



Pre-examination checklist for local plans prepared under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Introduction

The Planning Inspectorate's Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations was updated on 23 September 2025 to introduce this pre-examination checklist for local planning authorities to complete for local plans prepared under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The examination checklist now forms part of the Service Level Agreement between the Planning Inspectorate and local planning authorities for all plans published under regulation 19.

This version of the checklist is for development plan documents made under the 2004 Act such as area action plans, partial updates to local plans, "part 2" plans that are not intended to be a full local plan as described in the NPPF and associated planning policy guidance

Purpose of the pre-examination checklist

The purpose of the checklist is to help local planning authorities ensure their plan is "ready for examination" as referred to in section 20 of the 2004 Act. Ready for examination means:

- All of the necessary practical arrangements are in place.
- Essential evidence and other documents are ready for submission.
- The rationale for the plan content is clear.

Local planning authorities may find it helpful to refer to the checklist during the preparation of plans, and Inspectors holding local plan advisory meetings with local planning authorities will offer to discuss the examination checklist.

Before submission

The local planning authority should complete the checklist after considering all representations made under regulation 20 and finalising the documents it intends to submit under regulation 22 (see further information below under “Completing the pre-examination checklist”).

The completed checklist should then be sent to the Planning Inspectorate (Plans.admin@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) before the plan is submitted. The local planning authority should await a written response before submitting their plan under regulation 22.

Planning Inspectorate’s response to the checklist

The Planning Inspectorate will aim to provide a written response to the local planning authority within 10 working days of receiving the pre-examination checklist. The written response will either confirm that the plan is ready for examination, or set out specific actions that the Planning Inspectorate recommends the authority takes before submission.

Submission of the plan for examination

If the Planning Inspectorate’s written response to the completed checklist is that the plan is ready for examination, the local planning authority should submit it promptly.

If the Planning Inspectorate’s response recommends specific actions before submission, they should be addressed by the local planning authority as appropriate. Once the actions have been taken, and the authority is satisfied that the plan is ready for examination, it should submit the plan and other documents.

The submission documents should include the checklist the authority had completed before submission, the Planning Inspectorate’s written response, and a letter explaining how any actions specified in that response have been addressed.

Appointment of the examining Inspector

Following submission of the plan and other documents under regulation 22, an Inspector will be appointed to examine the plan in accordance with the timescales set out in the Service Level Agreement.

Publication of the checklist and correspondence

The checklist that the authority had completed before submission, the Planning Inspectorate’s written response, and the authority’s letter explaining how the specified actions had been addressed will be published on the examination website along with the plan and all other submission documents.

Completing the pre-examination checklist

This checklist is relevant to development plan document made under the 2004 Act such as area action plans, partial updates to local plans, “part 2” plans that are not intended to be a full local plan as described in the NPPF and associated planning policy guidance.

The local planning authority is requested to answer all of the following questions by ticking the box next to either “yes” or “no” for each.

Where requested, a hyperlink to the relevant document(s) should be provided along with reference number(s)¹ and specific pages / paragraph numbers in the document where appropriate.

If the answer to any question is **RED** capitalised (rather than **blue**), a brief explanation (maximum 250 words) should be provided beneath the yes / no answer (using a box as provided as an example under question 1.1).

Where relevant, the explanation for any **RED** capitalised answers should be a summary of, and refer to, the reasoned justification in the Plan or part of the supporting evidence.

It is important to note that **RED** capitalised answers do not necessarily mean that the Planning Inspectorate will recommend that the local planning authority takes further actions before submitting the plan for examination; that will depend on the number and nature of such answers and the explanations provided for them.

¹ Each proposed submission and supporting document (Regulation 22) should have a unique reference number agreed with the Programme Officer in accordance with PINS guidance <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-plan-examination-webpages-advice-for-local-planning-authorities>

Oldham Local Plan

Insert hyperlink to the proposed submission version of the plan -

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/201233/local_plan_review/3319/publication_plan

1. Practical arrangements for the examination

Programme officer

1.1 Is a suitably experienced Programme Officer, who meets the requirements set out in PINS guidance², in post?

Yes	✓	NO	
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1.2 Does the Programme Officer have sufficient time available for a period of at least one year to input effectively to the examination?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Examination website

1.3 Will an examination website, that complies with PINS guidance³, be operational shortly after the plan has been submitted for examination?

Yes	✓	NO	Web link	Hyperlink to draft examination website page available here: https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200199/planning_and_building/3370/oldham_local_plan_examination This will be active upon submission.
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² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-programme-officers-local-plan-examinations/guidance-for-programme-officers-local-plan-examinations#rolekey-tasks-at-each-stage-of-the-examination>

³ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-plan-examination-webpages-advice-for-local-planning-authorities>

Venue for hearings

1.4 Will the Council be able to ensure that a suitable venue, that complies with PINS guidance⁴, is available for the examination hearings?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Video conferencing facilities

1.5 Will the Council be able to provide video conferencing facilities (such as Microsoft Teams) to facilitate virtual hearing sessions or virtual input to physical hearing sessions should these be necessary?

Yes	✓	NO	
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LPA staff and resourcing

1.6 Will the Council have sufficient staff and resources, including any consultancy or specialist support used in the preparation of the plan and evidence, available for a period of at least one year to input effectively to the examination?

Yes	✓	NO	
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2. Legal requirements

Local development scheme

2.1 Was the plan prepared in accordance with the Council's local development scheme as required by section 19(1) of the 2004 Act?

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-programme-officers-local-plan-examinations/guidance-for-programme-officers-local-plan-examinations#rolekey-tasks-at-each-stage-of-the-examination>

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
SD13	https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2129/local_development_scheme_2025	14 / 15

Public consultation

2.2 In preparing the plan did the Council comply with their statement of community involvement as required by section 19(3) of the 2004 Act?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
SD10	https://www.oldham.gov.uk/homepage/1252/statement_of_community_involvement_2021	Section 4 (para 4.65)

Maintaining effective cooperation

2.3 Has the Council completed a Statement of Cooperation and signed statements of common ground with all other relevant LPAs and bodies intended to demonstrate effective and on-going joint working in relation to strategic matters during the preparation of the Plan?⁵

Yes		NO	In progress – to follow
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
PW08	Oldham Local Plan: Publication Statement of Common Ground available here - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2482/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_statement_of_common_ground An updated version (Statement of Co-operation, including signed statements of common ground (SD12)), is being finalised and will follow.	1-33

2.4 Does the Statement of Cooperation identify:

a. The strategic matters⁶ that needed to be addressed during the preparation of the plan?

Yes	✓	NO	
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⁵ The Government announced on 27 November 2025 that the duty to cooperate under section 33A of the 2004 Act would be abolished early in 2026.

However, Inspectors are still expected to examine plans in line with NPPF policies on maintaining effective cooperation

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/69286415345e31ab14ecf67d/Local_Plans_letter_to_PINS.pdf

⁶ A “strategic matter” is (a) sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact in at least two planning areas, including (in particular) sustainable development or use of land for or in connection with infrastructure that is strategic and has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, and (b) sustainable development or use of land in a two-tier area if the development or use is a county matter or would have a significant impact on a county matter [section 33A(4) of the 2004 Act].

Doc ref PW08	Doc hyperlink Oldham Local Plan: Publication Statement of Common Ground available here - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2482/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_statement_of_common_ground An updated version (Statement of Co-operation, including signed statements of common ground (SD12)), is being finalised and will follow.	Relevant page(s) 17 to 31
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Note, PfE sets the strategic planning framework and direction for the borough, and the role and purpose of Oldham's Local Plan is to interpret PfEs strategic policies at a more detailed local level through a series of development management focused policies to reflect our priorities and support delivery of the Council's regeneration ambitions and Building a Better Oldham.

The Oldham Local Plan does not therefore include strategic policies and given its role and purpose there are limited strategic matters to be considered, above and beyond those addressed through PfE.

Nevertheless, the opportunity has been taken through the Statement of Co-operation to identify those matters that may still have cross-boundary implications and to outline Oldham Council's commitment for continued collaboration with our neighbouring authorities, the other PfE districts and Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, and other public bodies. These are outlined in Section 6 and 7 of the Oldham Local Plan: Publication Plan Statement of Common Ground.

b. The LPAs and other prescribed bodies that were engaged with in relation to each strategic matter?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref PW08	Doc hyperlink Oldham Local Plan: Publication Statement of Common Ground available here - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2482/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_statement_of_common_ground	Relevant page(s) 6 to 9
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- c. Specific activities that were undertaken in liaison with all of the relevant LPAs and prescribed bodies from the start of the preparation of the plan (initial regulation 18 consultation) up until the date on which it was submitted for examination?

Yes	✓	NO	
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- d. The main areas of agreement in relation to each strategic matter?

Yes	✓	NO	
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2.5 Are there any significant outstanding issues where agreement has not been reached in relation to any strategic matter?

YES		No	✓
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2.6 Are there any relevant LPAs or prescribed bodies with whom duty to cooperate statements of common ground that have not yet been agreed and signed?

YES	✓	No	
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Awaiting agreement and signatures from National Highways, United Utilities and Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council.

General conformity with the London Plan

2.7 If relevant⁷, has the Mayor of London made a representation (under section 24(5) of the 2004 Act or regulation 20 or regulation 21) advising that the submitted plan is in general conformity with the London Plan?

Yes		NO	
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Sustainability appraisal

2.8 Was the plan informed throughout its preparation by a sustainability appraisal?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
SD05	Integrated Assessment Scoping Report Update 3 January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2472/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_asse	6-22

⁷ If the LPA is a London Borough or a Mayoral development corporation.

	ssment scoping report . Non-technically summary on pages 6 to 22 provides an overview on preparation of Scoping Report.	
SD06	Integrated Assessment January 2026 – includes Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2471/oldham_local_planpublication_plan_integrated_assessment . Section 6 (pages 30 to 41) provides detail of IA Appraisal at Issues and Options Stage; Section 7 (pages 42 to 78) provides detail of IA Appraisal at Draft Plan stage; Section 8 (pages 79 to 133) provides detail of IA Appraisal at Publication Plan stage.	30-41; 42-78; 79 - 133
SD07	Integrated Assessment January 2026 Appendices - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2470/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_ia_appendices	All
SD08	Integrated Assessment Non-Technical Summary January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2473/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment_non_technical_summary . Document provides a summary of the IA appraisal for each policy area. Conclusion provided at page 38.	1-39

2.9 Does the sustainability appraisal report include the following information as may reasonably be required, taking account of (a) current knowledge and methods of assessment; (b) the contents and level of detail in the plan; (c) the stage of the plan in the decision-making process; and (d) the extent to which certain matters are more appropriately assessed at different levels in that process in order to avoid duplication of the assessment⁸?

a. An outline of the contents and main objectives of the plan, and of its relationship with other relevant plans and programmes?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Doc ref	Doc hyperlink	Relevant page(s)
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⁸ SEA Regulation 12(3).

SD05	Integrated Assessment Scoping Report Update 3 January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2472/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment_scoping_report . Summary of scope of Oldham Local Plan provided on pages 6 to 7. Tables 3, 4, 5 and 6 (pages 41- 49) provide a list of the relevant plans and programmes. Full detail is provided at Appendix 1 (pages 94 to 146).	Pages 6-7, 40 – 51 and 94 - 146
SD06	Integrated Assessment January 2026 – includes Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2471/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment . Summary of scope of Oldham Local Plan provided at page 7. Signposting to Scoping Report Update 3 and review of plans and programmes provided at page 15.	Pages 7 and 15
SD08	Integrated Assessment Non-Technical Summary January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2473/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment_non_technical_summary . A summary of the key issues and environmental, social and economic problems identified through the Scoping Report Update 3 are set out in Table 1 (pages 4 to 5). These have been identified through Stage 1 'Identify other relevant policies, plans and programmes, and sustainability objectives' and Stage A2 'Collect baseline information' documented in Appendix 1 and 2 of the IA.	Pages 4 and 5

- b. The relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and the likely evolution thereof without implementation of the plan?

Yes	✓	NO	
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SD05	Integrated Assessment Scoping Report Update 3 January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2472/oldham local plan publication plan integrated assessment scoping report	Pages 52 – 73 Appendix 2 (147 – 197)
SD06	Integrated Assessment January 2026 – includes Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2471/oldham local plan publication plan integrated assessment . Signposting to stages A2 (collection of baseline information); A3 (identification of sustainability issues and problems); and Section 11 (identified sustainability issues and problems) and Appendix 2 of the Scoping Report Update 3 at page 15.	Page 15
SD08	Integrated Assessment Non-Technical Summary January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2473/oldham local plan publication plan integrated assessment non technical summary	Pages 4 - 5

c. The environmental characteristics of areas likely to be significantly affected?

Yes	✓	NO	
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SD05	Integrated Assessment Scoping Report Update 3 January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2472/oldham local plan publication plan integrated assessment scoping report	Pages 52 – 73; Appendix 2 (147 – 197)
SD06	Integrated Assessment January 2026 – includes Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2471/oldham local plan publication plan integrated assessment . Signposting to stages A2 (collection of baseline information); A3 (identification of sustainability issues and problems); and Section 11 (identified sustainability issues and problems) and Appendix 2 of the Scoping Report Update 3 at page 15.	Page 15
SD08	Integrated Assessment Non-Technical Summary January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2473/oldham local plan publication plan integrated assessment non technical summary	Pages 4 and 5

d. Any existing environmental problems which are relevant to the plan including, in particular, those relating to any areas of a particular environmental importance, such as a European site (within the meaning of regulation 8 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017)?

Yes	✓	NO	
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SD05	Integrated Assessment Scoping Report Update 3 January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2472/oldham local plan publication plan integrated assessment scoping report . Stages A2 (collection of baseline information); A3 (identification of sustainability issues and problems); and Section 11 (identified sustainability issues and problems) at pages 52 to 70. Table 31 at page 222 summarises compliance with SEA Directive / Regulations.	52 to 70, 222
SD06	Integrated Assessment January 2026 – includes Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2471/oldham local planpublication plan integrated asses sment . Summary of stages A2 (collection of baseline information); A3 (identification of sustainability issues and problems); and Section 11 (identified sustainability issues and problems) provided at pages 15 to 17. Summary of Habitat Regulations Assessment provided at pages 133 to 137.	Pages 15 - 17 and 133 - 137
SD08	Integrated Assessment January 2026 Appendices - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2470/oldham local plan publication plan ia appendices . Habitat Regulations Assessment at Appendix 19.	Appendix 19

- e. The environmental protection objectives, established at international, Community or national level, which are relevant to the plan and the way those objectives and any environmental considerations have been taken into account during its preparation?

Yes	✓	NO	
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SD05	Integrated Assessment Scoping Report Update 3 January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2472/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment_scoping_report . Tables 3, 4, 5 list the relevant policies, plans and programmes that have been reviewed at international, national, regional and local (pages 40 to 51), with further detail provided at Appendix 1). Section 14 (pages 74 to 90) set out the IA objectives and indicators. Appendix 1 (pages 94 to 146) documents Stage A1 of the IA Scoping Report and identifies other relevant plans, programmes and objectives that have informed the IA and Local Plan review. Appendix 4 (page 222) sets out compliance with the SEA Directive / Regulations.	Pages 40 – 51, 74 to 90, 94 – 146 and 222
SD06	Integrated Assessment January 2026 – includes Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2471/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment . Stages A1 and A2 of the IA process are summarised at page 15. Stage A4 is summarised from pages 17 to 26.	Pages 15 and 17 to 26
SD07	Integrated Assessment January 2026 Appendices - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2470/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_ia_appendices	All IA objectives informed by environmental protection objectives

- f. The likely significant effects on the environment, including short, medium and long-term effects, permanent and temporary effects, positive and negative effects, and secondary, cumulative and synergistic effects, on issues such as (a) biodiversity; (b) population; (c) human health; (d) fauna; (e) flora; (f) soil; (g) water; (h) air; (i) climatic factors; (j) material assets; (k) cultural heritage, including architectural and archaeological heritage; (l) landscape; and (m) the inter-relationship between the issues referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) to (l)?

Yes	✓	NO	
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SD05	Integrated Assessment Scoping Report Update 3 January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2472/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment_scoping_report	Whole document
SD06	Integrated Assessment January 2026 – includes Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2471/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment . Signposting to stages A2 (collection of baseline information); A3 (identification of sustainability issues and problems); and Section 11 (identified sustainability issues and problems) and Appendix 2 of the Scoping Report Update 3 at page 15. Table 2 (pages 18 to 26) lists the proposed IA objectives and indicators.	Pages 15, 18 – 26, 28,
SD07	Integrated Assessment January 2026 Appendices - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2470/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_ia_appendices	Appendices 1 to 16
SD08	Integrated Assessment Non-Technical Summary January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2473/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment_non_technical_summary	Whole document

- g. The measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and as fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the plan?

Yes	✓	NO	
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SD06	Integrated Assessment January 2026 – includes Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2471/oldham_local_planpublication_plan_integrated_assessment . Enhancements for the vision (set out at page 80) and Policy OTC4 'Green Infrastructure within and around Oldham Town Centre' (set out at page 95). Summary and recommendations of the HRA are provided at page 137 and conclusions at page 138 summarise enhancements identified through the IA process.	80, 95, 137- 138 (includes enhancements)
SD07	Integrated Assessment January 2026 Appendices - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2470/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_ia_appendices . Appendix 1 – IA of Vision; Appendix 6 – IA of Oldham Town Centre policies; and Appendix 19 – Habitat Regulations Assessment.	Appendices 1, 6 and 19
SD08	Integrated Assessment Non-Technical Summary January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2473/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment_non_technical_summary . Table 4 (page 14) includes a summary of the appraisal of the vision and plan objectives. Table 5 (at page 20) includes a summary of the appraisal of Policy OTC1 – Oldham Town Centre. Page 32 summarises the difference the IA has made to the Oldham Local Plan: Publication Plan. Pages 36 to 38 provide the summary and recommendations of the HRA and IA conclusions.	Pages 14, 21, 32, 36 to 38

- h. An outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with, and a description of how the assessment was undertaken including any difficulties (such as technical deficiencies or lack of know-how) encountered in compiling the required information?

Yes	✓	NO	
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SD06	Integrated Assessment January 2026 – includes Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2471/oldham_local_planpublication_plan_integrated_assessment . Pages 35 to 40 summarise the several spatial options assessed, including reasonable alternatives, at Issues and Options stage. Paragraph 7.2 at page 42 and paragraph 8.2 at page 79 set how developing DPD options including reasonable alternatives (task 2) were considered Draft Local Plan and Publication Plan stage. Table 68 at pages 112 to 116 provides a summary of options considered, the outcome of the IA process and how the options informed the preferred approach at Publication Plan stage.	Pages 28, 35 to 40, 42, 79, 112 to 116
SD08	Integrated Assessment Non-Technical Summary January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2473/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment_non_technical_summary . Table 3 (at pages 7 to 11) summarises the IA appraisal of the spatial options. Page 32 provides a summary of what difference the IA has made to the Publication Plan.	Pages 7 to 11 and 32

i. A description of the measures envisaged concerning monitoring in accordance with SEA regulation 17.

Yes	✓	NO	
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SD06	Integrated Assessment January 2026 – includes Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2471/oldham_local_planpublication_plan_integrated_assessment . Table 2 at pages 18 to 26 sets out the IA objectives and indicators. Reference is made at paragraph 6.44 (page 40) to the measures proposed for monitoring the significant effects of implementing the Plan. Further detail regarding the IA objectives and indicators is provided on pages 117 to 125.	Pages 18 to 26, 40, 117 to 125
SD05	Integrated Assessment Scoping Report Update 3 January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2472/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment_scoping_report . Details of the IA objectives and indicators are provided from pages 13 to 22 of non-technical summary and at pages 75 to 84.	Pages 13 to 22 and 75 to 84
SD08	Integrated Assessment Non-Technical Summary January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2473/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment_non_technical_summary . Table 2 at page 5 lists the proposed IA objectives and paragraph 4.4 at page 6 makes reference to IA Monitoring Indicators.	Pages 5 and 6

j. A non-technical summary of the information referred to above?

Yes	✓	NO	
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SD08	Integrated Assessment Non-Technical Summary January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2473/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment_non_technical_summary	See whole document

2.10 Does the sustainability appraisal report also include relevant, adequate and proportionate information relating to social and economic issues (in addition to the environmental information required by the SEA regulations referred to in the questions above)⁹?

Yes	✓	NO	
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SD05	Integrated Assessment Scoping Report Update 3 January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2472/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment_scoping_report . Paragraphs 3.2 to 3.7 at page 9 set out how SA has been incorporated into the IA. A summary of the key issues and environmental, social and economic problems that have been identified is provided at pages 11 to 22 (and pages 50 – 51), along with a list of IA objectives and indicators. Pages 24 to 25 set out how SA has been incorporated into the IA process. Links across the IA process are detailed in pages 62 to 66 (regarding Population and Human Health) and pages 76 to 84 set out the IA objectives and indicators. Appendix 1 contains information on other relevant policies, plans and programmes and sustainability objectives; Appendix 2 contains information on baseline information; and Appendix 3 details the IA process.	9, 11 - 22, 24 -25, 50 - 51, 62-66, 76 to 84, Appendix 1 to 3
SD06	Integrated Assessment January 2026 – includes Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment – https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2471/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment . Pages 18 to 26 detail the IA objectives and indicators. Pages 126 to 132 include details of the equality and health impact assessments.	18 to 26, 126 to 132
SD07	Integrated Assessment January 2026 Appendices – https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2470/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_ia_appendices	All

⁹ NPPF 33 and PPG ID:11-001-20190722.

2.11 Does the sustainability appraisal report identify and appraise reasonable alternatives that take account of the objectives and geographical scope of the plan¹⁰?

Yes	✓	NO	
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SD06	Integrated Assessment January 2026 – includes Sustainability Appraisal, Equalities Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2471/oldham_local_planpublication_plan_integrated_assessment . Pages 35 to 40 summarise the several spatial options assessed, including reasonable alternatives, at Issues and Options stage. Paragraph 7.2 at page 42 and paragraph 8.2 at page 79 set how developing DPD options including reasonable alternatives (task 2) were considered Draft Local Plan and Publication Plan stage. Table 68 at pages 112 to 116 provides a summary of options considered, the outcome of the IA process and how the options informed the preferred approach at Publication Plan stage.	Pages 28, 35 to 40, 42, 79, 112 to 116
SD08	Integrated Assessment Non-Technical Summary January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2473/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment_non_technical_summary . Table 3 (at pages 7 to 11) summarises the IA appraisal of the spatial options. Page 32 provides a summary of what difference the IA has made to the Publication Plan.	Pages 7 to 11 and 32

2.12 Was the appraisal of the reasonable alternatives carried out using the same methodology and level of detail as the appraisal of the policies and proposals in the plan¹¹?

Yes	✓	NO	
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¹⁰ SEA Regulation 12(2) and PPG ID:11-018-20140306. The subjects listed (a) to (c) are not specified in legislation or national policy, but experience indicates that it may be necessary to identify and appraise reasonable alternatives in relation to them (as well as other elements of the plan as appropriate).

¹¹ [Calverton PC v Nottingham CC \[2015\] EWHC 1078 \(Admin\)](#).

Habitat regulations assessment

2.13 Has the Council carried out a habitat regulations assessment of the Plan under regulation 105 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) which considers the likely significant effects of all the development proposed in the Plan (in combination with other relevant plans and projects) on relevant habitat sites¹² in the plan area and elsewhere?

Yes	✓	NO	
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SD06	Integrated Assessment January 2026 – including Equalities Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2471/oldham_local_planpublication_plan_integrated_assessment	Pages 133 to 138
SD07	Integrated Assessment January 2026 – Appendix 19 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/file/8323/appendix_19_habitats_regulations_assessment	Whole document
SD08	Integrated Assessment Non-Technical Summary January 2026 - https://www.oldham.gov.uk/downloads/download/2473/oldham_local_plan_publication_plan_integrated_assessment_non_technical_summary	Pages 34 to 37

¹² Any site which would be included within the definition at regulation 8 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 for the purpose of those regulations, including candidate Special Areas of Conservation, Sites of Community Importance, Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas and any relevant Marine Sites.

2.14 If **NO**, has the Council published a habitat regulations screening report that demonstrates that the development proposed in the plan (in combination with other relevant plans and projects) will not be likely to have any significant effects on relevant habitat sites in the plan area or elsewhere (without taking into account any mitigation measures¹³)?

Yes		NO	
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Superseded policies in the adopted development plan

2.15 Does the plan identify all of the policies in the adopted development plan that are intended to be superseded by policies in the plan and state that fact as required by regulation 8(5)?

Yes	✓	NO		Plan page(s)	Appendix 1 of Oldham Local Plan: Publication Plan
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Regulation 22 consultation statement

2.16 Has the LPA prepared a consultation statement setting out:

- who was invited to make representations on the plan at Regulation 18 consultation stage, how those representations were invited, a summary of the main issues raised, and how the representations were taken into account?

¹³ PPG ID: 65-005 to 007-20190722.

Yes	✓	NO	
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- b. the number of representations made under Regulation 20 and a summary of the main issues raised in those representations?

Yes	✓	NO	
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2.17 Does the consultation statement comprehensively and succinctly summarise all of the main issues raised in representations made under Regulation 20 and set out the Council's response to each following the approach set out in the PINS Procedure Guide and PAS guidance¹⁴?

Yes	✓	NO	
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¹⁴ [Local Plan Reg 22 Consultation Statement | Local Government Association](#)

Representations

2.18 Are all of representations made under Regulation 20 formatted and referenced ready to be posted on the examination website in accordance with PINS guidance¹⁵?

Yes	✓	NO	
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2.19 Will all of the representations made under Regulation 20 be readily accessible on the examination website, with each representor's full set of comments available in one downloadable document, and will those documents be ordered alphabetically by representor name?

Yes	✓	NO	
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Supporting documents

2.20 Has the LPA prepared all of the supporting documents which it considers are relevant to the preparation of the plan¹⁶ (ie all of the evidence that is necessary to justify the plan)?

Yes	✓	NO	
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3. Questions relating to potentially significant soundness issues

3.1 Are there any soundness issues raised in representations made under regulation 20 that could potentially require a significant amount of work to address during the examination?

YES		No	✓
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¹⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-plan-examination-webpages-advice-for-local-planning-authorities>

¹⁶ Regulation 22(1)(e).

End of pre-examination checklist
