

Full Name	Organisation Details	Summary of Comments Received	Oldham Council Response
Planning Administration Team	Sport England	Advise that National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) identifies how planning can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities.	Noted.
Planning Administration Team	Sport England	It is important that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects National Policy for sport with particular reference to paragraphs 73 and 74 of NPPF. It is important to be aware of Sport England's role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing fields as set out in link and 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England - Planning Policy Statement'.	Noted.
Planning Administration Team	Sport England	Sport England provides guidance on developing policy for sport. Provided link for information.	Noted.
Planning Administration Team	Sport England	Sport England works to ensure plan policy is underpinned by robust and up to date assessments and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports delivery. It will be important that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the recommendations set out in such strategies / assessments and that any local investment opportunities are utilised to support the delivery of those recommendations. Link provided.	Noted.
Planning Administration Team	Sport England	Sport England recommend you ensure new sports facilities are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes. Link provided.	Noted.
Peter Stewart, Correspondence Unit Manager	Equality and Human Rights Commission	Local and parish councils have obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) in the Equality Act 2010 to consider the effect of their policies and decisions on people sharing particular protected characteristics. You must consider the potential for planning proposals to have an impact on equality for different groups of people. Link to technical guidance provided.	An Equalities Impact Assessment will be undertaken.
David Allcock, Consultations Team	Natural England	Natural England does not wish to comment on the suitability of the proposed plan area or the proposed neighbourhood planning body.	Noted.

David Allcock, Consultations Team	Natural England	Provided Annex to letter setting out information sources that the neighbourhood planning body may wish to use in developing the plan, and to highlight some of the potential environmental risks and opportunities that neighbourhood plans may present.	Noted.
David Allcock, Consultations Team	Natural England	The local planning authority should advise the neighbourhood planning body when Natural England should be consulted further on the neighbourhood plan.	Noted. Saddleworth Parish Council will receive advice on consultation requirements.
David Allcock, Consultations Team	Natural England	Neighbourhood plans and orders present significant opportunities and potential risks for the natural environment. Proposals should be in line with NPPF paragraph 109.	Noted.
David Allcock, Consultations Team	Natural England	The Neighbourhood Plan should be consistent with the natural environment policies in the local plan and may decide to provide more detail as to how some of these policies apply or are interpreted locally.	Noted. Oldham Council and the Peak District National Park Authority will encourage Saddleworth Parish Council to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan supports policies in the local plans and emerging Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF).
Robert Deanwood	Amec Foster Wheeler on behalf of National Grid	National Grid outlined the gas and electricity network in England and Wales that they own and operate. National grid expressed that they wish to be involved in the preparation of plans to ensure the safe operation of existing sites and equipment and to facilitate future infrastructure investment.	Comments noted.

Robert Deanwood	Amec Foster Wheeler on behalf of National Grid	National Grid has identified 1042 Failsworth- Greenfield high pressure Gas Distribution pipeline; and ZPA Route 275kv from Stalybridge substation Tameside to ZPA Route Tower (001-065) high voltage overhead powerline as falling in the Neighbourhood area boundary. From the information provided the above gas distribution pipeline and OHL do not interact with any of the proposed development sites.	Comments noted.
Robert Deanwood	Amec Foster Wheeler on behalf of National Grid	Whilst there is no implications for National Grid Gas Distribution's Intermediate / High Pressure apparatus, there may however be Low Pressure, Medium Pressure Gas Distribution pipes present within proposed development sites. National Grid have provided a contact for further information.	Noted.
Robert Deanwood	Amec Foster Wheeler on behalf of National Grid	National Grid have provided further resources and contact information.	Comments noted. Contacts added to local plan mailing list.
Mrs Patricia Anne Cliffe	Individual	No comments.	Comment noted.
Mrs Patricia Anne Cliffe	Individual	I support the application.	Comment noted.
Mark Harrison	The Coal Authority	Statutory role is to provide advice about new development in the coalfield areas and also protect coal resources from unnecessary sterilisation by encouraging their extraction, where practical, prior to the permanent surface development commencing.	Comments noted. The Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Plan forms part of the local development plan which would be used to determine any application in a Mineral Safeguarding Area in the Oldham local planning authority area.

Mark Harrison	The Coal Authority	The Neighbourhood area lies within the current defined coalfield. However, as this consultation only relates to the proposed designation of the neighbourhood plan area, The Coal Authority has no specific comments to make at this stage.	Comments noted.
Mark Harrison	The Coal Authority	According to the Coal Authority Development High Risk Area Plans, there are recorded risks from past coal mining activity in the form of 56 recorded mine entries, 1 reported surface hazard, recorded shallow coal workings, unrecorded probable shallow workings and thick coal outcrops. If the Neighbourhood Plan allocates sites for future development in these areas then consideration as to the development will need to respond to these risks to surface stability in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Oldham Development Plan.	Comments noted.
John Moran	Health and Safety Executive	HSE where possible will make representations to ensure that compatible development within the consultation zones of major hazard establishments and major accident hazard pipelines is achieved. Early consultation can be an effective way of alleviating problems due to incompatible development at the later stages of the planning process.	Comments noted.
John Moran	Health and Safety Executive	HSE advice is given with consideration to the following. 1) NPPF paragraph 172 requires that planning policies should be based on up to date information on the location of major accident hazards and on the mitigation of the consequences of major accidents; The Town and Country Planning Regulations (as amended) requires that in local plans and Supplementary Planning Documents regard be had for the objectives of preventing major accidents and limiting the consequences of such accidents for human health and the environment by pursuing those objectives through the controls described in Article 13 of Council Directive 2012/18/EU. Regulation 10(c) (i) requires that regard also be had to the need in the long term to maintain appropriate safety distances between establishments and residential areas, buildings and areas of public use, recreational areas, and, as far as possible, major transport routes.	Comments noted.

John Moran	Health and Safety Executive	Planning authorities are advised to use HSE's Planning Advice Web App to verify any advice given.	Comment noted.
John Moran	Health and Safety Executive	There is the potential for land allocation in your plan to encroach on consultation zones, namely - National Grid Gas Major Accident Pipeline - HSE Ref: 6725 - Greenfield Branch	Comments noted.
John Moran	Health and Safety Executive	The compatibility issues raised by developing housing and workplaces within the inner, middle and outer zones are summarised. Housing Allocations: Inner Zone - Housing is not compatible with development in the inner zone. HSE advice against such development. The only exception is developments of 1 or 2 dwelling units where there is a minimal increase in people at risk. Middle Zone - The Middle Zone is compatible with housing developments up to and including 30 dwelling units and at a density of no more than 40 dwellings per hectare. Outer Zone - Housing is compatible with development in the outer zone including larger developments of more than 30 dwelling units and high-density developments of more than 40 dwelling units per hectare.	Comments noted.

John Moran	Health and Safety Executive	<p>Workplace Allocations: Inner Zone - Workplaces (predominately non-retail) providing for less than 100 occupants in each building and less than 3 occupied storeys are compatible with the inner zone. Retail developments with less than 250sqm total floorspace are compatible with the inner zone. Workplaces (predominately non-retail) providing for 100 or more occupants in any building or 3 or more occupied storeys in height are compatible with the inner zone where the development is at the major hazard site itself and will be under the control of the site operator. The middle zone is compatible with workplaces (predominantly non-retail). Retail developments with total floor space up to 5000m² are compatible with the middle zone. Workplaces (predominantly non-retail) are compatible with the outer zone. Workplaces (predominantly non-retail) specifically for people with disabilities (e.g. sheltered workshops) are only compatible with the outer zone. Retail developments with more than 5000m² total floor space are compatible with the outer zone. Detail of other development types, for example institutional accommodation and education, and their compatibility with consultations zones can be found in the section on Development Type Tables of HSE's Land Use Planning Methodology.</p>	Comments noted.
John Moran	Health and Safety Executive	<p>Mixed Use Allocations: Advice regarding mixed-use allocations is outside the scope of the general advice that can be given in this representation. Please refer to the Web App to determine HSE's advice regarding mixed-use developments.</p>	Comments noted.

John Moran	Health and Safety Executive	The potential for encroachment is brought to your attention at an early stage so that you can assess the actual extent of any incompatibility on future developments. Information on the location and extent of the consultation zones associated with major hazard establishments and Major Accident Hazard Pipelines (MAHPs) can be found on HSE's extranet system along with advice on land use planning policy. Lists of all major hazard establishments and MAHPs, consultation zone maps for establishments, and consultation distances for MAHPs are included to aid planners. When sufficient information on the location and use class of sites becomes available at the pre-planning stages of your local plan, the use of the Web App could assist you in making informed planning decisions about development compatibility.	Comments noted.
John Moran	Health and Safety Executive	HSE recommends that where there are major hazard establishments and MAHPs within the area of your local plan, that you mark the associated consultation zones on a map. This is an effective way to identify the development proposals that could encroach on consultation zones, and the extent of any encroachment that could occur. The proposal maps in site allocation development planning documents may be suitable for presenting this information. We particularly recommend marking the zones associated with any MAHPs, and HSE advises that you contact the pipeline operator for up-to-date information on pipeline location, as pipelines can be diverted by operators from notified routes.	Comments Noted. The advice will be taken on board.
John Moran	Health and Safety Executive	The guidance in HSE's Land Use Planning Methodology will allow you to identify compatible development within any consultation zone. HSE recommends that you include in your plan an analysis of compatible development type within the consultation zones of major hazard establishments and MAHPs. The sections on Development Type Tables and the Decision Matrix are particularly relevant.	Comments noted. The advice will be taken on board.
Darren Ratcliffe	Historic England	The areas covered by the Neighbourhood Plan includes a number of designated heritage assets including grade II* buildings and several conservation areas. A list is attached. It will be important to ensure that the strategy for Saddleworth safeguards those elements which contribute to the significance of these assets.	Comments noted.

Darren Ratcliffe	Historic England	Historic England notes that the application refers to historic buildings being addressed in the plan, including the possibility of resurrecting the local list of buildings. Historic England would support this objective. A link to guidance is given.	Comments noted.
Darren Ratcliffe	Historic England	The planning and conservation team, at Oldham Council are best placed to assist you during the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and how the strategy and policies might address the areas of heritage assets. We do not consider a need for Historic England to be involved in the development of your plan.	Comments noted. However as Historic England is listed under Schedule 1 to the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) the council consider that Historic England should continue to receive consultation notifications on the Neighbourhood Plan, including from Saddleworth Parish Council. It is of course for Historic England to decide whether to make representations and give advice.
Darren Ratcliffe	Historic England	We recommend that you speak to staff at your local Historic Environment Record based at Salford University Archaeology Unit. They should be able to provide further details of designated heritage assets along with locally important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. Historic Environment Records may also be available on-line via the Heritage Gateway. You should also consider the merits of involving local voluntary groups such as a local Civic Society and/or Historical Association(s) in the production of your Neighbourhood Plan.	Comments noted.

Darren Ratcliffe	Historic England	Historic England has produced a number of advice documents that your community may find helpful when identifying those features that make the neighbourhood distinctive and how to go about ensuring that the areas character is retained. Link provided.	Comment noted.
Darren Ratcliffe	Historic England	The forum might also consider the potential to adopt a specific policy to protect and enhance important aspects of setting based upon a historical landscape and views analysis; this is now becoming common practice in many Neighbourhood Plans, particularly those affected by housing growth. Link provided.	Comment noted.
Rebecca Pemberton, Planning Analyst	United Utilities	United Utilities does not wish to submit any formal comments at this stage. However should this designation be approved it is important to ensure we can facilitate the delivery of the necessary sustainable infrastructure at an appropriate time. We encourage further consultation with us once a draft Neighbourhood Plan is commenced.	Comment noted.
Mark Brooks	Diggle Community Association	The priorities for the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Area plan should be: 1) Ensuring that the identity and character of Saddleworth villages is maintained and enhanced by ensuring that development only takes place which makes a contribution to these; 2) Conducting proper appraisals of Conservation areas and ensuring that their specific features and characteristics are properly recorded and that planning decisions make reference to these; 3) Protecting the Green Belt; 4) Encouraging employment opportunities and SME development within Saddleworth (especially high-tech and green businesses) – Warth Mill Diggle provides a good model for this; 5) Promote the use of existing buildings and brown-field sites for new development before permitting green-field development; 6) Protecting the distinctive landscape of Saddleworth; and 7) Protecting and enhancing biodiversity by identifying, appraising and protecting habitat types and mosaics in Saddleworth.	Comments noted.
Diane Clarke	Network Rail	The neighbourhood area includes within its boundary Network Rail land and the existing operational railway. The plan includes existing operational railway from: MVL3 15M, 0562YDS 400966 / 408355 TO MVL3 11.1051 397861 / 403646	Comment noted.

Diane Clarke	Network Rail	<p>In light of the above we would request that the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan group should contact Network Rail for any proposals within the area to ensure that:</p> <p>(a) Access points / rights of way belonging to Network Rail are not impacted by developments within the area.</p> <p>(b) That any proposal does not impact upon the railway infrastructure / Network Rail land e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage works / water features • Encroachment of land or air-space • Excavation works • Siting of structures/buildings less than 2m from the Network Rail boundary / Party Wall Act issues • Lighting impacting upon train drivers ability to perceive signals • Landscaping that could impact upon overhead lines or Network Rail boundary treatments • Any piling works • Any scaffolding works • Any public open spaces and proposals where minors and young children may be likely to use a site which could result in trespass upon the railway (which we would remind the council is a criminal offence under s55 British Transport Commission Act 1949) • Any use of crane or plant • Any fencing works • Any demolition works • Any hard standing areas • Any tunnels in the plan area 	Comment noted.
Diane Clarke	Network Rail	<p>There are three level crossings in the area:</p> <p>Greenfields [Distant] FPw Open MVL3 (11) 59</p> <p>Moorgate Halt FPW Open MVL3 13 26</p> <p>Stockport Road FPW Open MVL3 11 35</p>	Comment noted.

Diane Clarke	Network Rail	<p>Neighbourhood plan areas are urged to take the view that level crossings can be impacted in a variety of ways by planning proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) By a proposal being directly next to a level crossing (b) By the cumulative effect of developments added over time (c) By the type of level crossing involved e.g. where pedestrians only are allowed to use the level crossing, but a proposal involves allowing cyclists to use the route (d) By the construction of large developments (commercial and residential) where road access to and from the site includes a level crossing or the level / type of use of a level crossing increases as a result of diverted traffic or of a new highway (e) By developments that might impede pedestrians ability to hear approaching trains at a level crossing, e.g. new airports or new runways / highways / roads (f) By proposals that may interfere with pedestrian and vehicle users' ability to see level crossing warning signs (g) By any developments for schools, colleges or nurseries where minors in numbers may be using the level crossing (h) By proposals that change the demographic of users – from say occasional agricultural usage to (but not limited to) increased usage by minors, dog walkers, the elderly, cyclists and mountain bikers, pedestrian using smart-phones, with ear-phones with little or no appreciation of the risks from approaching trains at footpath level crossings. 	Comment noted.
Diane Clarke	Network Rail	<p>Network Rail wants to operate a safe national rail network. Consideration of impacts upon level crossings should be included in any Transport Assessments submitted as part of planning applications i.e. blocking back, accidental human error etc, increase in the type and volume of user).</p>	Comment noted.

Diane Clarke	Network Rail	<p>Network Rail would draw the council’s attention to the following (which applies to England only):</p> <p>The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015</p> <p>Publicity for applications for planning permission within 10 metres of relevant railway land</p> <p>16.—(1) This article applies where the development to which the application relates is situated within 10 metres of relevant railway land.</p> <p>(2) The local planning authority must, except where paragraph (3) applies, publicise an application for planning permission by serving requisite notice on any infrastructure manager of relevant railway land.</p> <p>(3) Where an infrastructure manager has instructed the local planning authority in writing that they do not require notification in relation to a particular description of development, type of building operation or in relation to specified sites or geographical areas (“the instruction”), the local planning authority is not required to notify that infrastructure manager.</p> <p>(4) The infrastructure manager may withdraw the instruction at any time by notifying the local planning authority in writing.</p> <p>(5) In paragraph (2) “requisite notice” means a notice in the appropriate form as set out in Schedule 3 or in a form substantially to the same effect.</p> <p>Network Rail is now a statutory consultee for proposals within 10m of the railway boundary.</p>	Comment noted.
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Valerie Leach	Individual	I believe the appropriate area in Saddleworth for strategic local planning purposes is the area designated for the District Executive - Saddleworth and Lees. It is the District Executive which has authority to set local priorities in the District Plan. All the elected members of the wards in Saddleworth, including the ward for Saddleworth West and Lees, meet as the District Executive. This would be the most effective and cost-efficient use of resources to ensure that a local plan meets the aspirations of all in this area.	The Saddleworth Parish Council is classed as a relevant body in the Localism Act. Saddleworth Parish Council have chosen to apply for the whole Saddleworth Parish Council boundary area as a neighbourhood area. This area is seen as an appropriate area put forward. Other communities can choose to prepare a neighbourhood plan for their community. In response to the objection Saddleworth Parish Council have submitted a letter further outlining why they think the area is appropriate. This will be published on the council's website.
David Chadderton	Individual	This respondent submitted two responses stating "no" and "yes" in response to the question "Do you have any comments on the application to designate Saddleworth Parish Council boundary as a neighbourhood area".	Comments noted.
Paul Daly	Individual	I agree with the proposal. Saddleworth Parish Council already possesses status as a Quality Parish Council making it capable of discharging these duties under the Act. Saddleworth is also a historically different area to the rest of Oldham as a result of its history; as such it is more appropriate for the Parish to have some powers devolved to it for the areas listed within the application.	Comments noted.

Stuart Coulson	Individual	I think the plan looks great and that there has been a lot of thought put into it. However, I would like to ask that 1) more emphasis is put on planning being in keeping with the environment that surrounds it 2) Encouraging the use of Brownfield site development prior to greenfield usage 3) More jobs being created in the area 4) Saddleworth having a stronger voice and identity 5) Greater consideration to the impact on the identity of Saddleworth. This area comes up in most of your reports as a green and quiet region, however, I am concerned that over-development of this region will cause a loss to this identity.	Comments noted. Saddleworth Parish Council will begin to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan once designated as a neighbourhood area.
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