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INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE SADDLEWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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To Oldham Council, Peak District National Park Authority and Saddleworth Parish Council

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cc. [REDACTED], Oldham Council

Dated 18 August 2026

Dear All

Saddleworth Neighbourhood Development Plan Independent Examination – Examiner Letter re NPPF 2026

Further to my initial letter dated 10 August 2026 I am writing to advise you that on 17 August 2026 Government published the latest version of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Paragraph 6 of Annex A of the latest Framework states “Neighbourhood plans that have been submitted to the local planning authority under Regulation 15, on or

before, the date of publication of this Framework should be prepared in accordance with the Framework published in December 2024.”

Paragraph 6 of Annex A of the latest Framework also states “For neighbourhood plans that have already been submitted, the qualifying body may choose to withdraw the plan and update it to take account of this Framework”.

I should be grateful if the Parish Council would confirm before 26 August 2026 whether or not it wishes to withdraw the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan and update it to take account of the latest Framework.

If the Parish Council do not withdraw the plan I will continue with the Independent Examination in the context of the National Planning Policy Framework published in December 2024.

Best regards

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