

# Oldham Local Plan

**Publication Plan Integrated Assessment  
Appendix 16: IA of Monitoring Policy**

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**Oldham**  
Council

## Policy M1 - Monitoring

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|  | ST (<5 years) | MT (5-10 years) | LT (10+ years) | T or P                             | Local or Cross-boundary |  |   |                                    |
| 1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity, priority species, habitats and geodiversity to become more ecologically connected | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | <p>This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators.</p> <p>The HRA has screened the policy out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.</p> | No mitigation needed. Local Plan policies N1 to N4 on nature address Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Places chapter also addresses this objective. | None                               |
| 2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces   | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | <p>This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators.</p>   | No mitigation needed. Policies CO1 and CO2 of the Local Plan address open space. In addition, PfE Policies JP-G2 and JP-P7 address this objective.                | None                               |
| 3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes,   | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | <p>This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators</p>  | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G1 and JP-P1 address this objective.  | None                               |

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| maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place   |               |                 |                |                                    |                         |   |  |                                    |
| 4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting                      | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 and JP-P2 address the historic environment.         | None                               |
| 5. To promote high quality design that meets local design expectations   | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D4 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 address design.   | None                               |
| 6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. Policies H1 and H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 and Policy JP- H4 address the efficient use of land. | None                               |
| 7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs                            | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a   | There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure. Moreover, Local Plan                             | None                               |

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|   |               |                 |                |                                    |                         | positive contribution to all IA indicators.   | policy IN2 requires that planning conditions or obligations are used to mitigate the impact of development on provision.                       |                                    |
| 8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities                    | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 and Local Plan policies CO6 and CO7 and policies on green infrastructure address health and well-being. | None                               |
| 9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Policy CC2 and CC3 of the Local Plan address flood risk.  | None                               |
| 10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and        | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a   | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S4 and Local Plan policies CC2 to CC5 address water quality.   | None                               |

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| availability of water resources   |               |                 |                |                                    |                         | positive contribution to all IA indicators.   |  |                                    |
| 11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G8 and Policy LE2 of the Local Plan address soil and contaminated land.  | None                               |
| 12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy                | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-S2, JP-S3 and JP-P1 address energy in addition to Local Plan policy CC1.   | None                               |
| 13. To ensure communities, infrastructure and biodiversity are resilient to the effects of climate change           | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-P1, JP-G2 and JP-S4 address this objective. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include Policies CC2, CC3 and N3. | None                               |
| 14. To protect and improve air quality  | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives,   | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S5   | None                               |

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|  |               |                 |                |                                    |                         | therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators.   | and Local Plan Policy LE3 address air quality.   |                                    |
| 15. To protect and improve local environmental quality   | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P1 and policies LE1 to LE3 of the Local Plan address environmental quality.  | None                               |
| 16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-5 and design policies in the Local Plan that address promoting sustainable transport choices. | None                               |
| 17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel   | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. PfE Policies JP-C1 and JP-S5 and Local Plan policies C4, H1, H2 and T2 can help achieve this objective.  | None                               |

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| 18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity   | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. The Local Plan promotes regeneration in several ways. Reducing deprivation and disparity is a key aim of the Local Plan.                                    | None                               |
| 19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation  | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 and JP-J2 and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan address economic growth.                                | None                               |
| 20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-P4, JP-H4, JP-P3 and JP-P2 and Local Plan Policies C1 to C4 as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective. | None                               |

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| 21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure  | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. PfE Policies JP-P3 and JP-P4 and Local Plan Policy C2 as well as other policies addresses tourism and leisure. | None                               |
| 22. To improve education attainment and skill levels  | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 and Local Plan policies CO4 and CO5 address this objective.                                   | None                               |
| 23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators. | No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan on housing address this objective.                                      | None                               |
| 24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals  | --            | --              | --             | N/A                                | N/A                     | This plan does not address minerals. Monitoring of minerals is done published separately.   | No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.   | None                               |

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| 25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy     | --            | --              | --             | N/A                                | N/A                     | This plan does not address minerals. Monitoring of minerals is done published separately.  | No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.   | None                               |
| 26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities | +             | +               | +              | Permanent                          | Local                   | This policy monitors the success of the plan, which includes if the plan is achieving its objectives, therefore this policy makes a positive contribution to all IA indicators | No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective. | None                               |

This new policy scored mostly positives and a couple of neutrals. No mitigation or enhancements were identified.

In terms of the HRA the policy has been screened out. No Likely Significant Effect on any European Site is anticipated from the operation of this Policy.