

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND)  
REGULATIONS 2012**

**(REGULATION 18)**

**NOTICE OF CONSULTATION ON THE SUBJECT AND SCOPE OF OLDHAM  
LOCAL PLAN**

Notice is given that Oldham Council is preparing a new Local Plan to replace the existing Joint Core Strategy and Development Management Development Plan Document adopted November 2011. Views are sought on what the Local Plan ought to contain.

**What is a Local Plan?**

A Local Plan is a plan that is drawn up to guide and manage future growth and development (such as housing, offices, industry, warehousing and retail). It contains planning policies that will be used as the basis for determining planning applications and identifies sites where this development should be built as well as areas where development should be restricted.

It is essential that the Council continues to have an up-to-date statutory development plan in order to provide for the proper planning of the area.

**Greater Manchester Spatial Framework**

Together with the other authorities across Greater Manchester, Oldham Council is involved in the preparation of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework. The approach set out within the emerging Local Plan will form an integral part of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.

**Proposed scope of the Oldham Local Plan**

The Oldham Local Plan will deal with matters at the local level setting out the spatial vision, strategic objectives and strategy for Oldham and cover planning policies and site allocations, where they provide additional policy direction for Oldham, in relation to:

- Sustainable development
- Housing
- Other Protected Open Land
- Built environment and heritage
- Retail and town centres
- Climate change and flood risk
- Communities, health and well-being
- Natural environment
- Economy and employment
- Green Belt
- Design
- Transport and accessibility
- Infrastructure
- Open spaces, sports and recreation

The Oldham Local Plan will be accompanied by an adopted Proposals Map. Preparation of the Local Plan will be accompanied by an Integrated Assessment, incorporating Sustainable Appraisal, Health and Equality Impact Assessments and a Habitats Regulation Assessment.

The Oldham Local Plan will apply to the whole borough, except for that part of the borough that is the planning responsibility of the Peak District National Park Authority.

**Comments**

As a key early stage in the preparation of the Local Plan, we will be producing a report setting out the main issues that the Plan should be seeking to address and the reasonable options for addressing these.

**To inform this, the Council is currently seeking views on what you think the Local Plan should contain in terms of what you feel are the key planning issues for Oldham and what should in broad terms, be the main aims of the Local Plan.**

Comments are invited over a six-week period from **10th July to 21st August 2017**.

The Council is keen to promote the submission of comments electronically and would encourage anyone with appropriate facilities to make their responses in this way.

Comments can be submitted online at <http://oldham-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/oc/planning/spi/>

Alternatively, comments can be emailed to [spi@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:spi@oldham.gov.uk) or returned by post to the following address on no later than **17:00 on 21st August 2017**:

Strategic Planning and Information  
Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods  
Room 310, Level 3, Civic Centre  
West Street,  
Oldham  
OL1 1UH

Please note all comments will be held by the Council and will be available to view publicly. Comments cannot be treated as confidential. Your personal information such as your postal and e-mail address will not be published, but your name and organisation (if relevant) will.

Oldham Council maintains a database of consultees who wish to be kept informed about the Local Plan. In responding to this consultation your contact details will automatically be added to the consultation database (if not already held). If you do not want to be contacted about future Local Plan consultations please state this in your response.

Should you wish to discuss any issues or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Strategic Planning and Information Team:

By phone on:           0161 770 4061  
Or by email to:        [spi@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:spi@oldham.gov.uk)