OLDHAM UDP PROCESS TO DATE

9 th April 1996	Oldham Unitary Development Plan adopted. It replaced the Greater Manchester Structure Plan 1981, as modified in 1986; the Oldham Borough Local Plan 1986, as altered in 1988; the Medlock Valley Subject Local Plan 1984; the Tame Valley Subject Local Plan 1988; and the Greater Manchester Minerals Local Plan 1989. The adopted Unitary Development Plan constituted the development plan for Oldham from its adoption, until 28th September 2004 when Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West (RPG13) formally became part of the development plan in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
20 th Jan 1999	Resolution of Environmental Services Committee to start a review of the adopted UDP.
20 th March to 12 th May 2000	Public consultation on an issues paper for the UDP review.
13 th June 2000	Sustainability appraisal process commenced by defining the sustainability objectives, indicators and targets.
24 th Jan 2001	Paper on objectives and principles for the Draft Replacement UDP approved by Environment and Transport Committee.
22 nd October to 3 rd December 2001	First Deposit stage consultation on Draft Replacement UDP. Sustainability appraisal report published alongside the draft plan.
	The number and pattern of responses was as follows.
	At first deposit stage, 797 objectors submitted 1,679 representations, of which 1,359 were objections. The main policies to attract representations are described below.
	OE1.9 (was OE1.7) Land Reserved for Future Development 465 representations (459 objections), mainly to the sites at Cowlishaw (340 objections): Summershades Lane, Grasscroft; and Haven Lane, Moorside.
	H1.1 Phase 1 Housing Sites 153 representations (97 objections), mainly objecting to allocations made (Lumb Mill 49 objections), or suggesting alternative sites.
	OE2 (was GS2) Protecting Open Land

	80 representations (67 objections), most objections requesting the allocation of Green Belt land to housing. H1.2 Phase 2 Housing Sites 74 representations (67 objections), mainly objections wanting Phase 2 housing sites either de-allocated or brought forward to Phase 1. B2.1 Primary Employment Zones 49 representations (43 objections), objections to the loss of Saddleworth Primary Employment Zones, the creation of a Primary Employment Zone at Wellyhole Street, and the mix of uses in Primary Employment Zones, and requests to alter PEZ boundaries. OE1.10 (was OE1.8) Local Green Gaps 130 representations (37 objections), some objections about the boundaries or status of sites, some to omissions and some requiring re-allocation for development.
	H1 Housing Land Requirement 42 representations (30 objections), objections to the target for brownfield development and that more housing land is needed.
	B1.1 Business and Industrial Allocations 27 representations (22 objections), objections to certain sites wanting either de-allocation or a change of allocation to residential.
	NR3.2 Wind Turbines 22 representations (20 objections), objections to the wording of the policy.
	OE2.2 Green Corridors and Links 24 representations (17 objections), objections to the wording of the policy and to some specific corridors.
	R1.1 Protecting Existing Recreation Facilities 25 representations (11 objections), objections mainly about routes omitted from Proposals Map.
March 2003	Regional Planning Guidance for the North West (RPG13) published – as of 28/9/04, formally known as Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West.
22 nd October to 3 rd December 2003	Revised deposit stage consultation on Draft Replacement UDP. The Sustainability Appraisal report was published alongside the draft revised plan.

The number and pattern of responses was as follows. At revised deposit stage, 3,819 representations were submitted, of which 3.452 were objections. Of the 367 supports, 238 were conditional withdrawals of first deposit objections. One topic dominated the objections: 90% (3,101) of the objections received related to the revised policies for renewable energy or other policies that link to renewable energy issues (NR3.1 and NR3.2, OE2.3, C1.1). Other changes to the revised deposit draft plan to attract relatively large numbers of objections were: land at Hebron Street (OE1.9), Frenches Wharf/Knoll Spinning (B1.3), and the Local Green Gap designations at Cowlishaw and Summershades Lane (OE1.10). Copies of the report approved by the Council's Cabinet on 19th August 2004, containing an analysis of the outstanding objection matters from the first and revised deposit stages, are available if required. On the basis of the latest interrogation of the Council's UDP database, there are 4,572 outstanding objections that need to be dealt with at the inquiry. November 2004 to Public consultation on proposed pre-inquiry changes. A Sustainability appraisal report will again be published January 2005 alongside the proposed pre-inquiry changes. Major changes (affecting policy) were approved by the Cabinet on 11th November 2004 and will be considered by the Council on 24th November 2004. Minor changes will be agreed under delegated powers. It is anticipated that the consultation period on all the proposed changes will start on Monday 29th November 2004 and last for six weeks. It is not yet possible to give a definitive list of the main issues to be considered at the inquiry. However, based on the evidence from the first and revised deposit stages (total 4,572 objections remaining), it is likely that the issues will be (in plan chapter order): B1.1 Business and Office Allocations total 22 objections, specifically site: Albert Street Hollinwood (13) B1.3 Mixed Use Allocations total 77 objections, specifically site: M1 Frenches Wharf (67)

B2.1 Primary Employment Zones total 52 objections, some site specific. May also be objections generated by proposed pre-inquiry changes to this policy.

B2.2 Protection of Existing Employment Sites total 16 objections. May also be objections generated by proposed pre-inquiry changes to this policy.

H1 Housing Land Requirement and Supply total 52 objections. This policy is subject to change to its reasoned justification through proposed pre-inquiry changes.

H1.1 Phase 1 Housing Allocations total 123 objections, specifically sites:

- Lumb Mill (50)
- Frenches Wharf (14)

May also be objections generated by proposed pre-inquiry changes to this policy.

H1.2 Phase 2 Housing Allocations total 73 objections, specifically site:

• Land at Ripponden Road Denshaw (24).

H2.1 Providing Affordable Housing total 20 objections.

R1 Maintaining Supply of Open Space Sport and Recreation Facilities total 33 objections (all but 12 are single ones about sites).

R2.1 Requirement for New and Improved Open Space, Sport and Recreation Faciltiies and Residential Developments total 15 objections.

OE1.8 Major Developed Site in the Green Belt (Robert Fletcher Greenfield Ltd.) total 6 objections.

OE1.9 Land Reserved for Future Development, total 89 objections, specifically sites:

- Haven Lane (30)
- Hebron Street (26)

OE1.10 Local Green Gaps, total 428 objections, specifically sites:

- Cowlishaw (302)
- Summershades (57)

Renewable energy, total 3,124 objections (PoliciesNR3.1 635, NR3.2 965, C1.1 621, OE2.1 277, OE2.3 626). May also be objections generated by proposed pre-inquiry

changes to policies NR3.1 and NR3.2.
Note: numbers taken from analysis count xtab report 10/11 04
Although the total objections listed above may be taken as reasonably firm numbers, there is considerable scope for further withdrawals of objections. Therefore, the numbers may yet change. It is also unclear at the time of writing as to the likely number of objectors wishing to appear at the inquiry.

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