**Oldham Local Plan Examination**
**Matters, Issues and Questions**
**20 October 2026**

**Hearing Statement Prepared by Sport England**

## Matter

Matter 8 - Biodiversity and Natural Environment policies

Issue 12: Does the Plan set out a positively prepared strategy and policies (Policies OL1 to OL5; N1 to N4; CO1 to CO2) for biodiversity and the natural environment which is justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

## Statement

1. Sport England refer the Inspector to our previous comments provided at Regulation 19 local plan consultation stage and the suggested amendments therein in relation to Matter 8, Issue 12 paras; - 8.6; 8.11; 8.20; 8.21; 8.22; 8.23; 8.24; 8.25; 8.26; 8.27 & 8.28.

2. Sport England would be happy to work with the Council to agree potential modifications to the policies to address our concerns and to ensure that the plan provides a clear and robust approach to securing provision for outdoor sports facilities.

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