**OLDHAM COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW**

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 (AS AMENDED)**

**(REGULATION 18)**

**DRAFT OLDHAM LOCAL PLAN**

**Statement of Availability**

**Document Title**

Draft Oldham Local Plan

**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 Draft Oldham Local Plan and its 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.

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

**Availability of Documents:**

The Draft Oldham Local Plan and supporting documents, including the Integrated Assessment (incorporating the Habitats Regulations Assessment) and the Regulation 18 Issues and Options Comments and Response Schedule can all be viewed on the council’s website at <https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201233/local_plan_review>.

Hard copies of the Draft Local Plan and supporting documents can be found at:

* the borough’s libraries (for the latest details on library opening times please visit <https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200395/find_a_library>); and
* the Council’s Access Oldham reception at the Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham.

Drop-in sessions are to be held across the borough where you also be able to find out more about the Draft Oldham Local Plan. Details of the drop-in sessions will be published on the Council’s website at <https://www.oldham.gov.uk/localplanreview>.

**How to Comment:**

Consultation on the Draft Oldham Local Plan and supporting documents is taking place from **10 January to 23:59 on 21 February 2024,** for a period of 6 weeks.

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. Please visit the Council’s website at <https://www.oldham.gov.uk/localplanreview> for details on how to respond online.

Alternatively, comments can be emailed to [SPI.Consultations@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:SPI.Consultations@oldham.gov.uk)

Or addressed to:

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Comments on the Oldham Draft Local Plan, and its supporting documents, must be received by **23:59 on 21 February 2024**.

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 [SPI.Consultations@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:SPI.Consultations@oldham.gov.uk).