

Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan - Consultation

Housing

To promote an efficient and effective use of land there should be a presumption in favour of residential use for 'undesigned' land use. Such a policy would help secure the much needed present and future supply of houses and flats/apartments in the borough which would help correct the imbalance between housing need and housing demand.

Policies should encourage and allow for development of undesignated land of in particularly smaller sites and those smaller sites in more rural areas of the Borough. Such a policy would create incremental organic housing growth which is likely to be more acceptable to local communities.

Such a policy in favour of residential use for 'undesigned' land use could be linked to a presumption in favour of Housing Associations on this classification of land use thereby giving a mix of tenure type and increase affordability of rental property.

Such a policy when applied to small parcels of land would encourage Housing Associations, small builders and self-build groups and would have the potential to create a mix of housing types and tenures. Such a policy would also encourage these smaller sites to come on stream relatively quickly, when compared with larger sites, and would help the council's vision of achieving 11560 new homes.