

Oldham

Local

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**Appendix 2: Public Schedule of
Representations and Responses
for the Statement of Community
Involvement**

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 During August and September 2015 the council consulted on the draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI sets out how the council will involve the community in the preparation and the revision of Local Plan documents and the consideration of planning applications.
- 1.2 This document summarises the comments received as part of the consultation along with the council's response.
- 1.3 If you would like further help in interpreting this document please contact the Planning Team on the following telephone numbers: 0161 770 4061.
- 1.4 You can also email the team on spi@oldham.gov.uk.
- 1.5 All documents connected with the Local Plan are available on the Council's web site at www.oldham.gov.uk.

2 Consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement

- 2.1 The SCI was subject to a period of formal consultation from 10th August to 21st September 2015.
- 2.2 A public notice was published in the Oldham Evening Chronicle.
- 2.3 A press release was prepared.
- 2.4 The draft SCI was available on the council's website.
- 2.5 The draft SCI and comments forms were available at public libraries and the council's Planning Reception.
- 2.6 A letter or email was sent to those individuals and organisations on the mailing list explaining that the draft SCI was out to consultation.
- 2.7 The draft SCI was available to view and download online at <http://oldham-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/oc/planning/spi/>. Comments were also invited to be submitted online at this web address.
- 2.8 The consultation was publicised on Oldham Council's twitter account.

3 Public Schedule of Comments and Responses

3.1 The table below sets out a summary of the main issues raised in representations received to the consultation on the draft SCI and how these have been addressed.

Table 1

| Full Name | Organisation Details | Summary of Comments Received | Council's Response |
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| Mrs Natalie Blackston | Minerals and Waste Planning Unit | <p>Include reference to the Greater Manchester Joint Waste and Minerals plans within Section 4 'What Planning Documents Are There'.</p> <p>Suggest that the Minerals and Waste Planning Unit be identified as 'Other Consultation Bodies' for GMSF, Local Plans, Neighbourhood Plans, Supplementary and Other Planning Documents and planning applications.</p> | <p>Reference to the Greater Manchester Joint Waste and Minerals plans will be added to paragraph 4.2 which discusses Development Plan Documents. The Minerals and Waste Planning Unit are an 'Other' consultation body on Oldham Council's mailing list however the SCI does not list the 'other' consultees as stated in paragraph 4.27.</p> |
| Mrs Jean Kay | | Comment stating that the SCI complies with the Localism Act and that the vision is commendable. | Comment noted. |
| Mrs Jean Kay | | Comment stating that while processing planning applications within the Governments timescales the council needs to ensure that it does not reduce the amount of local involvement and public participation. | Comment noted. |
| Historic England | Historic England | No comments to make on the content. | Comment noted. |

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| Mr Alan Hubbard | Land Use Planning Adviser (E Midlands and NW) National Trust | The Local Plan consultation process works well as the National Trust are consistently notified and regularly review and respond to consultation documents accordingly. It is vital that this 'front-loading' opportunity for consultation continues. | Comment noted. |
| Mr Alan Hubbard | Land Use Planning Adviser (E Midlands and NW) National Trust | National Trust has an interest in the notification of planning applications that potentially affect land that it owns and manages. At present this is land at Daisy Nook and within the Peak District, as this is land rather than buildings it is less certain we will be notified of applications. It would be possible to provide (under licence) details of the Trusts ownership as a GIS layer if this would assist in ensuring notifications were sent out to the Trust. | Comment noted. |
| Natural England | Consultation Service | Supportive of the principle of meaningful and early engagement but have no specific comments to make. | Comment noted. |
| Mr A Wilde | | Unhappy with level of consultation in the past, feel like residents are steam-rolled into accepting proposals. Would like to be consulted more on future developments. | Comment noted. |
| Mr & Mrs J Hanson | | Concerns regarding planning applications and the amount of input local residents have. Planning and Highways officers should be able to object to applications where it meets government regulations but clearly is not suitable for an area. | Comment noted. |
| Mr & Mrs J Hanson | | Only adjoining properties get notified of planning applications, new developments have a wider effect on areas therefore a wider area should be informed. | Comment noted. |

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| Mr & Mrs J Hanson | | Local residents only have 21 days to respond to an application but developers have months to apply with years of experience behind them. Local residents have no experience in objecting so input from planning and highways officers would help. | Comment noted. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 3 Note the content of this section and are pleased to note that local opinion will be highly valued. | Comment noted. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 3.8 to 3.11 Welcome the intention to adopt a residents' focus and that their views, even if different, will be treated with dignity and respect. | Comment noted. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 3.18 Would like to add that the Council also recognises that, in Saddleworth, there is a Parish Council which will be working jointly with the District Executive in the local decision making process. | Reference to the Parish Council will be added to section 3.18. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 4.5 The Parish Council and District Executive would like to be kept informed on developments surrounding the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). | The Parish Council are on the Local Plan mailing list and will be kept informed of any developments surrounding CIL. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 4.5 We feel that allocations should be done on a more finely grained targeted basis rather than being based on the District Executive areas which are too broad brush and contain a range of different house types and housing needs. | Comment noted. |

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| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 4.12 - 4.14 We note the 5 principles as laid out in NPPF and feel the present definition within the DPD is too limited. More emphasis needs to be given to the provision of "a high level of protection of the environment and to integrate environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes, with a view to promoting sustainable development". | Comment noted. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 4.18 The Parish Council and District Executive would very much like to be involved in the development of future definitions of "sustainability". | Comment noted. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 4.21 The Parish Council is looking forward to working with the Council to develop the Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan. | Comment noted. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 4.37 We would ask that the Council ensure the Parish Council is sent a copy of all the draft Local Plans and enquiries received. | As a Specific Consultee on our Local Plan mailing list the Parish Council will be sent a copy of Local Plan consultations. All comments received on consultations will be published in a 'Public Schedule of Representations Report' which will be made available. |

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| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 5.3 Please add the Parish Council offices to the list of places where the hard copies of the reports will be made available. | Hard copies of reports are only put on public display at our formal deposit locations which are council offices and public libraries. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 6.1 In identifying the housing numbers and employment floorspace, given the limited amount of developable land in the borough, particularly in Saddleworth, and the need to protect the environment, we would like to be involved in these discussions from an early stage. | Comment noted. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 6.4 We would ask that Saddleworth Parish Council and District Executive be consulted at every stage of developing these documents. | The Parish Council are on the Local Plan mailing list and will be kept informed of any developments surrounding the GMSF. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 6.6 This should include public libraries and Parish Council offices. | The Parish Council are on the Local Plan mailing list and will be kept informed of any developments surrounding the GMSF. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 7.3 We welcome the invitation for the Parish Council and District Executive to co-operate in developing the proposals on a constructive, active and on-going basis. | Comment noted. |

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| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 8.4 This proposal will be very helpful and we hope that the Council will take the opportunity to consult widely with elected members of both Oldham and Saddleworth Councils, local stakeholders and the public before their planning applications are submitted. | Comment noted. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 8.6 Please amend "ward councillors" to "ward and parish councillors". | Reference to the Parish Council will be added to section 8.6. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 8.14 - 8.18 The formalisation of the planning procedure is welcomed and has the full support of the Parish Council. We also welcome the clarification of policy in respect of site notices and neighbour notification letters. | Comment noted. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Sections 8.29 to 8.32 The approach to have public meetings and/or exhibitions, where appropriate, is welcomed. | Comment noted. |
| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 8.34 The proposals to determine planning applications within 21 days presents a potential problem for the Parish Council in having the opportunity to comment on all applications if there is a delay at the centre. It would be helpful to have clarification that the 21 days will be extended to allow the Parish Council time to submit their views and for those views to be considered by the Council. | The 21 days is a statutory minimum. |

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| Mrs Pam Bailey | Clerk of the Council Saddleworth Parish Council | Section 8.38 The Parish Council would welcome notification of all material changes and minor amendments where possible. | Comment noted. |
| Cllr John McCann | OMBC | Support the Joint DPD as the base for current development. Bear in mind there has been a decrease in funding for subsidised public transport which may affect the accessibility of some areas and that Primary Schools are basically full in Oldham. Would like Greenbelt to be maintained and a commitment to quality. | Comment noted. |