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**Local Plan
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Dear Planning Inspectorate

Re: Submission of the Oldham Local Plan: Publication Plan

I am writing to notify you, on behalf of the Secretary of State, of the submission of the Oldham Local Plan: Publication Plan.

Submission Documents

In accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, the following documents have been submitted by Oldham Council in [electronic form](#):

- The Oldham Local Plan: Publication Plan
- Policies Map
- Integrated Assessment and appendices (including the Sustainability Appraisal)
- A Regulation 20 Consultation Statement: this includes details of the number of representations made under regulation 20 and the main issues raised in these representations
- Copies of the representations made in accordance with regulation 20
- Supporting documents as in the opinion of the local planning authority are relevant to the preparation of the local plan
- Statement of Co-operation (including Statement of Common Ground and Log of Collaboration)

A complete list of the submission documents is provided on the Oldham Council website at https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200199/planning_and_building/3371/oldham_local_plan_submission.

A copy of the Notice of Submission is also attached.

The documents are made available in line with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the requirements of the Council's [Statement of Community Involvement](#) (SCI).

Paper copies of the submission documents have not been provided to you at this stage, in accordance with Regulations 22(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. It is understood that if paper copies of any documents are required by the appointed Planning Inspector, these will be requested from the Programme Officer and made available.

Pre-examination checklist and matters to be addressed before submission

A pre-examination checklist for the Oldham Local Plan was sent to the Planning Inspectorate on 22nd July 2026. Subsequently, the Planning Inspectorate responded, on 23rd July 2026, setting out matters to be addressed before submission for examination in an accompanying annex.

The Council's response to the Planning Inspectorate's recommendation has been published, alongside the completed pre-examination checklist and the Planning Inspectorates letter and Annex, on the Local Plan submission page at https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200199/planning_and_building/3371/oldham_local_plan_submission.

Oldham Local Plan Examination

Paragraph 2.1 of the Planning Inspectorate Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations (updated 20 July 2026) requests that some information is provided with regards to the hearings part of the examination, this is detailed below.

The issues raised in representations to the Oldham Local Plan: Publication Plan are summarised in the Regulation 20 Consultation Statement, including a summary of the main issues. It is considered that these are likely to represent the key matters for discussion in the examination hearing sessions.

The number of likely participants in the hearings is estimated to be up to 20 and the number of hearing days that may be required is estimated to be around 6.

Programme Officer

The Programme Officer appointed for the examination is Tony Blackburn. Tony can be contacted using the details below.

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or alternatively by post to him at the following address:

15 Ottawa Close
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Additionally, Tony may be contacted by telephone on 07949 020 540.

Should you have any queries about this letter, the matter is being dealt with by my colleague Elizabeth Dryden-Stuart, who may be contacted on 0161 770 1672 or by email at elizabeth.dryden-stuart@oldham.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Peter Richards', with a stylized, flowing script.

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