

OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

**EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT
OF THE
DRAFT OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND RECREATION PROVISION
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

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Supplementary Planning Document

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”.

The Local Development Framework will be a folder of different documents, including Development Plan Documents, which set out the Council’s approach to future development in the Borough.

This document is part of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). SPDs are documents that expand on policy outlined in a Development Plan Document or provide more detail on it to help in its implementation. They are not formally part of the statutory Development Plan but are material considerations in determining planning applications.

Supplementary Planning Documents have three supporting documents:

- a Sustainability Appraisal,
- a Habitats Regulations Assessment, and
- an Equalities Impact Assessment.

Members of the public may comment on the Supplementary Planning Document and any of the three supporting documents. A document outlining who has been consulted in the preparation of the Supplementary Planning Document, and issues they raised, is also available alongside these documents. This is called a Consultation Statement.

Members of the public may comment on this document during the six-week public consultation period as indicated on the public notice and comments form.

Comments made on the document cannot be treated as confidential.

If you would like further help in interpreting this document please contact the Strategic Planning and Information section on the following telephone numbers: 0161 770 1673 / 4151.

You can also email the team on spi@oldham.gov.uk.

All documents connected with the Local Development Framework are available on the Council’s web site at www.oldham.gov.uk.

If you would like to receive this information in another format, such as large print, Braille, audio or alternative languages, please call us on 0161 770 4151 or 4163 or 4139.

This document is an Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) of the Draft Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) that has been prepared by the Council. Members of the public may comment on the EqIA during the six week public consultation period as indicated on the public notice and comments form. (see Question 6 on comments form).

APPENDIX 1

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – RELEVANCE SCREENING

1. Name of the Policy/Project:	Draft Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)			
2. What are the main aims and objectives of the policy /project?	<p>This draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides information to assist with the implementation of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Unitary Development Plan (UDP) policies on how the Council will seek open space, sport and recreation provision where it may be lost through alternative development or sought as part of a residential development. The draft SPD provides guidance and advice on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The mechanisms for seeking a replacement facility and/or financial contribution where an open space, sport or recreation facility is lost as a result of development; and 2. The mechanisms for seeking open space, sport and recreation provision as part of a residential development. 			
	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	DON'T KNOW
3.a What impact will this policy/project have on the public?		√		
3.b Please explain your answer	<p>This draft SPD provides information to assist with the implementation of Oldham Metropolitan Borough UDP policies on how the Council will seek open space, sport and recreation provision where it may be lost through alternative development or sought as part of a residential development. This could affect the quality and quantity of open space provision in communities.</p>			

If, for questions 3a & 3b you have answered LOW, there is no need to continue to an Equality Impact Assessment.

If, for questions 3a & 3b you have answered MEDIUM or DON'T KNOW, you should move on to an Initial Equality Impact Assessment.

If, for questions 3a & 3b you have answered HIGH, you should consider whether you need to move on to an Initial or Full Equality Impact Assessment.

	INITIAL	FULL	NONE
4. Based this screening please indicate if this policy/project should proceed to an Initial or Full EIA?	√		

APPENDIX 2

PRO-FORMA FOR THE INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

1. Department	Regeneration	2. Section	Strategic Planning and Information
3. Who is responsible for the Assessment?		4. Lead Officer	5. Others involved
Sarah Stansfield		Phil Jobling	Pauline Goodhall
6. Name of the Policy to be assessed	Draft Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision Supplementary Planning Document	7. Is this a new or existing policy	Supporting existing UDP policies
8. Date of Assessment		11 th February 2008	
9. Describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the policy		<p>This draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provides information to assist with the implementation of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Unitary Development Plan (UDP) policies on how the Council will seek open space, sport and recreation provision where it may be lost through alternative development or sought as part of a residential development. The draft SPD provides guidance and advice on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The mechanisms for seeking a replacement facility and/or financial contribution where an open space, sport or recreation facility is lost as a result of development; and 2. The mechanisms for seeking open space, sport and recreation provision as part of a residential development. 	
10.a What data do you have that you can draw upon to support this assessment?		The draft SPD expands on existing UDP policies and uses data from the PPG17 Local Needs Assessment and Audit to provide surplus and deficiency figures of open space, sport	

	and recreation provision.	
10.b What does this data say?	The UDP sets out the development policy framework for Borough. The Local Needs Assessment and Audit provides information on open space, sport and recreation provision within the Borough. The data has been applied to the current standards set out within the UDP to identify where in the Borough there are surplus and deficiencies of open space, sport and recreation provision.	
11.a What recent consultation has been undertaken that you could draw upon to support this assessment and who was it with?	The draft SPD supports and expands upon policies set out in the adopted UDP which itself was subject to extensive consultation both within the Council and external stakeholders. Consultation with the public also formed an important part of the Local Needs Assessment and Audit.	
11.b What did they say?	The consultation helped to identify local needs and aspirations, which informed the Local Needs Assessment and Audit.	
12.a Are there any experts/relevant groups who you can approach to explore their views?	Other Council departments including Parks and Property. The Council's Open Space Working Group has guided the production of the SPD.	
12.b Please give details of who you have approached and what they said:	The Open Space Working Group and other relevant internal consultees have guided the production of the SPD.	
	13.a Taking into account the information gathered: <i>Could</i> this Policy/Project impact on any of the following groups differently? <i>Could</i> any of the following groups experience of this policy/project be different?	13.b Where Negative impact has been identified please explain what action you will take to mitigate this. If no action is to be taken please explain your reasoning.

	<p><u>Could</u> this different impact be negative?</p> <p>Please explain drawing on evidence that supports your view:</p>	
Age	<p>The SPD will ensure that needs of open space, sport and recreation provision are met through tackling local deficiencies. Where there is a deficiency in a particular typology of open space it may provide for a particular age group for example childrens play. This should not have a negative impact on other age groups. This is based on the UDP and 2006 PPG17 Local Needs Assessment and Audit.</p>	
Dependants/caring responsibilities	<p>The SPD will ensure that needs of open space, sport and recreation provision are met through tackling local deficiencies. Where there is a deficiency in a particular typology of open space it may provide for a particular age group for example childrens play. This should be a positive impact for parents or carers. This is based on the UDP and 2006 PPG17 Local Needs Assessment and Audit .</p>	
Disability	<p>The SPD provides guidance on the mechanisms used for seeking new and replacement open space, sport and recreation provision. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.</p>	

Gender	The SPD provides guidance on the mechanisms used for seeking new and replacement open space, sport and recreation provision. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.		
Race	The SPD provides guidance on the mechanisms used for seeking new and replacement open space, sport and recreation provision. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.		
Religious Belief	The SPD provides guidance on the mechanisms used for seeking new and replacement open space, sport and recreation provision. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.		
Transgender or transsexual	The SPD provides guidance on the mechanisms used for seeking new and replacement open space, sport and recreation provision. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.		
Sexual Orientation	The SPD provides guidance on the mechanisms used for seeking new and replacement open space, sport and recreation provision. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.		
14.a How could this policy/project impact on relationships and attitudes between different groups of people? Could this impact be negative?	YES	NO	Addressing deficiencies of open space, sport and recreation provision and improving the quality of existing facilities should encourage opportunities for different groups to interact/socialise.

14.b What action will you take to mitigate any negative impact or to promote equality and good relations?					
			DATA	CONSULTATION	
15.a In relation to each of the groups, are there any areas where you are unsure about the impact and more information is needed?			NO		
15.b. How are you going to gather this information?			N/A		
16.a As a result of this assessment is a Full Impact assessment necessary	YES	<u>NO</u>	Please explain your answer: Through this EIA no negative differential impacts have been identified.		16.b Date on which the Full assessment to be started N/A

Signed (completing officer) Sarah Stansfield

Signed (Lead Officer) Phil Jobling