

Oldham

Local Plan

**Local Plan Review: Draft Local Plan Integrated
Assessment Appendix 1: IA of Vision**

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Oldham
Council

IA Draft Plan Appraisal: Vision

In relation to timescales, it is assumed that as this is a vision over the lifetime of the plan that all objectives will be met in the longer term.

IA Objective	Vision	Justification	Mitigation / enhancements	Changes made to the Draft Plan as a result of the IA
1. To protect, conserve and enhance a high quality multifunctional green infrastructure network, including biodiversity and geodiversity that is ecologically connected	++	Vision states that Oldham will have responded to both the Biodiversity and the Climate Change emergencies through the protection, restoration and enhancement of the natural environment and that Oldham will be a carbon neutral exemplar with a resilient and multifunctional Green Infrastructure network. It also states that our residents will have access to local community facilities and health and well-being provision and will have active and healthier lifestyles gained from access to active travel and green infrastructure.	No mitigation needed. Policies N1 to N3 on nature of the Local Plan also addresses Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Place chapter also addresses objective.	None
2. To promote quality and accessible open spaces	+	Vision states that our residents will have access to active travel and green infrastructure which will include our open spaces.	No mitigation needed. Policies N1 to N3 on nature of the Local Plan also addresses Green Infrastructure. In addition, PfE Greener Place chapter also addresses objective.	None
3. To protect and enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local	++	Vision states that the key characteristics of Oldham's townscape and landscape types will be conserved and enhanced.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-G1 'Landscape Character' and JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' addresses this objective. In addition, Oldham is committed to producing The	None

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distinctiveness and sense of place			Oldham Code, this will consider ways to enhance the character and appearance of landscapes and townscapes, maintaining and strengthening local distinctiveness and sense of place.	
4. To protect, conserve and enhance the historic environment, heritage assets and their setting	++	Vision states that the key characteristics of Oldham's historic environment and rich heritage will be conserved and enhanced.	No mitigation needed. Policies HE1 to HE5 of the Local Plan and PfE Policies JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and JP-P2 'Heritage' also addresses the historic environment.	None
5. To promote high quality, beautiful design that meets local design expectations	++	Vision states that new development will be brought forward in line with co-design expectations and design codes developed with Oldham's communities. It also states that the key characteristics of Oldham's townscape and landscape types and Oldham's historic environment and rich heritage will be conserved and enhanced.	No mitigation needed. Policies D1 to D7 of the Local Plan and PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' also address design.	None
6. To ensure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner, maximising the use of brownfield land	+	The vision states that new homes will be delivered in sustainable and accessible locations, that our centres will continue to provide a vital role in meeting the needs of our communities and it also says the natural environment will be protected. All these contribute indirectly towards making sure land and buildings are used in an effective and efficient manner.	No mitigation needed. Policy H2 of the Local Plan and PfE policies JP-S1 'Sustainable Places' and Policy JP-H1 also addresses efficient use of land.	None

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7. To ensure appropriate provision of supporting infrastructure to meet development needs	++	Our residents will have access to local community facilities and health and well-being provision and will have active and healthier lifestyles gained from access to active travel and green infrastructure. The vision also states that there will be improved connectivity across the borough, the city-region and beyond - for all. We will have a transport system that enables the local economy to prosper and our residents to fully contribute to and benefit from job opportunities, and a comprehensive network of on and off-road walking and cycling routes that encourage active travel.	No mitigation needed. There are several policies within PfE and the Local Plan that address infrastructure.	None
8. To improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities	++	The vision states that our residents will obtain health benefits from our Green Infrastructure network and that our residents will gain significant progress in living standards, which will in turn improve their health and well-being. It also states that Oldham residents will be healthy, safe and well-supported.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P6 'Health' and policies within the Local Plan including CO7 'Health Impact Assessments in New Development', CO8 on Hot Food Takeaways and policies on green infrastructure address health and well-being.	None
9. To minimise and mitigate against flood risk and adapt to the effects of flood risk	+	The vision refers to how Oldham will have responded to both the Biodiversity and the Climate Change emergencies through the protection, restoration and enhancement of the natural environment and having a substantially reduced carbon footprint and that our Green Infrastructure network will bring multiple benefits to the natural and built environment as well as to the	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP—S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment' and policies CC3 and CC4 of the Local Plan also addresses flood risk.	None

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		health of its residents and visitors. One of the benefits will be mitigating against flood risk.		
10. To protect and improve the quality of water bodies and river corridors and availability of water resources	+	The vision refers to how Oldham will have responded to both the Biodiversity and the Climate Change emergencies through the protection, restoration and enhancement of the natural environment and having a substantially reduced carbon footprint and how our Green Infrastructure network will bring multiple benefits to the natural and built environment as well as to the health of its residents and visitors, one of the benefits will be the protection and improvement in the quality of water bodies and river corridors.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP—S5 ‘Flood Risk and the Water Environment’ and policies within the Local Plan including policies CC5 and CC6 of the Local Plan also addresses water quality.	None
11. To protect and improve soil quality, best and most versatile agricultural land, and remediate contaminated land	+	It is considered that the vision will contribute towards this objective as it refers to resilient and multi functional Green Infrastructure network which will help aid the protection of greenfield land and therefore soil quality. In addition, in responding to the Climate Change emergency and enhancing the natural environment this will also contribute to the objective.	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-G9 ‘A Net Enhancement of Biodiversity and Geodiversity’ and Policy LE2 ‘Ground conditions and Contaminated Land’ of the Local Plan also addresses soil and contaminated land.	None
12. To minimise energy use, promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable and low carbon energy	++	The vision states that Oldham will have a strong reputation for clean growth and green innovation. It also states that new energy efficient development will be brought forward in line with co-design expectations and design codes. Also by responding to the Climate Change emergency through the protection, restoration and enhancement of the natural environment and having a substantially reduced carbon footprint from	No mitigation needed. PfE policies JP-S2 ‘Carbon and Energy’, JP-S3 ‘Heat and Energy Networks’ and JP-P1 ‘Sustainable Places’ also addresses energy in addition to Local Plan policies CC1 and CC2 also addresses energy.	None

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		meeting the council's ambition to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.		
13. To ensure communities and infrastructure are resilient to the effects of climate change	++	The vision states that we will have responded to the Climate Change emergencies through the protection, restoration and enhancement of the natural environment and having a substantially reduced carbon footprint from meeting the council's ambition to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.	No mitigation needed. PfE includes policies which addresses this objective including Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places', JP-G2 'Green Infrastructure Network' and JP-S5 'Flood Risk and the Water Environment'. Within the Local Plan policies that address this objective include CC3 and CC4 on managing flood risk and N3 on enhancing Green Infrastructure through development.	None
14. To protect and improve air quality	++	The vision states that Oldham will be a key contributor to Greater Manchester's economy, with a strong reputation for clean growth and green innovation. In addition, the resilient and multi-functional Green Infrastructure will contribute towards this objective as will having sustainable transport choices. In addition, in meeting the Climate Change emergency through the protection, restoration and enhancement of the natural environment and having a substantially reduced carbon footprint from meeting the council's ambition to achieve	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-S6 'Clean Air' and Policy LE3 'Air Quality' of the Local Plan also addresses air quality.	None

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		carbon neutrality by 2030. This will have a positive cross boundary impact.		
15. To protect and improve local environmental quality	+	The vision states that Oldham will have a clean, green and healthy environment.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P1 'Sustainable Places' and policies in the Protecting Our Local Environment section of the Local Plan also addresses environmental quality.	None
16. To promote an integrated and improved transport system that provides sustainable transport choices and improves connectivity, including the walking and cycling network and the protection of the PROW Network	++	The vision states that Oldham will have accessible and sustainable transport choices, providing improved connectivity across the borough, the city-region and beyond - for all. It also says we will have a comprehensive network of on and off-road walking and cycling routes that encourage active travel, making it easier and safer for people to get to key local destinations. This will have a positive impact cross boundary.	No mitigation needed. PfE 'Connected Places' chapter includes policies alongside Policies T1-3 and design policies in the Local Plan that address promoting sustainable transport choices.	None
17. To promote accessibility to key services and reduce the need to travel	++	The vision states that Oldham will have accessible and sustainable transport choices, providing improved connectivity across the borough. It also states that our residents will have access to local community facilities and access to active travel and green infrastructure.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-C1 'An integrated Network' and Local Plan policies CO9 'Creating Sustainable and Accessible Communities', C2 'Local Services and Facilities' and H2 'Housing Mix' can help	None

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			influence meeting this objective.	
18. To promote regeneration and reduce levels of deprivation and disparity	++	<p>Whole Vision is aiming to aid regeneration through a thriving Oldham town centre, homes of different sizes and types delivered, providing economic growth, making progress in living standards, skills and wages, improved connectivity; and a clean, green and healthy environment.</p> <p>This should help to tackle levels of deprivation and disparity.</p>	No mitigation needed. All the policies within PfE and the Local Plan seek to aid regeneration and tackle reducing deprivation and disparity.	None
19. To promote sustainable economic growth and job creation	++	<p>The vision states that Oldham will be a key contributor to Greater Manchester's economy, with a strong reputation for clean growth and green innovation. It will be a place of dynamic businesses with better job opportunities, where those businesses local to Oldham are supported to thrive and grow, and those new to Oldham are attracted to invest. Every resident will be enabled to contribute to, and benefit from, economic growth of the city region.</p> <p>Oldham Town Centre will be a place that thrives by combining a retail core with quality homes, opportunities to learn, develop new skills and gain employment.</p>	No mitigation needed. PfE policy JP-J1 'Supporting Long-Term Economic Growth' and JP-J2 'Employment Sites and Premises' and policies within the Economy and Employment section of the Local Plan also addresses economic growth.	None
20. To protect and enhance the vitality and viability of Oldham Town Centre and the centres	++	Vision states that Oldham Town Centre will be a place that thrives by combining a retail core with quality homes, opportunities to learn, develop new skills and gain employment, and a diverse culture, leisure and	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres', JP-H4 'Density of	None

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of Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Royton, Shaw and Uppermill		night-time offer that supports its local communities and attracts visitors. Our Town Centre will be supported by the borough's other centres – Chadderton, Failsworth, Hill Stores, Lees, Shaw, Royton and Uppermill which will continue to provide a vital role in meeting the needs of the borough's communities, connecting our residents to local services and facilities in a way that fosters a sense of community and local identity.	New Housing', JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P2 'Heritage' and Local Plan Policies C1-C4 on centres as well as policies for Oldham Town centre and housing supports this objective.	
21. To promote sustainable tourism and leisure	+	Vision states that Oldham Town Centre will be a place that thrives by combining a retail core with quality homes, opportunities to learn, develop new skills and gain employment, and a diverse culture, leisure and night-time offer that supports its local communities and attracts visitors. In addition, our multi-functional Green Infrastructure network will also promote sustainable tourism and leisure.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P3 'Cultural Facilities' and JP-P4 'New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres' and Local Plan Policies 3 'Retail and Leisure Impact Assessments and Sequential Tests' and TM1 'Tourism' as well as other policies also addresses tourism and leisure.	None
22. To improve education attainment and skill levels	++	Vision states that there will be opportunities for excellent education, training and life-long learning will be available to all Oldham residents, raising aspirations and reducing inequalities. Providing residents with a great start and skills for life so that they can make the most of opportunities available to them.	No mitigation needed. PfE Policy JP-P5 'Education, Skills and Knowledge' and Local Plan policies C05 and CO6 one education and Skills also addresses this objective.	None
23. To provide a sustainable housing land supply and an	++	The vision states that the plan will deliver around 11,560 new homes of different sizes and types, including affordable housing.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the	None

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appropriate mix of sizes, types and tenures to meet local housing needs			Local Plan on housing address this objective.	
24. To ensure the prudent use and sustainable management of minerals	--	It is considered that the vision will have a limited impact on this objective, however by focussing development in sustainable and accessible locations means that our Minerals Safeguarding Areas are protected.	No mitigation needed. The Minerals DPD addresses this.	None
25. To manage waste sustainably in line with the waste hierarchy	--	It is considered that the vision will have a limited impact on this objective.	No mitigation needed. The Waste DPD addresses this.	None
26. To promote mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities	++	Vision states that new homes will be delivered in sustainable and accessible locations, will contribute to inclusive communities where everyone can live. In addition, the vision states that new energy efficient development will be brought forward in line with co-design expectations and design codes developed with Oldham's communities, whilst the key characteristics of Oldham's townscape and landscape types and Oldham's historic environment and rich heritage will be conserved and enhanced. This will also contribute towards mixed, balanced and inclusive sustainable communities.	No mitigation needed. Policies within PfE and the Local Plan such as those on housing mix and tenure, communities and design aim to address this objective.	None

The vision scored a mixture of positives and significantly positive scores with a few neutrals. No mitigation or enhancements to the vision were needed as a result of the IA.