

Guide to Issues and Options document

This guide has been produced to highlight different sections of the Issues and Options document.

Introduction

- What is Oldham's Local Plan – Provides an overview of a Local Plan: pages 4 and 5
- Policy and Legal Requirements – Sets out the regulations associated with producing a Local Plan: pages 6 and 7
- Local Plan Context – Describes where a Local Plan sits in relation to national, regional and neighbourhood planning documents and guidance. It also outlines some of the key relevant documents that the Local Plan is having regard to and reflecting: pages 8 – 14.
- You Said, We Did – Summary of the main comments received on the last Local Plan consultation 'Regulation 18' in Summer 2017: pages 15 – 18.
- Community Participation – Outlines the ways in which people can get involved in this consultation and how and by when comments need to be returned by: pages 19 and 20.

Spatial Portrait

The purpose of a Spatial Portrait is to describe some of the key characteristics of the area currently.

For ease this has been broken down into themes:

- Context – the geographical location: page 22
- Population and Housing – includes population statistics and information on the boroughs current housing stock: pages 23 and 24
- Economy and Employment – includes statistics regarding businesses, jobs, income and qualifications, also includes a description of Oldham Town Centre and the boroughs tourism sector: pages 25 – 27
- The Natural Environment – outlines the range of nature conservation designations we have in the borough and describes the green infrastructure provision we have and the benefits it can bring: pages 28 – 30
- The Built Environment – describes the boroughs historic environment and the Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document: pages 31 and 32.
- Transport – describes the boroughs main road network and the public transport infrastructure we have in place. It also discusses air pollution: pages 33 & 34.

Vision and Objectives

- The vision sets out what kind of place we want Oldham to be and how it will change over the next 15 – 20 years (the end of the Local Plan period): pages 36 and 37.
- The Objectives set out how we aim to achieve the vision: pages 38 – 41.

Issues and Options

This section of the document is split in to themes and then sub – themes and describes the current issues and challenges the borough may be facing regarding that theme. In most

cases there are then questions asked or options presented to help guide consultation responses.

Homes

- Housing Supply and Delivery: pages 43 – 45
- Housing Need: pages 45 – 48
 - Providing homes for an ageing population: pages 45 and 46
 - Providing homes for disabled people: page 46
 - Providing for families: pages 46 and 47
 - Providing a diverse housing offer: pages 47 and 48
- Providing affordable housing: pages 48 – 51
 - Governments 'First Homes' Proposals: pages 49 and 50
- Vacant Building Credit: pages 51 – 53
- Providing for the private rented sector: pages 53 and 54
- Houses in Multiple Occupation: pages 54 – 56
- Providing for self-build and custom housebuilding: pages 56 and 57
- Providing for Community Build: pages 57 and 58
- Providing for Children's Homes: page 58
- Providing for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople: pages 58 and 59
- Densities and making the most effective use of land: pages 59 and 60
- Housing allocations and policies: pages 61 and 62

Economy and Employment

- The economy, our key growth sectors and our employment areas: pages 63 – 67
- Employment allocations: pages 68 – 70
- Mills: page 70
- Culture: pages 70 and 71
- Tourism: pages 71 and 72
- Farm Diversification: page 72

Our Centres

- General description of the changing high streets and retail trends and a description of the Oldham Town Centre Vision: pages 73 and 74
- Summary of the findings of the Borough-wide Retail and Leisure Study: pages 74 – 76
- Oldham Town Centre: pages 76 – 77
- Oldham Town Centre allocations: page 77

Addressing Climate Change

- Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Energy: pages 78 - 80
- Flood Risk and Water Quality: pages 80 – 82

The Natural Environment and Open Land

- Green Belt: pages 83 – 85
- Local Green Space: pages 85 – 94

Green Infrastructure

- Green Infrastructure: pages 95 – 97
- Biodiversity: pages 97 – 99
- Residential Gardens: pages 99 and 100
- Open Spaces: pages 100 and 101
- Food Growing and Community Gardens: pages 101 and 102
- Protection of Trees: page 102

The Built Environment

- Oldham’s Historic Environment: pages 103 – 107
 - Mills: pages 105 – 107
- Design and Public Realm: pages 107 – 110

Transport and Improving Connectivity

- Access to services: pages 112 and 113
- Car parking standards: pages 113 and 114
- Clean Air Zones: page 114
- 20-minute neighbourhood: pages 114 and 115
- Electric vehicles: page 115
- Streets for all: pages 115 and 116
- Bee Network: pages 116 and 117
- Active Design: pages 118 and 119

Communities

- Health and wellbeing: pages 120 and 121
- Social Infrastructure: pages 121 and 122
- Social Value: page 122
- Local Environment: pages 123 and 124
- ‘Agent of Change’ principle: page 124

Infrastructure

- Telecommunications: page 125
- Planning Obligations: page 126
- Waste Management: page 126
- Minerals: page 126

Monitoring

This section sets out a number of indicators that have been identified to ensure the effective implementation of the plan: pages 128 - 130