must be sent by 5.00pm on **10th November 2006** to: Strategic Planning and Information, Regeneration Directorate, Oldham MBC, PO Box 452, Oldham Business Centre, Cromwell Street, Oldham. OL1 1WR.

The Submission Statement of Community Involvement consists of a series of different sections. This leaflet provides a summary of the content of each section.

Sections 1 and 2 provide an outline of the reformed planning system and the different documents that will make up the Local Development Framework, including the Statement of Community Involvement.

Section 3 explains the Council's approach to Community Involvement and its Vision for this Submission Statement of Community Involvement. It also outlines the relationship between the Local Development Framework and other community involvement initiatives, including the Oldham Community Strategy and the Community Engagement Framework, as well as the roles of the Oldham Partnership and the Area Committees.

Section 4 outlines the plan-making process, including the various documents that will be prepared for the Local Development Framework, as well as the sustainability appraisal and strategic environmental assessment requirements. The Section provides details of the `what`, `who`, `how` and `when` to consult. It also identifies "hard to reach groups" that have traditionally not participated in the planning process. This Section identifies the consultation methods and techniques that may be used and, in general terms, which local community groups and other bodies will be consulted in preparing the Local Development Framework.

Section 5 explains how comments received during the public participation stages will be dealt with, including the reporting back stages to Councillors and participants.

Section 6 details the Council's policy for consultation on planning applications.

Section 7 outlines the Council's approach to dealing with minerals and waste management matters.

Section 8 outlines how the Council will manage and resource the community involvement processes during the preparation of the Local Development Framework.

Section 9 identifies the Council's mechanisms for reviewing the Statement of Community Involvement, including in terms of resources used, response rates and expected outcomes and that the Council will keep under review the success and effectiveness of the various consultation methods used.

Please note that this summary leaflet is only a summary of the content of the Submission Statement of Community Involvement. It does not form part of the Submission Statement of Community Involvement itself. You should read the full Submission Statement of Community Involvement before submitting any comments.

If you require further information on the Submission Statement of Community Involvement, please contact the Strategic Planning and Information team on telephone numbers 0161 911 4151 / 4139 or on email at spi@oldham.gov.uk.