OLDHAM COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW The TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 (AS AMENDED) (REGULATION 18)

OLDHAM LOCAL PLAN: ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Statement of Availability

Document Title

Oldham Local Plan: Issues and Options

Subject Matter

Oldham Council is preparing a new Local Plan to replace the existing Joint Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document adopted November 2011. Views are sought on the Issues and Options for the Local Plan and it's supporting documents.

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 development should be permitted 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.

Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document (PfE) is being jointly prepared by nine of the Greater Manchester local authorities (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan). Upon adoption, PfE will form part of the Local Plan for Oldham. Please note: PfE and allocations included within it, are not being consulted on as part of the Local Plan Issues and Options.

The Local Plan will cover the whole borough except the part that falls within the Peak District National Park.

Availability of Documents:

The Issues and Options Report, together with supporting documents: Integrated Assessment (including the Equalities Impact Assessment), Habitats Regulations Assessment and Regulation 18 Summary of Comments received and the Council's Response can all be viewed on the council's website:

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200585/local_plan/1825/consultation

In addition, where open, hard copies will be placed in the borough's libraries. Please note that due to coronavirus restrictions the number of libraries open and their opening hours are subject to change. For the latest details on which libraries are open and their opening hours please visit:

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201170/coronavirus update and advice/2432/coronavirus l ibraries

You can also arrange to view a copy at the Civic Centre – please phone 0161 770 4105 to make an appointment or email <u>SPI.Consultations@oldham.gov.uk</u>.

How to Comment:

The Issues and Options Report, together with its supporting documents is subject to an eight-week consultation period that runs from 5th July until 29th August 2021.

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.objective.co.uk/portal/

Alternatively, comments can be emailed to SPI.Consultations@oldham.gov.uk;

Or, addressed to

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

Comments on the Issues and Options Report, and / or its supporting documents, must be received by 5.00 pm on 29th August 2021

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.

If you require further information about this consultation, please contact the Strategic Planning and Information section via telephone on 0161 770 4105 or by email at <u>SPI.Consultations@oldham.gov.uk</u>.