

**OLDHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
AND
ROCHDALE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

**EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT
FOR THE
URBAN DESIGN GUIDE
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT(S)**

Adopted on 1st October 2007 by Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council



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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۔

The Urban Design Guide SPD(s) has been prepared, in partnership with Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council (MBC), Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council (MBC), and the Oldham and Rochdale Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder, by Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design Ltd,

The Urban Design Guide SPD(s) comprises a series of documents:

- The Urban Design Guide;
- The Residential Design Guide; and
- The Public Realm Design Guide.

The guidance has been prepared through joint-working by the four partners identified above. Oldham MBC has adopted the series of documents as one Supplementary Planning Document. Rochdale MBC has adopted the document as a series of the separate SPDs.

An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) of the draft Urban Design Guide SPD(s) was undertaken by the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council and Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council. It was subject to consultation from 9th March 2007 to 20th April 2007. One comment was received on the EqIA. A schedule of the comments received to the draft SPD and supporting documents, together with the Councils responses, can be found in the Consultation Statement accompanying the adopted Urban Design Guide SPD(s). The findings of this draft EqIA are still appropriate and therefore it is not considered necessary to undertake a new EqIA for the Urban Design Guide SPD(s).

Appendix 1 Pro-forma for the initial assessment

Department Partnership and Regeneration Service Regeneration Directorate	Rochdale MBC Oldham MBC	Section Strategic Planning and Information Strategic Planning and Information	Person responsible for the assessment 		Susan McClellan (Rochdale MBC) Elizabeth Dryden-Stuart (Oldham MBC)	
Name of the Policy to be assessed		Urban Design Supplementary Planning Document(s)	Date of Assessment	16/10/06	Is this a new or existing policy	New SPD(s) that relates to existing policy within UDP.
1. Describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the policy			To provide guidance and best practice on the implementation of design related UDP policies (see Appendix A of the draft Oldham and Rochdale Urban Design Guide for list of relevant policies).			
2. Are there any associated objectives of the policy, please explain			Plan objectives and sustainability objectives have been identified for the SPD. These can be found in appendix A to this EqIA.			
3. Who is intended to benefit from the policy and in what way			Private Individuals, Community and Interest Groups, Stakeholders, Land Owners, Developers, Councillors, OMBC Officers. Better quality information submitted with planning applications to assist the development control processes and the implementation of the UDP policies. They would also benefit from the improvements to the environment, image and appearance of the Boroughs brought about high quality design encouraged by the SPD(s).			

<p>4. What outcomes are wanted from this policy?</p>	<p>The following plan objectives:</p> <p>Objective 1: To provide a framework to raise the quality threshold of development activity by private sector developers and public sector agencies.</p> <p>Objective 2: Provide greater certainty to developers and their designers in understanding the aspirations of the Council regarding design.</p> <p>Objective 3: Create good design principles in pursuit of sustainable development.</p> <p>Better quality information submitted with planning applications to assist the development control processes and the implementation of the UDP policy.</p>		
<p>5. What factors/forces could contribute/detract from the outcomes?</p>	<p>Complexity of topic. Unforeseen / unavoidable circumstances.</p>		
<p>6. Who are the main stakeholders in relation to the policy</p>	<p>Private Individuals, Community and Interest Groups, Stakeholders, Land Owners, Developers, Councillors, OMBC Officers.</p>	<p>7. Who implements the policy and who is responsible for the policy?</p>	<p>-Rochdale MBC – Strategic Planning and Development Control -Oldham MBC – Strategic Planning and Development Control -Oldham and Rochdale Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder Initiative Core Team</p>
<p>8. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on racial groups.</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The SPD(s) provides technical guidance on the implementation of design related UDP policies. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group. The Urban Design Guide sets out 10 key principles, including Diversity and Adaptability. The Diversity principle recognises that communities in Rochdale and Oldham are diverse and that development has to respond to a large variety of cultural differences (see pg 10 of the Urban Design Guide). These overarching principles are fed into the Residential Design Guide and Public Realm Guide.</p>

What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
9. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to gender	Y	N	The SPD(s) provides technical guidance on the implementation of design related UDP policies. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
10. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to disability	Y	N	The SPD(s) provides technical guidance on the implementation of design related UDP policies. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group. The Urban Design Guide sets out 10 key principles, including Adaptability and Safety and Inclusion. Under the Adaptability principle it is recognised that opportunities should be taken to ensure that buildings are appropriately accessible and provide for the needs of those who have or may develop some form of impairment or disability. (see pg 24 of the Urban Design Guide). These overarching principles are fed into the Residential Design Guide and Public Realm Guide.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
11. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to sexual orientation	Y	N	The SPD(s) provides technical guidance on the implementation of design related UDP policies. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			

<p>12. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to their age</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The SPD(s) provides technical guidance on the implementation of design related UDP policies. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group. The Urban Design Guide sets out 10 key principles, including Safety and Inclusion and Adaptability. Under the principle of Adaptability it is recognises that opportunities should be taken to enable residential buildings to be capable of being adapted to meet the changing accommodation and mobility needs of households as these change over time (see pg 24 of the Urban Design Guide). These overarching principles are fed into the Residential Design Guide and Public Realm Guide.</p>
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>			
<p>13. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to their religious belief</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The SPD(s) provides technical guidance on the implementation of design related UDP policies. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group. The Urban Design Guide sets out 10 key principles, including Diversity, which recognises that development must consider and, where possible, provide for the needs for all sections of society and add richness to the social and cultural diversity of the area. Through, for example, supporting a range of cultural, spiritual and recreational activities that meet the needs of different groups in the local community (see pg 11 of the Urban Design Guide). These overarching principles are fed into the Residential Design Guide and Public Realm Guide.</p>
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>			

<p>14. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to them having dependants/caring responsibilities</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The SPD(s) provides technical guidance on the implementation of design related UDP policies. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group. The Urban Design Guide sets out 10 key principles, including Safety and Inclusion, which recognises that development must positively contribute to making routes, streets and public spaces as safe, free from crime and as accessible as possible. Through, for example, ensuring that routes, streets and public spaces and access to buildings from them are designed to be accessible by all, including children, the elderly, those with some form of impairment, and those carrying shopping or pushing a pushchair (see pg 7 of the Urban Design Guide). These overarching principles are fed into the Residential Design Guide and Public Realm Guide.</p>
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>			
<p>15. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to their offending past</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The SPD(s) provides technical guidance on the implementation of design related UDP policies. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.</p>
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>			
<p>16. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to them being transgendered or transsexual</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The SPD(s) provides technical guidance on the implementation of design related UDP policies. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.</p>

What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?					
17. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due issues surrounding poverty			Y	N	The SPD(s) provides technical guidance on the implementation of design related UDP policies. It does not have any differential impact upon this equalities group.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?					
18. Could the differential impact identified in 8-17 amount to there being the potential for adverse impact in this policy	YES	NO	The SPD seeks to raise the quality threshold of development and create good design principles in pursuit of sustainable development.		
19. Can this adverse impact be justified on the grounds of promoting equality of opportunity for one group? Or any other reason	YES	NO	Please explain for each equality heading (question 8-16) on a separate piece of paper Not applicable		
20. Should the policy proceed to a partial impact assessment	YES	NO	21. If Yes, is there enough evidence to proceed to a full EIA	YES	NO
			22. Date on which Partial or Full impact assessment to be completed by		

Signed (completing officer) Susan McClellan (Rochdale MBC)

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PLAN OBJECTIVES

Objective 1: To provide a framework to raise the quality threshold of development activity by private sector developers and public sector agencies.

Objective 2: Provide greater certainty to developers and their designers in understanding the aspirations of the Council regarding design.

Objective 3: Create good design principles in pursuit of sustainable development.

SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES

Objective A: To conserve and improve where appropriate the quality of the historic environment.

Objective B: To maintain and enhance biodiversity, flora and fauna.

Objective C: To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes.

Objective D: To improve water quality

Objective E: To improve air quality

Objective F: To ensure prudent use of natural resources

Objective G: To reduce vulnerability to climate change and reduce the potential impacts of flooding.

Objective H: To increase and improve access to public open spaces and improve the liveability of communities.

Objective I: To reduce the fear and occurrence of crime and disorder.

Objective J: To reduce the effect of traffic in the community.

Objective K: To improve access to/of local services and facilities within and beyond the immediate neighbourhood.