

Delegated Officer Report

Decision Maker:	Paul Clifford, Director of Economy
Date of Decision:	3 June 2024
Subject:	Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan regulation 14 consultation
Report Author:	Georgina Brownridge
Ward (s):	Saddleworth wards

Reason for the decision:	To approve formal comments by Strategic Planning on the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan consultation, in accordance with regulation 14 (Pre-submission consultation and publicity) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
Summary:	<p>The purpose of the report is to approve formal comments by Strategic Planning on the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan consultation (regulation 14 - Pre-submission consultation and publicity).</p> <p>Oldham Council has a legal duty to advise and assist neighbourhood planning groups.</p> <p>Oldham Council has been advising Saddleworth Parish Council on the neighbourhood planning process since Saddleworth was designated as a neighbourhood area in 2016. This has included providing informal comments on initial drafts of the neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Saddleworth Parish Council have accepted most of these comments and therefore at this point comments from Strategic Planning are not exhaustive. However, Strategic Planning has</p>

taken the opportunity to raise comments formally that we do not feel have been addressed previously. These are attached in Appendix 1.

The consultation closes on 10 June 2024.

What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):

Option 1: To approve formal comments by Strategic Planning on the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan consultation (regulation 14). This will give Strategic Planning the ability to make formal comments on the neighbourhood plan, meaning that Saddleworth Parish Council will have regard to comments made.

Option 2: Not to approve formal comments by Strategic Planning on the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan consultation (regulation 14). This will mean that formal comments are not made on the neighbourhood plan, meaning that Oldham Council will have less weight in steering plan policies and will reduce demonstration of our legal duty to advise and assist.

Consultation: including any conflict of interest declared by relevant Cabinet Member consulted.

Oldham council is a statutory consultee on the neighbourhood plan. Saddleworth Parish Council are consulting on the neighbourhood plan which is open for the public to comment on.

Recommendation(s):

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Implications:

What are the **financial** implications?

There will be no direct financial implications to the Council for approving the formal comments on the regulation 14 neighbourhood plan consultation.

(John Edisbury)

What are the **legal** implications?

Under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Saddleworth Parish Council is required to publicise its proposals for a neighbourhood development plan and allow at least 6 weeks for representations to be made and consult any

consultation body (which includes Oldham Council) whose interests may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan. Under Regulation 15, after the representations process the Parish Council is required to produce a consultation statement summarising the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted and describing how these issues and concerns have been considered and addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.

In accordance with the Local Planning Scheme of Delegation adopted in 2022, approval of submission of comments on a proposed neighbourhood development plan is delegated to the Executive Director. (A Evans)

What are the **procurement** implications?

N/A

What are the **Human Resources** implications?

N/A

Equality Impact attached or not required because (please give reason)

Not required. Oldham Council is sending comments to the neighbourhood plan consultation. Saddleworth parish Council will be required to consider equality impacts of the neighbourhood plan.

What are the **property** implications

There are no direct property implications in approving the council's formal comments on the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan, however it should be noted more generally that the plan, once adopted, will impact the potential future use and or development of the council's own property assets within its scope.

(Katy Webster - Assistant Director – Property & Projects

Risk assessments:

In providing the comments on the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan the Council are acting as a consultation body. The revised version of the plan should be monitored by the service to ascertain if the recent comments are included final Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan.

Vicki Gallacher (Head of Insurance and Information Governance)

Co-operative implications

Commenting on the neighbourhood plan demonstrates how Oldham Council is working cooperatively with Saddleworth Parish Council (through our duty to advise and assist). (James Mulvaney, Policy Manager).

IT implications

N/A

Environmental and Health and Safety implications

N/A. The Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan aims to promote sustainable development.

Community cohesions, including crime and disorder implications

N/A. The Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan aims to promote sustainable development, including safe public realm.

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution? Yes

Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget? Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? No

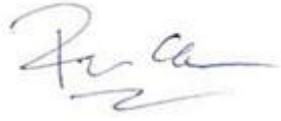
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Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan	https://www.saddleworthparishcouncil.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan-hra-sea/

Report Author Sign-off:	
	G.Brownridge
Date:	3 June 2024

Please list and attach any appendices:-

Appendix number or letter	Description
1	Oldham Council comments on Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan consultation – Regulation 14

In consultation with Director

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Signed :

Date: 3rd June 2024