

**OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

**EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT  
FOR THE  
DRAFT RENEWABLE ENERGY  
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

**Consultation Period:  
19 October – 30 November 2007**

**OLDHAM**   
*Metropolitan Borough* 



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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.

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All documents connected with the Local Development Framework are available on the Council’s web site at [www.oldham.gov.uk](http://www.oldham.gov.uk).

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વિનંતી કરવાથી, કાઉન્સિલ દ્વારા આ દસ્તાવેજ વિવિધ રૂપમાં ઉપલબ્ધ કરવામાં આવશે. દા.ત., મોટા છાપેલાં અક્ષરોમાં, સીડી કે ઓડિયો ટેઈપ પર અને વિવિધ સમાજની ભાષાઓનો સમાવેશ થાય છે. કૃપા કરી, વધારે માહિતી માટે, 0161 770 4151, 4163 અથવા 4139 નંબર પર ફોન કરો.

કાર્ડમિલ, এই દલિલટિકે અનુરોધ સાપેક્ષે એવં યદિ ઉપયુક્ત હય-અન્યાન્ય ઢાવે પાઠયાર વ્યવસ્થા કરવે, યાર અસંતુલ્લુક્ટ હલ વડુ અક્ષરે, ઈલેક્ટ્રોનિકઢાવે એવં કમિડીનિટિર વિભિન્ન ઢાયાય । દયા કરે આરઠુ વિસ્તારિત તથેયર જન્ય ટેલિફોન કરન 0161 770 4151, 4163 અથવા 4139 ઈ નમ્બરઠુલોતે ।

اگر مانگ ہوئی اور مناسب ہو تو کونسل اس دستاویز کو موٹی لکھائی، ٹیپ یا سی ڈی وغیرہ اور کمیونٹی کی زبانوں میں بھی فراہم کرنے کا انتظام کرے گی۔ مزید معلومات کیلئے 0161 770 4151 یا 0161 770 4163 یا 0161 770 4139 پر فون کریں۔

Appendix 1 Pro-forma for the initial assessment

<b>Department</b>	Regeneration	<b>Section</b> Strategic Planning and Information	<b>Person responsible for the assessment</b>		Georgina McGough	
<b>Name of the Policy to be assessed</b>	Renewable Energy SPD	<b>Date of Assessment</b>	17 July 2007	<b>Is this a new or existing policy</b>	New, but relates to UDP Policy	
<b>1. Describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the policy</b>		Will provide guidance on the content of an assessment required by Policies NR3.1 and NR3.2 regarding the environmental effects of a development where they do not fall within the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessments) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999. Also guidance on how the Council will implement Policy NR3.3.				
<b>2. Are there any associated objectives of the policy, please explain</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· To encourage the generation of electricity from renewable sources and contribute to United Kingdom and regional targets in relation to renewable energy and climate change.</li> <li>· Increase the percentage of energy generated from renewable energy sources.</li> <li>· To improve the health of the Borough's population.</li> <li>· To reduce fossil fuel use and dependency.</li> <li>· To support the development of environmental technologies services sector.</li> <li>· To reduce fuel poverty.</li> </ul>				
<b>3. Who is intended to benefit from the policy and in what way</b>		<p>Private Individuals, Community and Interest Groups, Stakeholders, Land Owners, Developers, Councillors, OMBC Officers and the Environmental Technology Sector.</p> <p>Better quality information submitted with planning applications to assist</p>				

	the development control processes and the implementation of UDP policies.		
<b>4. What outcomes are wanted from this policy?</b>	<p>To promote a more sustainable approach to energy and help tackle climate change. Conserving natural resources and using them efficiently, improving air quality.</p> <p>Better quality information submitted with planning applications to assist the development control processes and the implementation of UDP policies.</p>		
<b>5. What factors/forces could contribute/detract from the outcomes?</b>	<p>Unforeseen/ unavoidable circumstances.</p> <p>Complexity of topic.</p>		
<b>6. Who are the main stakeholders in relation to the policy</b>	Private Individuals, Community and Interest Groups, Stakeholders, Land Owners, Developers, Councillors, OMBC Officers and the Environmental Technology Sector.		<b>7. Who implements the policy and who is responsible for the policy?</b>
			Strategic Planning and Information, Development Control and Environmental Policy Unit.
<b>8. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on racial groups.</b>	Y	N	The SPD provides guidance on UDP Policies NR3.1, NR3.2 and NR3.3. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.

What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
<b>9. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to gender</b>	Y	N	The SPD provides guidance on UDP Policies NR3.1, NR3.2 and NR3.3. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
<b>10. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due disability</b>	Y	N	The SPD provides guidance on UDP Policies NR3.1, NR3.2 and NR3.3. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
<b>11. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to sexual orientation</b>	Y	N	The SPD provides guidance on UDP Policies NR3.1, NR3.2 and NR3.3. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.

What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
<b>12. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to their age</b>	Y	N	The SPD provides guidance on UDP Policies NR3.1, NR3.2 and NR3.3. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
<b>13. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to their religious belief</b>	Y	N	The SPD provides guidance on UDP Policies NR3.1, NR3.2 and NR3.3. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
<b>14. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to them having dependants/caring responsibilities</b>	Y	N	The SPD provides guidance on UDP Policies NR3.1, NR3.2 and NR3.3. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.

What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
<b>15. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to their offending past</b>	Y	N	The SPD provides guidance on UDP Policies NR3.1, NR3.2 and NR3.3. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
<b>16. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to them being transgendered or transsexual</b>	Y	N	The SPD provides guidance on UDP Policies NR3.1, NR3.2 and NR3.3. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
<b>17. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due issues surrounding poverty</b>	Y	N	New development that incorporates renewable energy schemes can contribute to alleviating fuel poverty. Policy NR3.3 requires the incorporation of renewable energy in major developments, including housing, and the Affordable Housing Strategy aims to reduce fuel poverty.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			



<b>18. Could the differential impact identified in 8-17 amount to there being the potential for adverse impact in this policy</b>	YES	<b>NO</b>			
<b>19. Can this adverse impact be justified on the grounds of promoting equality of opportunity for one group? Or any other reason</b>	YES	NO	<b>Please explain for each equality heading (question 8-16) on a separate piece of paper</b> N/A		
<b>20. Should the policy proceed to a partial impact assessment</b>	YES	<b>NO</b>	<b>21. If Yes, is there enough evidence to proceed to a full EIA</b>	YES	<b>NO</b>
			<b>22. Date on which Partial or Full impact assessment to be completed by</b>	N/A	

Signed (completing officer) Georgina McGough

Signed (Lead Officer) Phil Jobling