

**Oldham Borough Council  
Record of Decision**



1. **TITLE:** Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan: Determination Statement

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Neighbourhoods

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

The reason for the decision is to approve the Determination Statement which screens the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan to determine whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required. Appendix 1 contains the Determination Statement.

4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Deputy Chief Executive - Place

5. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED - That:

To approve the Determination Statement and send a copy to each of the statutory bodies and publicise in line with the regulations. This will ensure that the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations are met, which will inform whether Basic Conditions are met when the plan is inspected. Approving the statement will also demonstrate the council is fulfilling its statutory duty to advise and assist.

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Option 1 - To approve the Determination Statement and send a copy to each of the statutory bodies and publicise in line with the regulations. This will ensure that the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations are met, which will inform whether Basic Conditions are met when the plan is inspected. Approving the statement will also demonstrate the council is fulfilling its statutory duty to advise and assist.

Option 2 – To not approve the Final Determination Statement and send a copy to each of the statutory bodies and publicise in line with the regulations. This will mean that the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations are not met. The Plan would not be able to meet necessary conditions tested at examination without a screening. Oldham Council has a statutory duty to advise and assist.

7. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Option 2 – To not approve the Final Determination Statement and send a copy to each of the statutory bodies and publicise in line with the regulations. This will mean that the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations are not met. The Plan would not be able to meet necessary conditions tested at examination without a screening. Oldham Council has a statutory duty to advise and assist.

8. **INTERESTS AND NATURE OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

None

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:**  
Detailed in the report
10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan: Determination Statement  
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