



Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area Consultation

Questionnaire

Oldham Town Centre conservation area was first designated in November 1975.

The conservation area is located near the summit of the hill. The conservation area's main streets are High Street and Yorkshire Street to the north and Union Street to the south, which eventually join up before continuing eastwards onto Mumps.

While the shopfronts of High Street and Yorkshire Street maintain a sense of lively commerce, Union Street retains much of its original air of formality, a lasting result of its mid-late 19th century grand civic architecture. The smaller north-south streets connecting the two thoroughfares generally offer a more intimate, domestic scale, and comprise a good deal of quaint, 19th century terraced cottages now converted for office and retail use.

The conservation area has a high density of listed buildings and numerous others which make a positive contribution to the character of the area. However the conservation area is not without its issues; it appears on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register owing to its number of existing vacant and deteriorating heritage assets.

The last appraisal of Oldham Town Centre conservation area was undertaken in 1997.

We are carrying out a review – the Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP) – Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The CAAMP SPD aims to understand the significance of the conservation area. The appraisal proposes four extensions to the existing boundary.

The Management Plan has followed on from the appraisal of the conservation area. It sets out policies and recommendations around enhancement, regeneration and community engagement.

We value the views of residents and would like to hear your comments regarding the draft Oldham Town Centre CAAMP SPD.

Please feel free to add comments to your answers and return the questionnaire by email to spi@oldham.gov.uk or return by post to the following address no later than 5pm on 15 March 2019:

Strategic Planning and Information

People and Place Directorate

Room 310, Level 3, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham OL1 1UH

1. How often do you visit Oldham town centre?

- 1. Yearly
- 2. Monthly
- 3. Weekly
- 4. Daily

Any comments

2. How do you view the Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area as an inviting place for residents and visitors to dwell and spend time at present?

- 1. Needs substantial improvement
- 2. Needs some improvement
- 3. Needs no improvement

Any comments

3. Do you believe that policies within the Conservation Management Plan should be designed and enforced to address the visitor experience?

Yes No

Any comments

4. Do you think Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area is an attractive location for businesses to be located at present?

- 1. Very attractive
- 2. Needs some improvement
- 3. Not attractive

Any comments

5. Do you believe that policies within the Conservation Management Plan should be designed and enforced to address the attractiveness of Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area as a location for business to be located?

Yes No

Any comments

6. How do you view the present condition of the buildings and townscape within Oldham town centre?

- 1. Needs substantial improvement
- 2. Needs some improvement
- 3. Neutral condition
- 4. Good condition
- 5. Very good condition

Any comments

7. Do you see a benefit to implementing and enforcing local policies intended to uplift the present condition of Oldham Town Centre conservation area?

Yes No

Any comments

8. How well is the location of Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area presently defined?

- 1. I don't know where the conservation area is
- 2. Somewhat unclear
- 3. Somewhat clear
- 4. Very clear

Any comments

9. Do you see a benefit to implementing local policies intended to better define the 'identity' of the conservation area?

Yes No

Any comments

10. How does the town centre of Oldham presently reflect and celebrate the history and heritage of Oldham?

- 1. Very unsuccessfully
- 2. Somewhat unsuccessfully
- 3. Somewhat successfully
- 4. Very successfully

11. Do you have any suggestions regarding potential extensions of the Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area?

12. Do you have any other comments on the Oldham Town Centre CAAMP SPD?

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First name: _____

Last name: _____

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Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Date: _____

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.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

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