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'Refining Options'

Equalities Impact Assessment

Joint Core Strategy and Development Management Policies
Development Plan Document

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This document is an Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) of the 'Refining Options' for the Joint Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD.
- 1.2 The joint DPD will set out a long-term spatial vision and strategic objectives for the borough. It will also contain a spatial strategy, core policies, development management policies and a monitoring and implementation framework. The joint DPD will set the strategic direction for the Local Development Framework (LDF) up to 2025/26.
- 1.3 There are a number of key steps to be undertaken in preparing the joint DPD. These include publication stage, submission, independent examination and the Inspector's binding report. The 'Refining Options' stage forms part of the formal Regulation 25 stage, and follows on from the previous 'Preferred Options' and 'Issues and Options' stage. It sets out broad issues that the joint DPD has to consider and presents the council's preferred way forward and policies to help shape the future development pattern of the borough.
- 1.4 Full details can be found in the 'Refining Options' Report.
- 1.5 The purpose of the EqIA is to assess the potential impact of the 'Refining Options' on the different groups of people within the borough.

2 Findings of the Equality Impact Assessment

- 2.1 The EqIA relevance screening concluded that there was a need to carry out an initial EqIA of the 'Refining Options'.
- 2.2 The initial EqIA concluded that the 'Refining Options' is not considered to have any adverse impacts on the different groups of people and that a full EqIA is not needed.

3 How to comment on the Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 You may comment on the EqIA during the consultation period indicated on the public notice.
- 3.2 Please note that personal information provided as part of a representation cannot be treated as confidential as the council is obliged to make all representations available for public inspection. If you choose to make a representation you will be regarded by the council as having consented to that representation being made available for public inspection. All comments received will also be made available via the internet, along with the name of the person who submitted them. Your address will not generally be available via the internet if you submit your comments electronically through our Limehouse consultation portal. In addition, you should note that any documents, plans etc, you submit to accompany your comments may also be made available via the internet. If you are using the Limehouse consultation portal to supply supporting documents, please make sure you do not include email addresses, telephone numbers or signatures on the supporting document. If we receive supporting documents containing email addresses, telephone numbers or signatures, we will endeavour to remove them. If your postal address is shown on any accompanying documents provided, though, then this will also be accessible via the internet.

Appendix 1

1. Name of the policy/project:	Local Development Framework Joint Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD: Refining Options			
2. What are the main aims and objectives of the policy/project?	The Joint DPD will set out a long-term vision and strategic objectives for the borough. It will set out the strategic direction for Oldham's Local Development Framework up to 2025/26. It aims to promote social, economic and environmental well-being, supporting Oldham as an address of choice, a university town and a confident place with services of choice. The Refining Options report sets out a vision, a series of strategic objectives and the core policies and development management policies to help shape the future development of the borough.			
3.a. What impact will this policy/project have on the public?	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	DON'T KNOW
		X		
4. Based on this screening please indicate if this policy/project should proceed to an Initial or Full EIA?		INITIAL	FULL	NONE
		X		

Appendix 2

1. Department	Economy, Place and Skills	2. Section	LDF and Urban Design
3. Who is responsible for the Assessment	Paul McGrath	4. Lead Officer	5. Others involved
		Phil Jobling	Members of LDF and Urban Design
6. Name of the Policy to be assessed	Local Development Framework Joint Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD: Refining Options	7. Is this a new or existing policy	New
8. Date of Assessment			
		9 March 2010	
9. Describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the policy			The Joint DPD will set out a long-term vision and strategic objectives for the borough. It will set out the strategic direction for Oldham's Local Development Framework up to 2025/26. It aims to promote social, economic and environmental well-being, supporting Oldham as an address of choice, a university town and a confident place with services of choice. The Refining Options report sets out a vision, a series of strategic objectives and the core policies and development management policies to help shape the future development of the borough.
10.a. What data do you have that you can draw upon to support this assessment?			Joint DPD spatial portrait, evidence base, Sustainability Appraisal scoping report, Annual Monitoring Report indicators.
10.b. What does this data say?			Provides information on a wide range of planning indicators that will inform the emerging LDF.

<p>11.a. What recent consultation has been undertaken that you could draw upon to support this assessment and who was it with?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Issues Survey, Spring 2007. ● Issues and Options consultation, Autumn/Winter 2007/08. ● Call for Sites survey, Spring 2008. ● Preferred Options consultation, Spring 2009. <p>Consultation has engaged with statutory consultees, councillors, LDF Members Panel, council departments, people and organisations on the LDF mailing list, members of the public, Area Committees, young people through engagement with The Oldham College and Oldham Sixth Form College.</p>
<p>11.b. What did they say?</p>	<p>There consultations provided an opportunity for stakeholders and the community to express their views on a wide range of issues relating to the emerging LDF. The following are links to the results of the Issues Survey, Issues and Options consultation and Preferred Options consultation:</p> <p>http://www.oldham.gov.uk/issues_survey_report_.pdf</p> <p>http://www.oldham.gov.uk/final_public_schedule_of_representations_and_responses.pdf</p> <p>http://www.oldham.gov.uk/final_public_schedule_of_comments_and_responses_sept.doc.pdf</p>
<p>12.a. Are there any experts/relevant groups who you can approach to explore their views?</p>	<p>The Statement of Community Involvement sets out how the council intends to engage with the community, including 'hard to engage' groups, in the preparation of LDF documents to ensure that the LDF fully represents the views of all sections of the community. The LDF Members Panel is also consulted on preparation of the LDF.</p>
<p>12.b. Please give details of who you have approached and what they said:</p>	<p>The LDF Members Panel and the wider community and stakeholders in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement.</p> <p>Web links above (Q11b) give details of what they have said.</p>
	<p>13.a. Taking into account the information gathered:</p> <p><u>Could</u> this policy/project impact on any of the following groups differently?</p>
	<p>13.b. Where Negative impact has been identified please explain what action you will take to mitigate this.</p>

	<p><u>Could</u> any of the following groups experience of this policy/project be different?</p> <p><u>Could</u> this different impact be negative?</p> <p>Please explain drawing on evidence that supports your view:</p>	<p>Inf no action is to be taken please explain your reasoning.</p>
<p>Age</p>	<p>The Refining Options includes policies related to children and young people and older people to address their particular needs (such as community facilities, health, education, housing, access to services, transport and open space and sports). This will have a differential impact on this equalities group. This differential impact should be positive.</p>	
<p>Dependants/caring responsibilities</p>	<p>The Refining Options will address community cohesion, social inclusion and accessibility and includes policies which affect community facilities, health and access to services amongst others. It will have a differential impact on this equalities group. This differential impact should be positive.</p>	
<p>Disability</p>	<p>The Refining Options will address community cohesion, social inclusion and accessibility and includes policies which affect community facilities, health and design requirements amongst others. It will have a differential impact on this equalities group. This differential impact should be positive.</p>	
<p>Gender</p>	<p>The Refining Options will address community cohesion, social inclusion and accessibility and</p>	

	includes policies which affect designing out crime. It will have a differential impact on this equalities group. This differential impact should be positive.	
Race	The Refining Options will address community cohesion, social inclusion and accessibility and includes policies which affect designing out crime. It will have a differential impact on this equalities group. This differential impact should be positive.	
Religious belief	The Refining Options will address community cohesion, social inclusion and accessibility and includes policies which community facilities. It will have a differential impact on this equalities group. This differential impact should be positive.	
Transgender or transsexual	The Refining Options will address community cohesion, social inclusion and accessibility and includes policies which affect designing out crime. It will have a differential impact on this equalities group. This differential impact should be positive.	
Sexual Orientation	The Refining Options will address community cohesion, social inclusion and accessibility and includes policies which affect designing out crime. It will have a differential impact on this equalities group. This differential impact should be positive.	