

# Oldham

# Local Plan

Local Development Scheme

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# 1 Availability of document

- 1.0 This document can be made available in other formats. Please call 0161 770 4105 for information.

# 2 Introduction

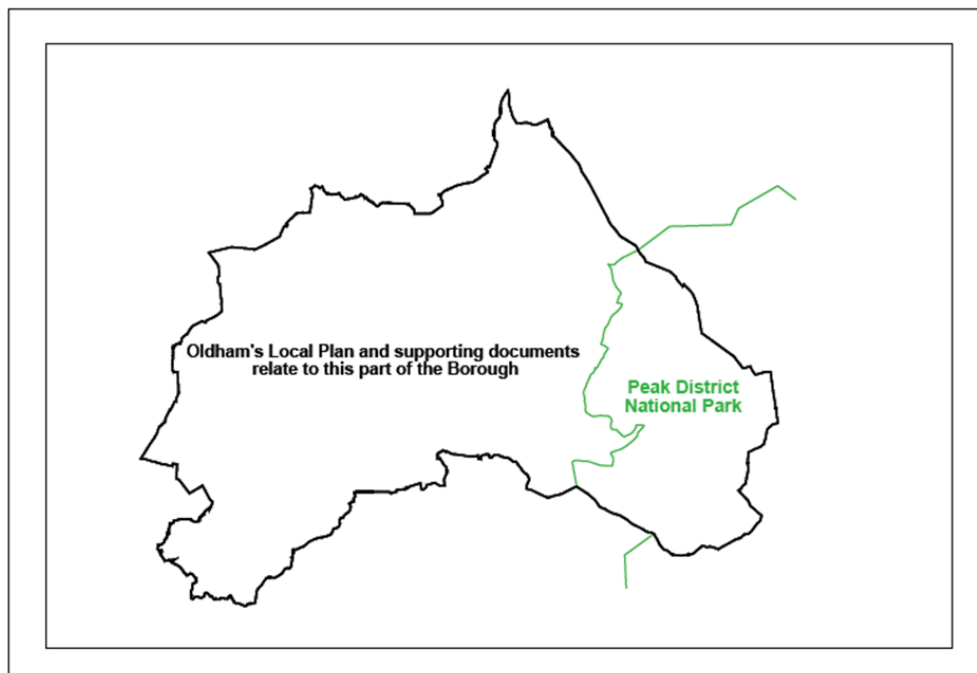
- 2.0 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a public statement setting out the council's project plan for preparing the Local Plan and its supporting documents. This LDS shall have effect from 4 March 2025.

- 2.1 The purpose of the LDS is to:

- Set out what planning policy documents exist and what new documents will be prepared as part of, and in support of, the Local Plan;
- Set out the timescales the public can expect for the preparation and review of these documents;
- Indicate when the local community can get involved and influence the plan-making process;
- Enable work programmes to be set for the preparation of Local Plan documents; and
- Show how the programme for production of documents will establish and reflect the council's priorities and to assist the programming of other council strategies and programmes.

- 2.2 The LDS sets out a programme for the preparation of Oldham's Local Plan for the whole of the borough except that part which falls within the Peak District National Park.

Figure 1 - Geographical coverage of the borough's local planning policies



2.3 The LDS must be made available to the public and kept up to date. It is important that local communities and interested parties can keep track of progress. Once completed local authorities are required to publish the LDS on their website.

2.4 The main changes to this LDS and that published in December 2023 relate to the following:

- The profiles for the Local Plan review and Policies Map (previously referred to as the Proposals Map) have been amended to reflect changes to the timetable.
- Following adoption of the Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document on 21 March 2024 its profile has been removed.

### 3 Oldham’s local planning framework

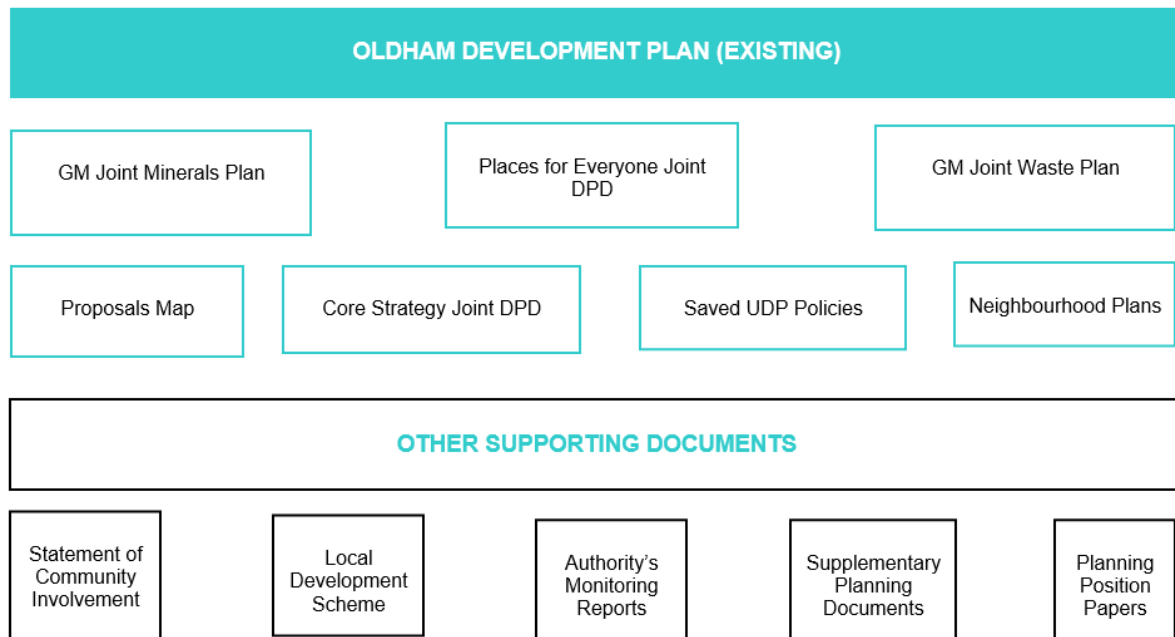
3.0 This section provides details of the individual components that make up Oldham’s development plan.

#### 3.1. Current development plan

3.1.1. Oldham’s development plan, as shown in figure 2 below, is currently made up of the following:

- [Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document, adopted March 2024](#)<sup>1</sup> ;
- [The Greater Manchester Joint Waste Plan, adopted April 2012](#)<sup>2</sup>;
- [The Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Plan, adopted April 2013](#)<sup>3</sup>;
- [The Joint Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document \(Core Strategy\), adopted November 2011](#)<sup>4</sup>; and
- [Proposals Map](#)<sup>5</sup>

Figure 2 - Existing Oldham Development Plan Structure



3.1.2. There are also a limited number of policies from the Oldham Unitary Development

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning-and-housing/strategic-planning/places-for-everyone/pfe-adoption/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning-and-housing/strategic-planning/greater-manchester-joint-waste-plan/#:~:text=The%20Waste%20Plan%20sets%20out%20policies%20to%20guide,of%20waste%20development%20across%20Greater%20Manchester%20to%202027.>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning-and-housing/strategic-planning/greater-manchester-joint-minerals-development-plan/>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201229/current\\_local\\_planning\\_policy/978/joint\\_core\\_strategy\\_and\\_development\\_management\\_policies\\_development\\_plan\\_documents\\_dpds](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201229/current_local_planning_policy/978/joint_core_strategy_and_development_management_policies_development_plan_documents_dpds)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201229/current\\_local\\_planning\\_policy/3186/oldham\\_proposals\\_map](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201229/current_local_planning_policy/3186/oldham_proposals_map)

Plan (adopted 2006) that have been 'saved' as part of the Core Strategy and which continue to form part of the borough's Local Plan<sup>6</sup>. Further details can be found at section 3.5.

3.1.3. Other documents that sit alongside and support the Local Plan include:

- The [Statement of Community Involvement](#) (SCI), adopted 28 July 2021<sup>7</sup>;
- [Supplementary Planning Documents](#)<sup>8</sup> (see 3.7)
- [Interim Planning Position Papers](#)<sup>9</sup> (see 3.8); and
- The [authorities Monitoring Reports](#)<sup>10</sup>.

3.1.4. Further details of each of these documents are set out below.

## 3.2. Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document 2022-2039

3.2.1 Places for Everyone is a long-term plan of nine Greater Manchester districts (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan) for jobs, new homes, and sustainable growth. It has been published by the GMCA on behalf of the nine districts.

3.2.2 The Plan, which took effect and became part of the statutory development plan for each of the nine PFE authorities on March 21, 2024:

- sets out how the nine boroughs should develop up until 2039;
- identifies the amount of new development that will come forward across the 9 districts, in terms of housing, offices, and industry and warehousing, and the main areas in which this will be focused;
- supports the delivery of key infrastructure, such as transport and utilities;
- protects the important environmental assets across the city region;
- allocates sites for employment and housing outside of the existing urban area; and
- defines a new Green Belt boundary for Greater Manchester.

3.2.3 Supplementary planning documents may also be produced to support implementation of the Plan. Details of SPDs in preparation can be found at section 3.7.

## 3.3. Waste and Minerals

3.3.1. The GM Waste Plan and GM Minerals Plan were both prepared by the Greater Manchester Minerals and Waste Planning Unit on behalf of the ten Greater Manchester districts. These form part of the development plan for each of the 10 authorities, and planning applications for minerals and waste development are determined in accordance with these plans.

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<sup>6</sup> [Saved Unitary Development Plan policies | Saved Unitary Development Plan policies | Oldham Council](#)

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/homepage/1252/statement\\_of\\_community\\_involvement\\_2021](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/homepage/1252/statement_of_community_involvement_2021)

<sup>8</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201229/current\\_local\\_planning\\_policy/256/supplementary\\_planning\\_documents](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201229/current_local_planning_policy/256/supplementary_planning_documents)

<sup>9</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/homepage/1471/interim\\_planning\\_position\\_papers](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/homepage/1471/interim_planning_position_papers)

<sup>10</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201230/monitoring/263/oldhams\\_monitoring\\_report](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201230/monitoring/263/oldhams_monitoring_report)

- 3.3.2. The GM Waste Plan came into effect on 1 April 2012 and includes detailed development management policies. It also identifies sites and/or preferred areas for a range of waste management facilities. It supports Core Strategy Policy 7 on Sustainable Use of Resources –Waste.
- 3.3.3. The GM Minerals Plan came into effect on 26 April 2013. It includes detailed criteria-based policies in relation to minerals development across GM, as well as policies covering Areas of Search and Minerals Safeguarding Areas. It supports Core Strategy Policy 8 on Sustainable Use of Resources – Minerals.
- 3.3.4. A review of the GM Waste and Minerals Joint Plans will be undertaken to determine whether an update to these plans may be required. Any planned update to these plans will be reflected in a future LDS update as appropriate.

### 3.4. Joint Core Strategy and Development Management Development Plan Document

- 3.4.1. Oldham's Joint Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (Core Strategy) was adopted in November 2011.
- 3.4.2. The Core Strategy is made up of the:
  - Core Strategy, which sets out a spatial vision, strategic objectives, a planning and development strategy and a monitoring and implementation framework for achieving delivery; and
  - Development Management policies, which set out criteria against which all applications for development and use of land or buildings will be assessed.
- 3.4.3. All other documents forming part of, and sitting underneath, the Core Strategy, such as Neighbourhood Plans and Supplementary Planning Documents, must be prepared in conformity with it.
- 3.4.4. There are several Core Strategy policies that have been superseded, in whole or part, by policies contained within Places for Everyone following its adoption. Further details can be found at [PfE Appendix A.4](#)<sup>11</sup>.
- 3.4.5. A review of the Core Strategy is underway. See section 4.3 for further details.

### 3.5. Saved Unitary Development Plan policies

- 3.5.1. Oldham Council adopted the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) on 14 July 2006. At the time the UDP policies were automatically 'saved' for a period of three years under the 2004 Planning Act. The Secretary of State, in May 2009, agreed to extend the life of the UDP policies until they are replaced by the relevant part of the Local Plan.

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<sup>11</sup> <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/media/2drduk0t/places-for-everyone-joint-development-plan-dec24.pdf>

- 3.5.2. Most of the 'saved' UDP policies have now been superseded by the Core Strategy, the GM Waste and Minerals Plans and (most recently) Places for Everyone. There are however a small number of UDP policies that remain 'saved' as part of the Local Plan. Details of the current ['saved' UDP policies](#) can be found on the council's website<sup>12</sup>.

### 3.6. Proposals Map

- 3.6.1. The purpose of the [Proposals Map](#)<sup>13</sup> is to spatially reflect all development plan policies, designations and proposals across the borough.
- 3.6.2. The Proposals Map was adopted in November 2011 alongside the Core Strategy. The Proposals Maps must be updated whenever a new DPD is adopted that has a site-specific element to it. As such Oldham's Proposals Map has been updated following adoption of the GM Waste and Minerals Plans and (most recently) Places for Everyone.
- 3.6.3. The proposals map (to be referred to as the Policies Map going forward) will be updated upon adoption of the Oldham Local Plan.

### 3.7. Supplementary Planning Documents

- 3.7.1. Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) expand on policies contained in the Local Plan, providing more guidance to help in their interpretation and implementation.
- 3.7.2. [The Vibrant Centres SPD](#)<sup>14</sup>, adopted 23 July 2012 supports Core Strategy policies 15 and 16. The SPD:
- Provides clear and consistent guidance for promoting and maintaining the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the borough's other Centres.
  - Provides clear and consistent guidance for new proposals and for changes of use for food and drink uses including hot food takeaways.
  - Manages the concentration and clustering of hot-food takeaways and their potential impact on the local environment or amenity of neighbouring residents and businesses.
  - Ensures all relevant development contributes positively to the visual appearance of the area during opening and non-opening hours.
- 3.7.3. [The Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan \(CAAMP\) SPD](#)<sup>15</sup> was adopted 19 August 2019 and supports Core Strategy Policy 24 on the Historic Environment. In particular:

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<sup>12</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/file/6788/saved\\_udp\\_policies\\_document](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/file/6788/saved_udp_policies_document)

<sup>13</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201229/current\\_local\\_planning\\_policy/3186/oldham\\_local\\_plan\\_proposals\\_map\\_adopted\\_21\\_march\\_2024](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201229/current_local_planning_policy/3186/oldham_local_plan_proposals_map_adopted_21_march_2024)

<sup>14</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/570/draft\\_vibrant\\_centres\\_spd](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/570/draft_vibrant_centres_spd)

<sup>15</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/1599/oldham\\_town\\_centre\\_conservation\\_area\\_appraisal\\_and\\_management\\_plan\\_caamp\\_supplementary\\_planning\\_document\\_spd](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/1599/oldham_town_centre_conservation_area_appraisal_and_management_plan_caamp_supplementary_planning_document_spd)



- The CAAMP SPD aims to understand the significance of the Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area and suggests opportunities to enhance its character and appearance.
  - The appraisal proposes four extensions to the existing Oldham Town Centre Conservation Area boundary. The extensions have been designated under section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and will be treated as a material planning consideration until formally adopted through the Local Plan review process.
  - The Management Plan has followed on from the appraisal of the conservation area. It sets out policies and recommendations around enhancement and regeneration of the conservation area as well as community engagement.
- 3.7.4. The following documents were prepared to support the Unitary Development Plan and the parent policies for these documents have been superseded, either by Places for Everyone or the Joint DPD. They do however provide useful guidance where appropriate and have been retained for information.
- [Urban Design SPD](#)<sup>16</sup>;
  - [Air Quality and Development SPD](#)<sup>17</sup>; and the
  - [Contaminated Land SPD](#)<sup>18</sup>.

### 3.8. Interim Planning Position Papers

- 3.8.1. In addition to the SPDs the council has prepared several Interim Planning Position Papers, to provide further advice and guidance on the interpretation and implementation of policies in the Local Plan. These have less weight than an SPD but are material considerations in the determination of relevant planning applications.
- 3.8.2. The [Interim Planning Position Paper on Securing Affordable Housing](#)<sup>19</sup> provides further detail on the implementation of Policy 10 on Affordable Housing. The Paper will be used when assessing planning applications and development proposals requiring affordable housing.
- 3.8.3. The [Other Protected Open Land Interim Planning Position Paper](#)<sup>20</sup> sets out how the council will consider Other Protected Open Land (OPOL) when assessing planning applications for development that may impact on the OPOL.
- 3.8.4. The [Education Contributions Interim Planning Position Paper](#)<sup>21</sup> sets out how the council will deal with education contributions for the borough when determining

<sup>16</sup>[https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/483/urban\\_design\\_guide\\_supplementary\\_planning\\_document](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/483/urban_design_guide_supplementary_planning_document)

<sup>17</sup>[https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201229/current\\_local\\_planning\\_policy/256/supplementary\\_planning\\_documents](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201229/current_local_planning_policy/256/supplementary_planning_documents)

<sup>18</sup>[https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201229/current\\_local\\_planning\\_policy/256/supplementary\\_planning\\_documents](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201229/current_local_planning_policy/256/supplementary_planning_documents)

<sup>19</sup>[https://www.oldham.gov.uk/homepage/1409/interim\\_planning\\_position\\_paper\\_on\\_securing\\_affordable\\_housing](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/homepage/1409/interim_planning_position_paper_on_securing_affordable_housing)

<sup>20</sup>[https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/file/7112/other\\_protected\\_open\\_land\\_interim\\_planning\\_paper](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/file/7112/other_protected_open_land_interim_planning_paper)

<sup>21</sup>[https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/file/7115/education\\_contributions\\_interim\\_position\\_paper](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/file/7115/education_contributions_interim_position_paper)

planning applications for relevant developments that may impact on education provision, such as school places.

- 3.8.5. The [Open Space Interim Planning Position Paper](#)<sup>22</sup> sets out how the council will deal with open space contributions for the borough when determining planning applications for relevant development that may impact on open spaces. It must be read alongside Core Strategy Policy 23 on Open Spaces and Sports. In particular, the Paper:
- Identifies factors that should be considered when assessing if an open space contribution is considered appropriate;
  - Details the types of open space contribution that may be considered appropriate; and
  - Provides details on laying-out and maintenance costs of open spaces to act as guidance in negotiations.
- 3.8.6. The [Supporting Oldham's Economy Interim Planning Position Paper](#)<sup>23</sup> provides further guidance on the interpretation and implementation of Core Strategy Policy 14 on Supporting Oldham's Economy. Policy 14 sets out that where the council is minded to permit the loss of an employment site it will work with developers to secure measures, as appropriate, to support Oldham's economy. The position paper provides further clarification, and examples, of the measures listed in Policy 14.

### 3.9. Statement of Community Involvement

- 3.9.1. The planning system places emphasis on community involvement in the preparation of a Local Plan. The council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) outlines when and how the council will engage the community and stakeholders in the preparation of the Local Plan and other planning documents. It outlines how we will provide guidance and assistance to neighbourhood planning groups. It also sets out how the community will be consulted on planning applications. The current [SCI](#)<sup>24</sup> was adopted in July 2021.

### 3.10. Monitoring Reports

- 3.10.1. The authorities Monitoring Report is prepared and published annually. It monitors and reviews the implementation of policies in the Local Plan and provides information on the progress of documents identified for production. The report also provides detailed information on levels of house building and the borough's potential housing land supply, including the five-year deliverable housing land supply.
- 3.10.2 The most recent Monitoring Report was published January 2025 and covers the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024<sup>25</sup>. Following its adoption in March 2024 the Monitoring Report now also reports on the implementation of Places for Everyone.

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<sup>22</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/file/2293/open\\_space\\_interim\\_planning\\_position\\_paper](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/file/2293/open_space_interim_planning_position_paper)

<sup>23</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/file/2503/supporting\\_oldhams\\_economy](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/file/2503/supporting_oldhams_economy)

<sup>24</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/homepage/1252/statement\\_of\\_community\\_involvement\\_2021](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/homepage/1252/statement_of_community_involvement_2021)

<sup>25</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201230/monitoring/263/oldhams\\_monitoring\\_report](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201230/monitoring/263/oldhams_monitoring_report)

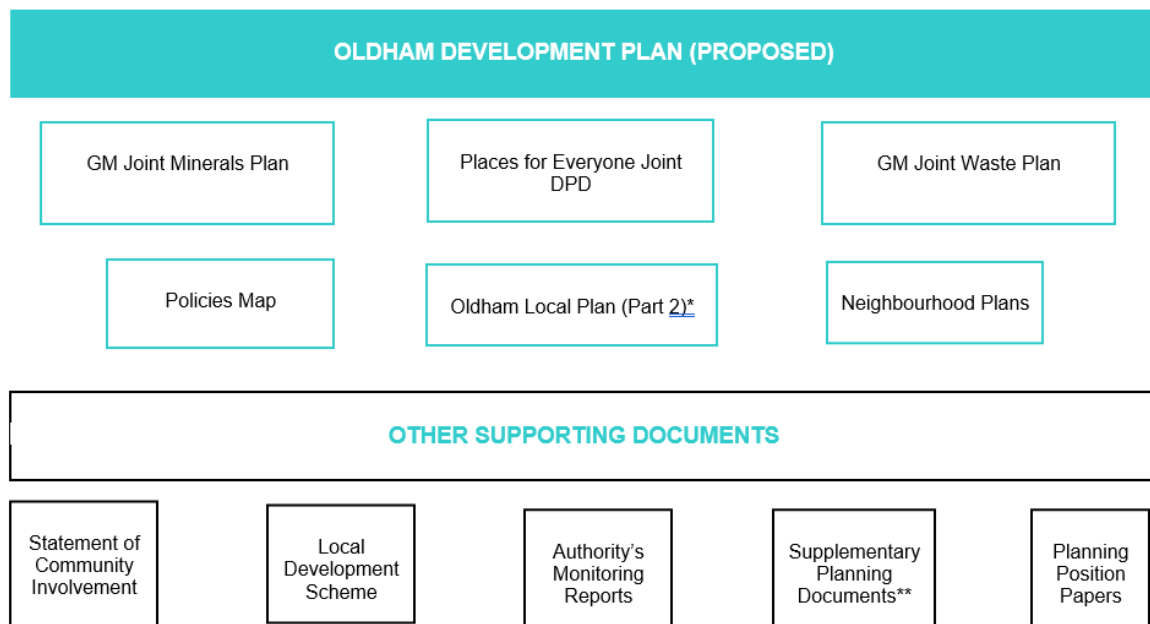
### 3.11. Community Infrastructure Levy

- 3.11.1 Oldham Council has not commenced formal preparation of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule but will keep this under review.

## 4 Documents to be prepared as part of Oldham's Development Plan

4.0 This section provides further details regarding the documents that are to be prepared as part of Oldham's Development Plan.

Figure 3 - Proposed Oldham Development Plan Structure



\*To be prepared

\*\*Includes SPDs prepared to support Places or Everyone and Oldham Local Plan

### 4.1. Places for Everyone – Joint Supplementary Planning Documents

4.2.1 Places for Everyone took effect and became part of the statutory development plan for each of the nine PfE authorities on 21 March 2024. To support the implementation of policies within PfE two joint SPDs are currently being prepared:

- Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations SPD<sup>26</sup>** – applies across the whole PfE Plan area and seeks to provide further guidance on how criterion 17 of Policy JP-C8: Transport Requirements of New Development will be implemented. Criterion 17 seeks to ensure new development does not have an adverse impact on the protected habitats and species of Holcroft Moss, which is within the Manchester Mosses Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The SPD is applicable to all nine PfE Plan local authority areas (excluding that part of Oldham within the Peak District National Park).

<sup>26</sup> <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning-and-housing/strategic-planning/places-for-everyone/joint-supplementary-planning-documents/holcroft-moss-planning-obligations-spd/>

- [South Pennines SPD](#)<sup>27</sup> – applies across the three Local Authority areas of Oldham, Rochdale and Tameside, apart from that part covered by the Peak District National Park. Provides further guidance on the implementation of criterion 7 of Policy JP-G5: Uplands, which seeks to ensure new development does not have an adverse impact on three designated protected habitat sites that make up the South Pennine Moors SAC/SPAs.

## 4.2. Oldham’s Local Plan

- 4.3.1 Whilst PfE forms part of Oldham’s Local Plan, it is a high-level strategic plan and as such does not cover everything that a district local plan would. As such, the council is continuing to progress a review of its Core Strategy. In line with the recently updated NPPF this will be a ‘Part 2’ Oldham Local Plan that will provide more detailed local policies to support the implementation of PfE in Oldham, whilst supporting delivery of the borough’s regeneration ambitions and priorities.
- 4.3.2 To date consultation has been carried out on the:
- Regulation 18 Notification and Integrated Assessment Scoping Report - July to August 2017;
  - Issues and Options – July to August 2021
  - Draft Plan – January to February 2024
- 4.3.3 Further details and the timetable for reviewing the Local Plan, and Policies Map, is set out in the Local Plan profile in section 5.

## 4.3. Neighbourhood Planning

- 4.3.4 Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and deliver the sustainable development they need.
- 4.3.5 Neighbourhood Plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of Places for Everyone and the Local Plan and be aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area. Neighbourhoods should plan positively to support the Local Plan and should not promote less development than that set out in the plan or undermine its strategic policies. Once in place they become part of the Local Plan and the policies contained within them are then used in the determination of planning applications. More information on [Neighbourhood Planning](#)<sup>28</sup> can be found on the council’s website.
- 4.3.6 There are two neighbourhood areas designated in Oldham:
- [Saddleworth Neighbourhood Area](#)<sup>29</sup> which covers the whole parish area (part of which also falls within the Peak District National Park Authority<sup>30</sup>).

<sup>27</sup> <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning-and-housing/strategic-planning/places-for-everyone/joint-supplementary-planning-documents/south-pennine-moors-spd/>

<sup>28</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201235/neighbourhood\\_planning](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201235/neighbourhood_planning)

<sup>29</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201235/neighbourhood\\_planning/2936/saddleworth\\_neighbourhood\\_plan](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201235/neighbourhood_planning/2936/saddleworth_neighbourhood_plan)

<sup>30</sup> An application was also made to the Peak District National Park Authority which covers part of the Parish Council area.

Saddleworth Parish Council consulted on a draft Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan from April to June 2024<sup>31</sup>. This consultation was carried out under regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The next stage are steps 3 and 4 – pre-submission consultation and submission.

- [Chadderton Neighbourhood Area](#)<sup>32</sup> which covers the three wards of Chadderton Central, Chadderton North and Chadderton South. Approval to designate The New Chadderton Partnership as a Neighbourhood Forum and the Chadderton Neighbourhood Area was granted 28 February 2022. Preparation of the neighbourhood plan has now commenced.

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<sup>31</sup> <https://www.saddleworthparishcouncil.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan-consultation/>

<sup>32</sup> [https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201235/neighbourhood\\_planning/2937/chadderton\\_neighbourhood\\_plan](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201235/neighbourhood_planning/2937/chadderton_neighbourhood_plan)

## 5 Profiles

5.0 This chapter sets out the subject matter and geographical areas for the following documents, along with the timetables for their preparation:

- Oldham Local Plan; and
- Policies Map

## 5.1. Oldham Local Plan

<b>Title</b>	<b>Oldham Local Plan</b>
Role and Content	<p>The Oldham Local Plan will be prepared in conformity with the NPPF and Places for Everyone. As a Part 2 Local Plan to Places for Everyone it will deal with matters at the local level, setting out the spatial vision, strategic objectives and strategy for Oldham.</p> <p>It will cover planning policies and site allocations, where they provide additional policy direction for Oldham, in relation to: sustainable development; natural environment; housing; economy and employment; green belt and other protected open land; design, built environment and heritage; retail and town centres; transport and accessibility; climate change and flood risk; communities, health and well-being; infrastructure; open spaces, sports and recreation; and safeguarded land.</p> <p>The Oldham Local Plan will be accompanied by an updated Policies Map (see profile below).</p>
Status	Development Plan Document
Chain of conformity	Relevant national planning policy and guidance (NPPF and NPPG), Places for Everyone, GM Waste Plan, GM Minerals Plan, SCI and having regard to other local strategic plans, programmes, policies and initiatives as appropriate.
Geographical coverage	Borough-wide, except for that part of the borough that is the planning responsibility of the Peak District National Park Authority.

<b>Timetable</b>	
Regulation 18 Notification and Integrated Assessment Scoping Report	July to August 2017
Issues and Options (Regulation 18)	July to August 2021
Draft Plan (Regulation 18)	January to February 2024
Publication Plan (Regulation 19)	January to February 2026
Submission	May 2026
Adoption	Spring 2027
<b>Arrangements for production and monitoring</b>	
Organisational lead	Deputy Chief Executive (Place)
Management arrangements	<p>Preparation led by Oldham Council Strategic Planning and Information Team.</p> <p>To be approved in accordance with the council's Local Planning Scheme of Delegation.</p>
Resources	Lead role by Oldham Council Strategic Planning and Information Team. Input from other council directorates and partner organisations as appropriate.



Timetable	
	<p>Local Plan to be prepared in-house. Supporting evidence base may be commissioned as necessary.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, will be responsible for carrying out the independent examination into the Local Plan and production of the Inspectors Report.</p>
Community and stakeholder involvement	Community and stakeholder involvement will be in accordance with the council's SCI and statutory requirements.
Policies Map	A new policies map will be produced to support the Local Plan (see below).
Monitoring and review	Performance of the Local Plan will be assessed against the Local Plan monitoring framework and reported through the authorities Monitoring Report.

## 5.2. Oldham (Part 2) Local Plan Policies Map

- 5.2.1 Preparation of the Policies Map will follow the same timeline as set out for the Oldham Local Plan (see above).

## 6 Monitoring and review

6.1 The council is required to monitor, on at least an annual basis, how:

- Effective its policies and proposals are in meeting its vision and strategy for the future development of the borough; as well as:
- How it is performing against the timescales set out within its LDS.

6.2 Information on the effectiveness of the LDS is contained in the authorities monitoring report (AMR) which is published annually in December / January.

6.3 The AMR reports progress:

- On the timetable and milestones for the preparation of documents set out in the LDS, including the reasons why they are not being met;
- On the delivery of policies in the Local Plan (including the Greater Manchester Waste and Minerals Plans and Places for Everyone). Where the information is available this will include progress on any relevant targets and highlight any unintended significant effects of the implementation of the policies on social, environmental and economic objectives. Where policies and targets are not being met, are not on track or are having unintended effects, reasons will be provided along with any appropriate actions to redress the matter. Policies may also need to change to reflect changes in national policy; and
- Against housing targets, and an update of the housing trajectory to demonstrate how policies are delivering housing provision in the Borough.

## 7 Risk assessment

- 7.1 Every effort will be made to ensure that the programme for the preparation of documents prepared as part of the Local Plan will be fulfilled. Nevertheless, there are clearly various risks which could potentially impact upon the ability to adhere to the timetable and it is important to identify these risks and consider how they may be minimised. Key risks associated with the preparation of the Local Plan and delivery of the LDS to timetable are identified below, together with an indication as to how they will be managed and minimised.

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Action to mitigate risks / comments</b>
<b>Local Plan programme slippage</b>	There are risks that the key milestones may not be met, resulting in potential delay to the review of the Local Plan. Risk will be managed through ensuring that effective and proper project management arrangements are in place.
<b>Increasing financial costs</b>	There are risks regarding increasing financial resources required to prepare the necessary supporting evidence base as well as the document itself that may result in the review of the Local Plan being delayed. These risks will be managed through ensuring that there are effective budget management arrangements in place.
<b>Consultation fatigue</b>	There is a risk that work on documents prepared as part of the Local Plan could overwhelm communities in terms of consultation demands. This risk will be minimised by ensuring compliance with the council's SCI, the use of effective and proportionate consultation techniques and through the alignment with other council consultations that may be taking place (where appropriate). An effective supporting communication strategy will also help to provide clear messaging regarding the Local Plan review.
<b>Publication of new planning policy and guidance</b>	New planning legislation and guidance will be published in due course to support recent changes to NPPF (published December 2024) which could necessitate changes in policy and procedures at a local level and during the review of the Local Plan. Risks will be managed through ensuring the policies are adaptable and flexible as appropriate to respond to changing circumstances.

## 8 Glossary of terms

<b>Term</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Development Plan</b>	N/A	Consists of the development plan documents contained within the local planning framework including joint development plan documents, local plans and neighbourhood plans and any “saved” UDP policies.
<b>Development Plan Document</b>	DPD	A local planning document that has been subject to independent examination and will form part of the statutory development plan for the Borough.
<b>Local Plan</b>	N/A	The plan for the future development of the local area drawn up by the local planning authority in consultation with the community. In law this is described as the development plan documents adopted under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
<b>Local Development Scheme</b>	LDS	Sets out the details, timescales and arrangements for production for the development plan documents that will comprise the local plan for the area.
<b>Monitoring Report</b>	N/A	An annual report which sets out the progress in terms of producing documents proposed as part of the Local Plan against the timetable set out in the LDS and the progress in implementing policies.
<b>National Planning Policy Framework</b>	NPPF	Sets out the Government’s planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied, to the extent that it is relevant, proportionate and necessary to do so. It provides a framework within which local people and councils can produce their own local and neighbourhood plans which reflect the needs and priorities of the community. The latest <a href="#">NPPF</a> <sup>33</sup> was published December 2024.
<b>National Planning Policy Guidance</b>	NPPG	Further guidance on the interpretation and implementation of policies contained in the NPPF.
<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	N/A	A plan prepared by a Parish Council or a Neighbourhood Forum for a particular neighbourhood area (made under the Localism Act 2011).
<b>Places for Everyone</b>	PfE	A joint development plan document of nine Greater Manchester council’s (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan) for jobs, new homes and sustainable growth across their boroughs.
<b>Proposals Map (Policies Map)</b>	N/A	A map with an Ordnance Survey base that illustrates the policies and proposals of a Development Plan Document (or the “saved” UDP policies in Oldham at the moment).
<b>Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)</b>		Sets out the standards which the council will achieve in terms of engaging local communities and stakeholders in the preparation of local development documents and development management decisions.

<sup>33</sup> <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/675abd214cbda57cacd3476e/NPPF-December-2024.pdf>

<b>Term</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)</b>	SPD	Provides supplementary information in respect of policies contained in the development plan documents. SPD's are not subject to independent examination.

## 9 Schedule of local development documents

9.1 Table 3 below sets out the schedule of proposed Development Plan Documents to be prepared jointly or solely by Oldham Council together with a description of the purpose of each document.

*Table 3 – Schedule of Local Development Documents*

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Chain of conformity</b>	<b>Preparing the Plan (Reg 18)</b>	<b>Publication Plan (Reg 19)</b>	<b>Submission (Reg 22)</b>	<b>Adoption (Reg 26)</b>
<b>Oldham Local Plan</b>					
	National Planning Policy, Places for Everyone, GM Waste Plan, GM Minerals Plan	Issues and Options – July 2021 to August 2021  Draft Plan – January to February 2024	January to February 2026	May 2026	Spring 2027
<b>Policies Map</b>					
	National Planning Policy, Places for Everyone, GM Waste Plan, GM Minerals Plan	Issues and Options – July 2021 to August 2021  Draft Plan – January to February 2024	January to February 2026	May 2026	Spring 2027

