#### REPORT TO COUNCIL - 24 MAY 2006

# UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - REVIEW: RESPONSES TO OBJECTIONS RECEIVED ABOUT THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS AND THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF DECISIONS, AND THE ADOPTION OF THE PLAN

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION

#### **OLDHAM UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the recommended responses of the Council to objections received on the proposed Modifications to the Oldham Unitary Development Plan (UDP) and the Council's Statement of Decisions. It seeks approval for these responses and the adoption of the UDP.

#### 2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Council is at the final stages in the preparation of the Consultation on the Proposed replacement UDP. Modifications has now finished. A small number of objections were received, but they are not considered to have a material impact on the policies and proposals set out in the draft replacement UDP for the reasons set out in Appendix A. It is therefore unnecessary to hold a further Public Inquiry into these objections. As a result, the replacement UDP can be adopted by the Council as part of the Borough's statutory development plan and so form the basis for determining planning applications.
- 2.2 The process for adoption is set out in the Development Plan Regulations 1999, and involves two periods of advertisement; a Notice of Intention To Adopt, and then, after 28 days, a Notice of Adoption. Although the UDP formally becomes part of the Borough's statutory Development Plan as of the date the Notice of Adoption is published, there is then a six-week period during which legal challenges could be launched against the UDP.

#### 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that Members:
  - (i) approve the recommended responses to objections made to the Council's schedule of Proposed Modifications and Statement of Decisions as detailed in Appendix A to this report; and
  - (ii) approve the further technical changes as detailed in Appendix B; and
  - (iii) approve the publication of the Notice of Intention to Adopt; and
  - (iv) approve the publication of the Notice of Adoption, at which point the Oldham UDP becomes a part of the statutory Development Plan for the Borough.

#### 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Following a Public Inquiry, held between January and October 2005, the Council published the Inspector's Report in January 2006. After consideration at its meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2006, the Council published its Proposed Modifications to the UDP and its Statement of Decisions, thereby starting a 6 week public consultation period. This consultation ended on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006 and resulted in a further 17 objections.
- 4.2 The Council must now consider its response to these objections and whether or not the replacement Oldham UDP can be adopted. The recommended response to these objections is set out in Appendix A of this report. A further Public Inquiry into these objections is considered to be unnecessary.
- 4.3 Further, a number of additional technical changes to the UDP have been identified. Appendix B of this report sets out these further technical changes which it is considered have no material impact on the policies and proposals contained in the Plan.

4.4 It is therefore considered that the Plan is ready for adoption, incorporating the proposed modifications and technical changes as published in February 2006 and the attached further technical changes.

#### Adopting the UDP

- 4.9 Should Members recommend that the UDP be adopted as described in this report, a Notice of Intention To Adopt will be published in the appropriate media. After 28 days, unless the Secretary of State issues a direction to "call-in" or modify the Plan a Notice of Adoption will be published. Although the Plan is adopted as of the publication of the Adoption Notice, there is then a period of 6-weeks for the submission of a legal challenge to elements of the Plan.
- 4.10 From the point of adoption it is intended to publish the UDP Written Statement and Proposals Map as soon as practicably possible. Copies will be made available at all libraries, the One-Stop-Shop in the Civic Centre, the Business Centre and the Planning reception on Level 12 of the Civic Centre. Copies will also be sent to all Members and statutory consultees. The UDP will be made available in electronic format via the Council's web site. Individuals and organisations that have participated in the UDP Review will be notified in writing that the Plan has been adopted.

#### 5.0 CURRENT POSITION

5.1 The Council has reached the final stage in the preparation of the replacement UDP. The Council is now in a position to adopt the Plan which will, along with the Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West, form the development plan for the Borough and as such will be used as the basis for determining planning applications in the Borough.

#### 6.0 OPTIONS/ALTERNATIVES

6.1 There are no practical alternatives. The Council is legally obliged to have an up-to-date adopted UDP as part of the Borough's statutory Development Plan.

#### 7.0 PREFERRED OPTION

7.1 Adopt the UDP as set out in the Development Plan Regulations 1999.

#### 8.0 CONSULTATION

8.1 The UDP Review has been subject to extensive public consultation at key stages, including at First and Revised Deposits, Pre-Inquiry Changes and Proposed Modifications, that has involved the Members, Chief Officers, general public, statutory consultees, interest and community groups, land owners, developers and consultants.

#### 9.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS /TREASURER'S COMMENTS

9.1 "None apart from printing the written statement and proposals map which will be met from within the existing revenue budget (PB)."

#### 10.0 CORPORATE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMENTS

10.1 NONE.

#### 11.0 LEGAL SERVICES' COMMENTS

11.1 Legal Services have been involved in the production of the report and agree it's contents (MB)

#### 12.0 TREASURER'S COMMENTS

12.1 See 9.1 above.

#### 13.0 IT IMPLICATIONS

13.1 NONE.

#### 14.0 PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

14.1 NONE.

## 15.0 ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

15.1 The Replacement UDP has been the subject of sustainability appraisal throughout the process. Therefore, the plan should fully reflect environmental, community and economic considerations insofar as planning legislation permits.

## 16.0 COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 17 OF THE ACT)

16.1 The Replacement UDP's spatial strategy can indirectly influence community cohesion, for example through the location of development and criteria which govern the nature and type of development. The Replacement UDP has had regard to national advice and Oldham's Community Cohesion Strategy.

#### 17 FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE

## KEY DECISION:- YES. If YES:-

State the month and reference number of the item which gives notice of the intention to make this decision. If item was not included in forward plan include reference to general exception/special urgency procedures (paragraph 16 and/or 17 of Part 4 of the Constitution) and include dates of consultation with appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Chair(s). (See guidance note attached also).

(Essential Guide is located in the Intranet – reference section)

#### 18 SUPPORTING PAPERS

#### In the case of an EXEMPT report, this section can be deleted.

The following is a list of the background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by that Act.

File Ref –First Deposit Draft Replacement UDP, October 2001 Revised Deposit Draft Replacement UDP, October 2003 Pre-Inquiry Changes to the Replacement UDP, November 2004 Further Pre-Inquiry Changes to the Replacement UDP, January 2005 Inspector's Report into the Public Local Inquiry, December 2005 Proposed Modifications to the Revised Deposit Draft Replacement UDP and the

Council's Statement of Decisions, February 2006 Individual objections or representations made at the various public consultation stages.

Any Person wishing to inspect copies of the above background papers should contact:-

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#### **APPENDIX A**

#### **OLDHAM RUDP**

### SUMMARY & RESPONSE – OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS AND THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF DECISIONS

#### 1. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

| Objection    | Objector    | Mod | Policy | Site       | Summary of objection   | Council's Response                          | Recommendation            |
|--------------|-------------|-----|--------|------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| Reference    |             | No. |        |            |  |   |                           |
| 0665/4/017/O | Environment | 5/2 | B1.1   | Land at    | The land at Foxdenton is   | The flood risk identified in this area is a | No further modification,  |
|              | Agency      |     |        | Foxdenton  | within the Agency's Flood  | recent addition on the Environment          | but add reference to the  |
|              |             |     |        | Lane,      |  | Agency's official Flood Zones map for       | site and need to consider |
|              |             |     |        | Chadderton | its impact on the natural and  | Oldham.                                     | policy NR2.2 in the final |
|              |             |     |        |            | PPG25 and draft PPS25 both state that there is a requirement that a strategic flood risk assessment should be undertaken in order to provide information in order to apply the sequential test approach. | of employment land in the general area      |                           |

| Objection<br>Reference | Objector        | Mod<br>No. | Policy | Site            | Summary of objection   | Council's Response   | Recommendation           |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------|-----------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| 7                      |                 |            |        |                 |  | NR2.2 by the Environment Agency.   |                          |
| 1960/4/001/O           | Mr M<br>Stewart | 5/2        | B1.1   | Lane,           | Objects to the allocation of land at Foxdenton for employment use. Considers this to be another encroachment in to a residential area which is already plagued by HGV's ignoring the 7.5 ton weight limit. Also concerned that the use of Foxdenton Lane by HGV's is inconsistent with the location and use of Foxdenton Hall on a blind bend. Additional employment development would destroy the atmosphere the heritage of the hall creates. Also concerned that employment based development would have a negative impact on local wildlife. | Access issues were considered at the Inquiry. The Inspector found that there were no access issues to prevent the allocation of this site, which is accessible via Broadgate. The issue of HGV use of Foxdenton Lane in contravention of a Traffic Order is a matter for the police – it is not a planning matter. However, details of this objection have been forwarded to the Area Manager. |                          |
| 1962/4/001/O           | L. Thompso      | 5/2        | B1.1   | Foxdenton Lane, | has caused a considerable increase in traffic along  | Access issues were considered by the Inquiry. The Inspector found that there were no access issues to prevent the allocation of this site, which is accessible   | No further modification. |

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|------------------------|-----------|------------|--------|------|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
|                        |           |            |        |      | HGV traffic. 7.5 ton limit      | via Broadgate. The issue of HGV use of         |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | ignored. Steps should be        | Foxdenton Lane in contravention of a           |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | taken to seriously address the  | Traffic Order is a matter for the police – it  |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | existing problems without       | is not a planning matter. However,             |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | further extensions to the       | details of this objection have been            |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | business development.           | forwarded to the Area Manager.                 |                          |
| 1959/4/001/O           | Cowlishaw | 11/8       | OE1.1  | N/a  | Objects to the deletion of the  | The Council has accepted the Inspector's       | No further modification. |
|                        | Action    |            | 0      |      | words "Green Belt" from the     | view that the reference to Green Belt in       |                          |
|                        | Group     |            |        |      | policy since this is simply the | this policy could be confusing to readers      |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | opening clause of the policy    | of the Plan and raise questions concerning     |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | and is inconsistent with the    | why areas allocated under the policy are       |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | approach to Land Reserved for   | not in the Green Belt. To reword the           |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | Future Development. Also        | policy and refer to local distinctiveness      |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | objects to the replacement of   | would not only remove this confusion,          |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | the title "Local Green Gaps"    | but also allow areas to be protected for       |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | with "Other Protected Open      | the reasons the Council considers              |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | Land". The LGG designation      | appropriate, as detailed in the reasoned       |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | avoids the confusion around     | justification to the policy.                   |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | the OPOL designation in the     |  |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      | 1996 Adopted UDP.               | It is not inconsistent to still refer to Green |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      |                                 | Belt policy in Policy OE1.9 "Land              |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      |                                 | Reserved for Future Development". Land         |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      |                                 | allocated under this policy is designated      |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      |                                 | for possible future development needs.         |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      |                                 | However proposals for development or           |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      |                                 | partial development of such sites could        |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      |                                 | come forward during the plan period and        |                          |
|                        |           |            |        |      |                                 | would need to be judged against                |                          |

| Objection<br>Reference | Objector              | Mod<br>No. | Policy      | Site  | Summary of objection   | Council's Response  | Recommendation |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------|---|--|---|----------------|
| V                      |                       |            |             |   |  | appropriate criteria. Bearing in mind the Council's preference to see such areas undeveloped during the plan period, Green Belt policies are considered the most appropriate reference for such criteria.   |                |
|                        |                       |            |             |   |  | The renaming of the policy, although not considered to be a fundamental issue, is considered to be appropriate for the reasons given in the Inspector's Report. To refer to areas as "gaps", when they may not be such could be confusing. Referring to such areas as "Other Protected Open Land" is considered more appropriate in terms of the locational characteristics of the land.  |                |
| 0665/4/018/O           | Environment<br>Agency | 6/10       | H1.1.3<br>0 | Greenfield<br>Bowling<br>Club,<br>Oakview<br>Road | natural and built environment<br>are material planning<br>considerations. PPG25 and<br>draft PPS25 both state that<br>there is a requirement that a<br>strategic flood risk assessment | The Inspector fully considered this site in his Report including the issue of flood risk. He concluded that flood risk could be dealt with at any planning application stage. Any proposal would be subject to Policy NR2.2 "Flooding and Flood Protection" which would require an appropriate flood risk assessment to be carried out and the criteria of the policy to be satisfied. This is stated in the wording to the site details for this allocation as set |                |

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------|---|--|--|----------------|
|                        |                               |            |        |   | to provide information in order<br>to apply the sequential test<br>approach. | rout in Modification 6/22.  Flood risk areas will be included on the Proposals Map as accepted by the Council in response to an objection to Policy NR2.2 by the Environment Agency.   |                |
| 0731/4/001/O           | David<br>Butterworth<br>& Co. | 6/10       | H1.1.3 | Greenfield<br>Bowling<br>Club,<br>Oakview<br>Road | that it is understood that they  | It is necessary to provide capacity information in order to allow an assessment of housing land supply to be made against the RUDP housing requirement set out in policy H1. The density figures are also indicated in order to support the capacity figures. The footnotes to policies H1.1 and H1.2 make it clear that such figures are indicative only and the actual developments may be above or below these figures. |                |
| 0731/4/002/O           | David<br>Butterworth<br>& Co. | 6/22       |        | Greenfield<br>Bowling<br>Club,<br>Oakview<br>Road | that it is understood that they  | It is necessary to provide capacity information in order to allow an assessment of housing land supply to be made against the RUDP housing requirement set out in policy H1. The density figures are also indicated in order to support the capacity figures. The footnotes to policies H1.1 and H1.2 make it clear that such figures are indicative only and the actual developments may be                               |                |

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|--------------|--------------|-------|--------|------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Reference    |              | No.   |        |            |                                  |   |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            |                                  | above or below these figures.               |                          |
| 0115/4/004/O | Mr L Perrins | 11/11 | OE1.1  | Land off   | Although adjacent to LGG13,      | This objection raises no new issues. The    | No further modification. |
|              |              |       | 0      | Radcliffe  | the site is urban in character   | Inspector considered the suitability of the |                          |
|              |              |       |        | St,        | being part of the development    | site for housing at the Inquiry but he      |                          |
|              |              |       |        | Springhead | centred on Springhead            | considered that the site is more            |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            | Congregational Church,           | appropriately designated as Other           |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            | School Street and 15-23          | Protected Open Land.                        |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            | Radcliffe Street. The site is    |   |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            | accessible and is in a           |   |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            | sustainable location. It is of a |   |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            | size and shape that is           |   |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            | appropriate for housing and      |   |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            | would not detract from the       |   |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            | attractiveness of the            |   |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            | countryside.                     |   |                          |
| 1961/4/001/O | Buckstone    | 6/10  | H1.1.2 | Land at    | The site would be better used    | This site has been proposed through the     | No further modification. |
|              | Transport    |       | 6      | Spencer    | for industrial purposes to       | modifications process, having first been    |                          |
|              | Services Ltd |       |        | Street,    | continue this employment         | identified as a housing allocation through  |                          |
|              |              |       |        | Oldham     | location hand in hand with the   | the Council's pre-Inquiry Changes           |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            | refurbishment of residential     | (PIC40, November 2004). The proper          |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            | properties. The need for         | consultation procedures were carried out    |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            | employment is crucial to the     | at this stage and no comments were          |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            | mix of uses in the area.         | received in relation to this site. The      |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            |                                  | Inspector has considered the Council's      |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            |                                  | pre-Inquiry Changes and recommended         |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            |                                  | that this site, along with others, be       |                          |
|              |              |       |        |            |                                  | allocated for phase 1 housing               |                          |

| <b>Objection</b> | Objector   |       | Policy | Site     | Summary of objection        | Council's Response                          | Recommendation           |
|------------------|------------|-------|--------|----------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Reference        |            | No.   |        |          |                             | development. In paragraph 6.53 of his       |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | report he states "In general I consider tha | +                        |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | these changes are justified and I           |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | recommend that the Plan be modified in      |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | accordance with them."                      |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | accordance with them.                       |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | The rationale for the allocation of the     |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | subject site was in order to support the    |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder – the     | e                        |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | site being identified for housing           |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | development in the Werneth/Freehold         |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | Masterplan. It is accepted that this will   |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | result in the loss of some employment       |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | uses – and indeed the Council have          |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | bought a central portion of the site from   |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | the objector in order to further the aims o | f                        |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | the Masterplan – especially as the aim of   |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | the HMR programme is to increase the        |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | number of houses within the pathfinder      |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | area in order to provide a better choice    |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | within the housing market and to meet       |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | needs. Further, employment uses will        |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | continue to exist in the locality towards   |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | Hollinwood and on Manchester Road.          |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             |   |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | It is therefore considered that the site is |                          |
|                  |            |       |        |          |                             | appropriately allocated.                    |                          |
| 0715/4/001/      | O Victoria | 6.107 | H1.2.1 | Lower Li | meThe Inspector's conclusio | The objector has not raised any new         | No further modification. |

| Objection<br>Reference | Objector    | Mod<br>No. | Policy | Site            | Summary of objection  | Council's Response   | Recommendation           |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|--------|-----------------|---|--|--------------------------|
|                        | Clark-Leece |            | 6      | Road,<br>Oldham | that the need for homes outweigh the benefit of retaining the site as open space. Conclusions of the local needs assessment have not contributed to the decision. The decision pre-empts the outcome of the local needs assessment. At the time of the Inquiry the Inspector had insufficient evidence to support the [objector's] claim that the site is well used for recreation. Questionnaire | issues with this objection. With regard to the claimed recreational use of the land, the Inspector, through his reasoning, clearly gave weight to the objector's contention in respect of the use of the land. However he balanced that use with the overall need to demonstrate a housing land supply to meet the Council's housing requirement. Therefore, whilst the questionnaires submitted as part of this objection indicates a degree of use, it is felt that they are not raising a new issue.  Regarding the claim that the local needs assessment has not contributed to the decision, the Inspector was aware that the local needs assessment and audit has not yet been completed. Nevertheless the Inspector, in a finely balanced judgement, recommends that the site be re-allocated for Phase 2 housing. It is therefore considered that the Inspector has considered the issue of the local needs assessment and the absence of this information when making his decision. |                          |
| 1964/4/001/0           | A. Simpson  | 11/5       | OE1    |                 | The objector considers that this modification involves a  | The inclusion of this site in the Green Belt is not considered to be a strategic re-   | No further modification. |

| Objection<br>Reference | Objector      | Mod<br>No. | Policy | Site      | Summary of objection              | Council's Response                           | Recommendation           |
|------------------------|---------------|------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
|                        |               |            |        | Farm,     | strategic re-examination of the   | examination of the Green Belt. Whilst the    |                          |
|                        |               |            |        | Uppermill | Green Belt which is not           | Council considers that the site does not     |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | required until 2011. The          | meet the criteria for allocation of Other    |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | Council's own evidence is that    | Protected Open Land (formerly Local          |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | the site does not even meet       | Green Gap) the purposes of including         |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | most of the criteria for local    | land in the Green Belt are separate to this. |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | Green Gap. Proposes that          | Areas are included in the Green Belt         |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | part of the site is developed for | reflect those reasons set out in paragraph   |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | housing and part turned in to a   | 1.5 of PPG2 'Green Belts'.                   |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | picnic area for residents and     |  |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | visitors.                         |  |                          |
| 0215/4/001/0           | O Martin Hill | 11/8       | OE1.1  | N/a       | The change in name from           | The recommendation made by the               | No further modification. |
|                        |               |            | 0      |           | Local Green gaps to Other         | Inspector was on the basis of his view       |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | Protected Open Land indicates     | that the phrase "Local Green Gap" is a       |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | that these Gaps are not           | misnomer. This is not suggestive of a        |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | necessarily going to be           | change in the intent of the policy itself.   |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | maintained in their natural       |  |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | format, otherwise why the         |  |                          |
|                        |               |            |        |           | change?                           |  |                          |

## SUMMARY & RESPONSE – OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS AND THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF DECISIONS

#### 2. OBJECTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF DECISIONS

| Objection<br>Reference | Objector         | Rec<br>Ref. | Policy | Site        | Summary of objection            | Council's Response                            | Recommendation   |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------|-------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------|
|                        | O C. Wildgoose   | 11.19       | OE1    | Former Co-  | The recommendation to delete    | The objector is correct that the proposed     | No modification. |
|                        |                  |             |        | Op and      |                                 | deletion of Springfield farm from the Green   |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        | Springfield | 1 0                             | Belt was raised by the Inspector. The         |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        | Farm,       | reasons given by the Inspector. | Council considers that the Green Belt in      |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        | Friezland   |                                 | this area is clearly defined according to the |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        | Lane        | been fully assessed and should  | guidance contained in PPG2 – Green Belts      |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        |             | be given further consideration  | as it follows a clear boundary in the form of |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        |             | before adoption.                | the adjacent road frontage. To change the     |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        |             |                                 | boundary as suggested would, in the           |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        |             |                                 | Council's opinion, result in a less well      |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        |             |                                 | defined Green Belt boundary.                  |                  |
| 0020/4/003/            | O Robert Scott & | 11.19       | OE1    | Former Co-  | The recommendation to delete    | The objector is correct that the proposed     | No modification. |
|                        | Sons Ltd         |             |        | Op and      | Springfield Farm from the       | deletion of Springfield Farm from the         |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        | Springfield | Green Belt is supported for the | Green Belt was raised by the Inspector.       |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        | Farm,       | reasons given by the Inspector. | The Council considers that the Green Belt     |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        | Friezland   | Changes to Green Belt           | in this area is clearly defined according to  |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        | Lane        | designations have been made in  | the guidance contained in PPG2 – Green        |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        |             | accord with the Inspector's     | Belts as it follows a clear boundary in the   |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        |             | recommendations – there is no   | form of the adjacent road frontage. To        |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        |             | reason why this site should be  | change the boundary as suggested would,       |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        |             | treated any differently. The    | in the Council's opinion, result in a less    |                  |
|                        |                  |             |        |             | release of the land from green  | well defined Green Belt boundary. No          |                  |

| Objection<br>Reference | Objector       | Rec<br>Ref. | Policy | Site                                       | Summary of objection   | Council's Response   | Recommendation   |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------|--|--|--|------------------|
| V                      |                |             |        |  | belt could create a mixed-use development which may assist the car parking needs of the adjacent mill. The former Coop and farm are in effect a brownfield site.   | evidence has been submitted to substantiate the need for a mixed use-development as described by the objector.  No new issues have been raised regarding the removal of the former Co-op from the Green Belt.  |                  |
|                        |                |             |        |  |  | That the site may be brownfield is not a material issue as there are several such brownfield sites appropriately located within the Green Belt.  |                  |
| 0093/4/001/0           | ) Mr J Jasolka | 11.81       |        | Land off<br>Ripponden<br>Road,<br>Moorside | The Council has accepted the Inspector's recommendation to add and delete land from the green belt. Some of these sites are small and similar to the subject site. It is unreasonable to take a different view. The allocation of the site for housing would tidy up the boundaries of the area. The objector states that he has not | The Council considers that in general the removal and subsequent allocation of land for other purposes would be better considered in any future strategic review, where all such sites can be considered.  The Council has accepted changes to Green Belt boundaries, however, where that the land fulfils the purposes of land in Green Belt (in the case of additions) or where changing boundaries would make the | No modification. |
|                        |                |             |        |  | not accept that only three to four dwellings are acceptable.   | boundaries more defensible (in the case of deletions).  It is considered that such as approach is entirely consistent with defining a  |                  |

| Objection<br>Reference | Objector     | Rec<br>Ref. | Policy | Site      | Summary of objection             | Council's Response                            | Recommendation   |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------|-----------|----------------------------------|---|------------------|
|                        |              |             |        |           | The site would add to the range  | defensible Green Belt boundary.               |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           | and type of housing in the area. |   |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | With regard to the issue of access, this is a |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | secondary issue – the Council's position is   |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | that the removal of this site from the Green  |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | Belt and allocation for housing               |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | development is unacceptable as a matter or    |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | principle (as outlined above).                |                  |
| 0022/4/001/O           | Peter Sykes  | 11.81       | OE1    | Land off  | The land should be building      | The Council considers that in general the     | No modification. |
|                        |              |             |        | Ripponden | land for residential             | removal and subsequent allocation of land     |                  |
|                        |              |             |        | Road,     | development.                     | for other purposes would be better            |                  |
|                        |              |             |        | Moorside  |                                  | considered in any future strategic review,    |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | where all such sites can be considered.       |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | The Council has accepted changes to Green     |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | Belt boundaries, however, where that the      |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | land fulfils the purposes of land in Green    |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | Belt (in the case of additions) or where      |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | changing boundaries would make the            |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | boundaries more defensible (in the case of    |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | deletions).                                   |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | It is considered that such as approach is     |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | entirely consistent with defining a           |                  |
|                        |              |             |        |           |                                  | defensible Green Belt boundary.               |                  |
| 0166/4/006/O           | P&D Northern | 5.12        | B2.1   | PEZ 22,   | The justification for not        | It is accepted that an error was made in the  | Extend the PEZ   |
|                        | Steels       |             |        | Shawside  | accepting the Inspector's        | Council's Statement of Decisions as           | boundary as a    |

| Objection<br>Reference | Objector | Rec<br>Ref. | Policy | Site | Summary of objection  | Council's Response  | Recommendation  |
|------------------------|----------|-------------|--------|------|---|---|---|
| Reference              |          | Ref.        |        |      | recommendation was that a S106 agreement pertaining to the recreational use of land applied to the site. However the S106 relates to adjacent land and not the objection site. In view of this the Inspector's recommendation should be accepted. | described by the objector.  However, it has since become apparent that the boundary of the PEZ as drawn on the Proposals Map is not consistent with operations "on the ground". Indeed, it appears that the boundary of the site occupied by the objector extends beyond the boundary of the PEZ as currently drawn. Investigations reveal that this has been the case for a considerable period of time. As such it is intended to produce a technical change to the boundary of the PEZ to reflect that land currently used as such. It should be noted that it is <b>not</b> intended to extend the PEZ boundary beyond that occupied by the current commercial concern and into the | technical change<br>(see Appendix B<br>and attached plan) |
|                        |          |             |        |      |   | surrounding Local Green Gap.  |   |

#### APPENDIX B

#### **OLDHAM RUDP**

#### **FURTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES**

| Chapter                | Policy | Site           | Change to  | Change  | Reason  | Comment  |
|------------------------|--------|----------------|--|---|---|--|
| Whole plan             | N/a    | N/A            | Policies, reasoned justification and general text throughout the Plan. | Correct typographical errors and ensure a consistent approach to grammar and phraseology.                                 |   | Plan will not result from this process of proof reading.                                 |
| Proposals Map          | N/a    | N/A            | Boundaries and designations  | Correct drafting errors   | Proof reading of the proposals map may identify the need to correct boundaries and designations.  | Material changes to the<br>Plan will not result<br>from this process of<br>proof reading |
| PEZ22/Proposals<br>Map | sB2.1  | PEZ22 Shawside | PEZ boundary   | Extend the PEZ boundary to be consistent with the boundary of the P&D Northern Steels site as shown on the attached plan. | This change has been made as it has become clear that the PEZ boundary as shown on the Proposals Map is not consistent with the boundary of the uses on the ground. | See Appendix A and<br>the Council's response<br>to objection reference<br>0166/4/006/O   |
| Proposals Map          | NR2.2  | N/A            | 2002 Indicative  | Replace the 2002 Indicative Flood   | To provide the most up-   | The Environment  |

| Chapter          | Policy | Site             | Change to          | Change                               | Reason                   | Comment                    |
|------------------|--------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
|                  |        |                  | Flood Risk Areas   | Risk Areas (see the Revised          | to-date plan.            | Agency have renamed        |
|                  |        |                  |                    | Deposit UDP) with the 2005           |                          | Indicative Flood Risk      |
|                  |        |                  |                    | Environment Agency Flood Zone        |                          | Areas with "Flood          |
|                  |        |                  |                    | Maps                                 |                          | Zone Maps" and now         |
|                  |        |                  |                    |                                      |                          | update this information    |
|                  |        |                  |                    |                                      |                          | on a quarterly basis. In   |
|                  |        |                  |                    |                                      |                          | order to provide the       |
|                  |        |                  |                    |                                      |                          | most up-to-date plan at    |
|                  |        |                  |                    |                                      |                          | the date of adoption it    |
|                  |        |                  |                    |                                      |                          | is intended to utilise the |
|                  |        |                  |                    |                                      |                          | latest available Maps.     |
| Business,        | B1.1   | B1.1.29 Land off | Final paragraph of | Amend the final sentence of the      | To provide consistent    | Site B1.1.29 is a new      |
| Industry and the |        | Foxdenton Lane   | the reasoned       | final paragraph to read (additional  | cross referencing within | allocation introduced      |
| Local Economy    |        |                  | justification to   | wording highlighted in <b>bold</b> ) | the Business and Office  | by the UDP Inspector       |
|                  |        |                  | B1.1               | "Proposals for site B1.1.28 in       | Allocations.             | in response to an          |
|                  |        |                  |                    | Diggle and B1.1.29 in                |                          | objection from the         |
|                  |        |                  |                    | Chadderton will be considered        |                          | landowner. At the          |
|                  |        |                  |                    | against Policy NR2.2 Flooding and    | $\mathbf{d}$             | Modifications stage the    |
|                  |        |                  |                    | Flood Protection as a small part of  | •                        | Council received an        |
|                  |        |                  |                    | each site lies within a flood risk   |                          | objection from the         |
|                  |        |                  |                    | area."                               |                          | Environment Agency as      |
|                  |        |                  |                    |                                      |                          | a small part of the site   |
|                  |        |                  |                    |                                      |                          | falls within a flood risk  |
|                  |        |                  |                    |                                      |                          | area (see 0665/4/017/O     |
|                  |        |                  |                    |                                      |                          | above).                    |

