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Dear Sir/Madam

Rochdale Local Plan – Regulation 18 Notice of intention to update the Rochdale Local Plan and Call for Sites

I am contacting you as you have previously expressed an interest in local planning matters and your details are included on our consultation database.

Under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given that Rochdale Council is proposing to update its Local Plan which will form part of the Development Plan for Rochdale.

What is a Local Plan?

The updated Local Plan will replace the current Local Plan (Rochdale Adopted Core Strategy) which was adopted in 2016. It will set out a range of planning policies that will seek to sustainably manage development and will designate land for specific uses over the next 15 years. The Local Plan will sit alongside and complement the adopted Greater Manchester Minerals and Waste plans and the Places for Everyone Plan.

Relationship to the Places for Everyone Plan

Places for Everyone (PfE) is the strategic spatial plan for Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan, and as such sets out a collective planning policy framework which:

- Provides the strategic framework for the Rochdale Local Plan;
- Sets out specific requirements to be taken forward through the Rochdale Local Plan in relation to housing, offices, and industry and warehousing, and identifies the main areas where this will be focused;
- Identifies the important environmental assets which will be protected and enhanced;
- Allocates strategic sites for employment and housing;

- Supports the delivery of key infrastructure, such as transport and utilities; and
- Defines a new Green Belt boundary for the borough.

The PfE Plan was adopted on 21 March 2024 and forms part of the Development Plan for Rochdale. Some of the evidence that underpins the PfE Plan will also inform the Rochdale Local Plan. However, it may be necessary in some instances to either update this or produce further evidence to support the policies in the Local Plan. Rochdale's updated Local Plan will set out more detailed policies, including both strategic and non-strategic policies, as appropriate, reflecting local circumstances.

Integrated Assessment Scoping Report

The proposed policies, sites and designations set out in the Local Plan; and their alternatives, will require assessment for potential social, economic and environmental effects. The Integrated Assessment (IA) Scoping Report identifies the type, nature and extent of potential effects which need to be considered and proposes the scope for future assessment stages of an IA of the Local Plan. The IA will include three separate, but complimentary, assessments in order to inform the production of the Local Plan. These are:

- A Sustainability Appraisal (SA) / Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – this will assess the effects of the Local Plan across a range of environmental, social and socio-economic issues;
- A Health Impact Assessment (HIA) – this will assess the effects of the Local Plan on the health and well-being of Rochdale's population and its ability to access health-related facilities and services; and
- An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) – this will assess effects of the Local Plan in terms of equalities issues, with particular focus on disadvantaged or excluded groups of people.

The IA Scoping Report has been published for comments as part of this initial consultation.

Call for Sites

The Rochdale Local Plan will make site specific allocations / designations for development and green spaces, similar to those in the Rochdale Unitary Development Plan. Therefore, it is proposed to publish an open invitation for an initial submission of sites in Rochdale for a number of uses, including development, protection, biodiversity net gain or for some other defined purpose.

If you have a site which you would like to be considered as part of this process, please let us know by completing the Call for Sites submission form available at <https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/local-planning-policy/local-plan>. All forms must be accompanied by a plan clearly showing the location and boundary of the site (edged in red) in order to be considered.

How to make comments

At this initial stage, to assist with preparation, the Council is seeking comments on the subject and scope of the Rochdale Local Plan. This could include what you think are the key issues and priorities for the borough and how we can address these through policies and designations.

The Council is also seeking views on the Integrated Assessment Scoping Report. The Integrated Assessment Scoping Report is available to view using publicly accessible computers at the times and locations contained within the appended Rochdale Library Locations table. In addition, hard copies of the Integrated Assessment Scoping Report will be placed within the borough's four main libraries – Heywood, Littleborough, Middleton and Rochdale

The consultation and call for sites runs from the 28 June to 9 August 2024. All comments and call for sites submissions must be received by 11:59pm on 9 August.

Comments and call for sites submissions can be made:

- Online via the council website <https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/local-planning-policy/local-plan>
- by e-mail to ldf.consultation@rochdale.gov.uk
- by post to Strategic Planning, Floor 3, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU

Please note all comments will be available for public inspection and will not be treated as confidential. Rochdale Council maintains a database of consultees who wish to be kept informed about the Local Plan. If you do not want to receive any further correspondence on the Local Plan process please do not hesitate to contact us.

Should you require any further information at this stage, please contact the Strategic Planning team on 01706 924252 or email strategic.planning@rochdale.gov.uk

Yours Sincerely,



Melanie Hale
Head of Planning

Rochdale Library locations

Rochdale							
Inspection Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Alkington Library, Kirkway, Middleton M24 1LW	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 1pm	Closed
Balderstone Library, Balderstone Park, Rochdale OL11 2HD	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	Closed	9am – 6pm	9am – 5pm	10am – 1pm	Closed
Castleton Library, Castleton Community Centre, Manchester Road, Rochdale OL11 3AF	9:30am - 12.30pm and 1pm – 5pm	9:30am- 12.30pm and 1pm – 5pm	Closed	9:30am- 12.30pm and 1pm – 5pm	9:30am- 12.30pm and 1pm – 5pm	10pm – 5pm	Closed
Darnhill Library, Argyle Parade, Heywood OL10 3RY	10pm – 2pm	10pm – 2pm	Closed	10pm – 2pm	10pm – 2pm	10pm – 1pm	Closed
Heywood Library, Lance Corporal Stephen Shaw M C Way, Heywood OL10 1LL	9am – 5pm	9am – 6pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9:30am – 3pm	Closed
Junction Library, Grimshaw Lane, Middleton M24 2BW	1:30pm – 5pm	1:30pm – 5pm	Closed	1:30pm – 5pm	1:30pm – 5pm	9am – 1pm	Closed
Langley Library, Windermere Road, Middleton M24 4LA	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	Closed	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9:30am-1pm	Closed
Littleborough Library, Hare Hill Park, Littleborough OL15 9HE	9am – 5pm	9am – 6pm	Closed	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 1pm	Closed
Middleton Library, Long Street, Middleton M24 6DU	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 6pm	9am – 5pm	10am – 3pm	Closed
Milnrow Library, Newhey Road, Milnrow OL16 3PS	9am – 5pm	9am – 6pm	Closed	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 1pm	Closed
Norden Library, Shawfield Lane, Rochdale OL12 7RQ	12:30pm – 5pm	9am – 1pm	Closed	12:30pm – 5pm	Closed	10am – 1pm	Closed
Rochdale Library, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale OL16 1XU	9am – 5pm	9am – 6pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 6pm	9am – 5pm	10am – 3pm	Closed

Smallbridge Library, Stevenson Square, Smallbridge, Rochdale OL12 9SA	9am – 4pm	9am – 4pm	Closed	9am – 4pm	9am – 4pm	10am – 1pm	Closed
Smithy Bridge Library, 121 Smithy Bridge Rd, Littleborough OL15 0BQ	12pm – 5pm	9am – 1pm	Closed	12pm – 5pm	Closed	10am – 12:30pm	Closed
Spotland Library, Ings Lane, Rochdale OL12 7AL	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	Closed	9am – 6pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 1pm	Closed
Wardle Library, 448 Birch Rd, Wardle, Rochdale OL12 9LH	1pm – 5pm	9am – 1pm	Closed	1pm – 5pm	Closed	10am – 1pm	Closed