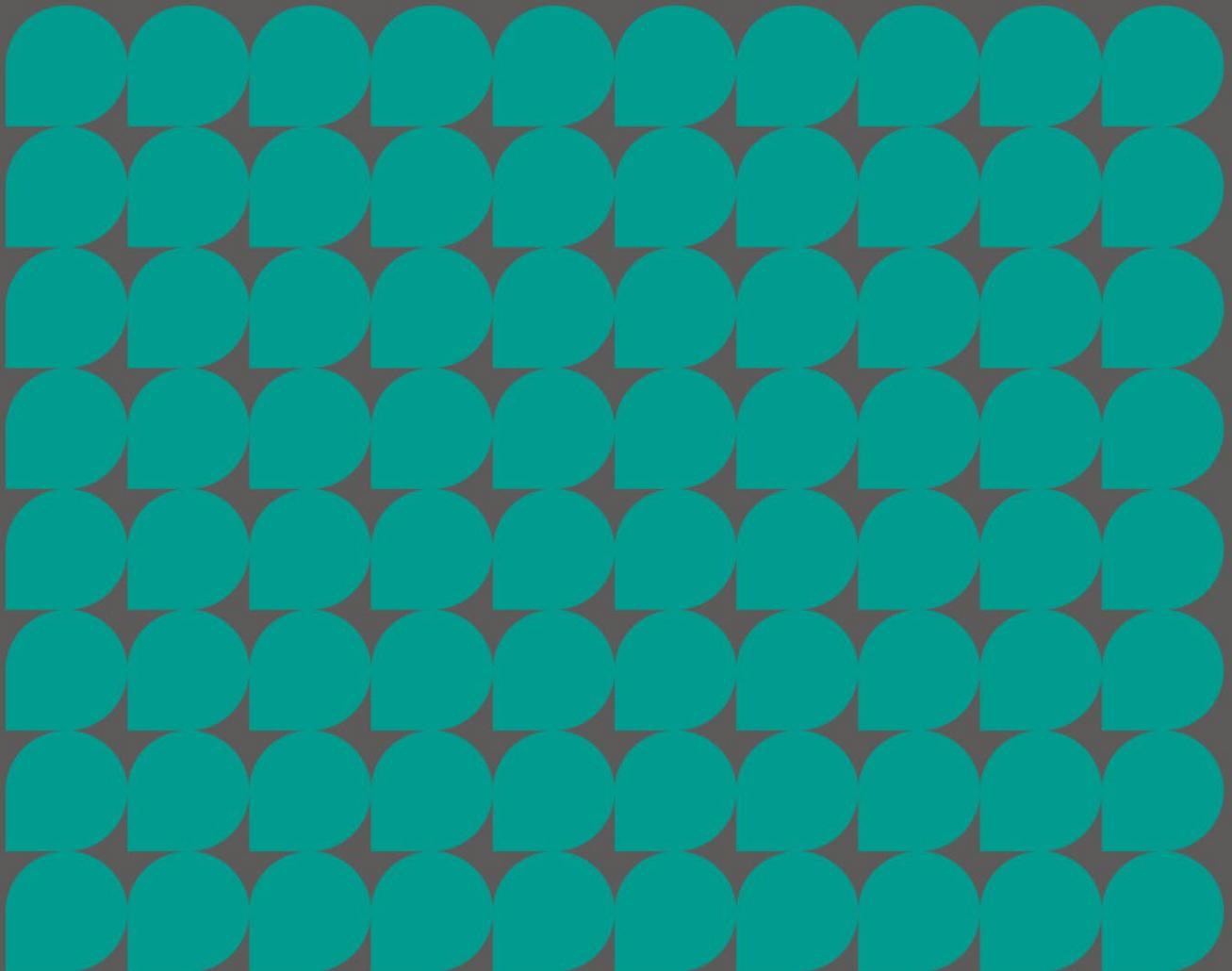


Places for Everyone 2021-2037

Regulation 22(1)(c) Statement of Bolton, Bury, Manchester City
Oldham, Rochdale, Salford City, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan
Councils in support of the Joint Development Plan Document



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1. Introduction

1.1. Purpose

- 1.1.1. This Consultation Statement sets out how the nine authorities of Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Salford, Tameside, Trafford, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan involved residents and key stakeholders in preparing the Joint Development Plan Document, Places for Everyone 2021 to 2037 in accordance with Regulations 18 and 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 1.1.2. This statement meets Regulation 22 (1)(c) and demonstrates that consultation on the preparation of the Local Development Plan has been undertaken in accordance with the relevant Regulations and each authority's adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).
- 1.1.3. The SCIs set out how each authority will consult and involve the public and statutory consultees in planning matters.

1.2. Background

- 1.2.1. In November 2014, the AGMA Executive Board recommended to the 10 Greater Manchester local authorities that they agree to prepare a joint Development Plan Document ("Joint DPD"), called the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework ("GMSF") and that AGMA be appointed by the 10 authorities to prepare the GMSF on their behalf.
- 1.2.2. In 2014, a consultation on the scope of the GMSF and the initial evidence base took place. This was followed in 2015 with a consultation on the GMSF Vision, Objectives and Strategic Growth Options.
- 1.2.3. The first complete draft of the GMSF DPD was published for consultation on 31st October 2016, ending on 16th January 2017. Following substantial re-drafting, a further consultation on the Revised Draft GMSF took place between January and March 2019.
- 1.2.4. On the 30 October 2020 the AGMA Executive Board unanimously agreed to recommend GMSF 2020 to the 10 Greater Manchester Councils for approval for consultation at their Executives/Cabinets, and approval for

submission to the Secretary of State following the period for representations at their Council meetings.

- 1.2.5. At its Council meeting on 3 December Stockport Council resolved not to submit the GMSF 2020 following the consultation period and at its Cabinet meeting on 4 December, it resolved not to publish the GMSF 2020 for consultation.
- 1.2.6. As a joint DPD of the 10 Greater Manchester authorities, the GMSF 2020 required the approval of all 10 local authorities to proceed. The decisions of Stockport Council/Cabinet therefore signalled the end of the GMSF as a joint plan of the 10.
- 1.2.7. Notwithstanding the decision of Stockport Council, the nine remaining districts considered that the rationale for the preparation of a Joint DPD remained. Consequently, at its meeting on the 11th December 2020, Members of the AGMA Executive Committee agreed in principle to producing a joint DPD of the nine remaining Greater Manchester (GM) districts. Subsequent to this meeting, each district formally approved the establishment of a Joint Committee for the preparation of a joint Development Plan Document of the nine districts.
- 1.2.8. Section 28 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 32 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 enable a joint plan to continue to progress in the event of one of the local authorities withdrawing, provided that the plan has 'substantially the same effect' on the remaining authorities as the original joint plan. The joint plan of the nine GM districts, Places for Everyone (PfE) has been prepared on this basis.
- 1.2.9. In view of this, it follows that PfE should be considered as, in effect, the same Plan as the GMSF, albeit without one of the districts (Stockport). Therefore "the plan" and its proposals are in effect one and the same. Its content has changed over time through the iterative process of plan making, but its purpose has not. Consequently, the Plan proceeded directly to Publication stage under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) England Regulations 2012.

- 1.2.10. A comprehensive evidence base was assembled to support the policies and proposals in the GMSF 2020. Given the basis on which the Plan has been prepared, this evidence base remains the fundamental basis for the PfE 2021. That said, this evidence base was reviewed and updated in the light of the change from GMSF 2020 to the PfE2021 and, where appropriate, addendum reports were produced and should be read in conjunction with evidence base made available in October 2020 alongside the GMSF 2020. The evidence documents which have informed the plan are available via the [GMCA's website](#).
- 1.2.11. PfE has substantially the same effect on the nine districts as GMSF did. The majority of changes made to the thematic and allocation policies in PfE were to remove Greater Manchester, GMSF or Stockport references, as a result of Stockport withdrawing from the Plan the PfE plan does not contain any thematic policies or strategic allocations which relate to Stockport.
- 1.2.12. The policies in PfE have different prefixes and chapter names to the draft GMSF. In some cases, policy numbers are also different in PfE2021 from GMSF 2020. The [Places for Everyone Statement of Consultation July 2021](#) provides a series of comparison tables for ease of reference.
- 1.2.13. The Places for Everyone Publication Version (August 2021) and supporting documents, including the sustainability appraisal, were published in accordance with Regulation 19 for a period of representation lasting from 9 August 2021 until 3 October 2021. During this period a total of 3,811 respondents submitted comments
- 1.2.14. Each district (together with the assistance of the GMCA on their behalf) undertook consultation in accordance with their own Statement of Community Involvement. This included consulting specific consultation and statutory bodies, local amenity and residents' groups, businesses and individual residents. Appendix A includes a joint statement of compliance with SCIs prepared on behalf of all authorities by the GMCA and each individual authority's Statement of Compliance with SCI.

1.3. Structure of Statement

- 1.3.1. This statement of consultation comprises four sections:

- Section 1 is an introduction.
- Section 2 sets out the timeline which has been followed in preparing the Plan which is in accordance with the Local Development Schemes of each authority.
- Section 3 provides a brief summary of consultations and refers to the appendices detailing the issues raised (including the reg 22 main issues raised in relation to the Publication version of the Plan) and how they have been considered.
- [Appendices:-](#)
 - [Appendix A](#): Set of documents comprising a joint statement of compliance with SCIs prepared on behalf of all authorities by the GMCA and each individual authority's statement of compliance with SCI
 - [Appendix B](#): The Regulation 22 summaries of main issues raised during the course of the publication consultation carried out under Regulation 19 and how the issues have been considered.
 - [Appendix C](#): a set of summaries of the issues raised during Regulation 19 consultation together with how the issues have been considered and details of respondents raising the issues.

2. Plan Production Timeline

2.1.1. The creation of a new Local Plan requires a number of thorough and robust stages of consultation. This is to enable early and ongoing engagement with the local community, businesses and organisations to develop a comprehensive document, tailored to the needs of the district in terms of strategy and the policies required.

2.1.2. The below timetable outlines the main consultation stages of the emerging Joint Development Plan Document to Publication.

- [Scope of the plan and the initial evidence base November 2014](#)
- [Vision, strategy and strategic growth options November 2015](#)
- [Draft Greater Manchester Spatial Framework 2016](#)
- [The Greater Manchester Plan for Homes, Jobs and the Environment: the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework Revised Draft 2019 \(GMSF 2019\)](#)
- [Publication of Places for Everyone](#) (Pre-Submission Consultation Reg 19) 2021. On 21st July 2021, the [Joint Places for Everyone committee](#) recommended each of the nine authorities approved the publication and submission of Places for Everyone to the Secretary of State. The Publication of the plan for consultation was [approved in July 2021](#) by all nine authorities.
- Submission of the plan February 2022. The nine Councils approved submission of the plan to the Secretary of State at the following meetings:-
 - [Bolton Council 28 July 2021](#)
 - [Bury Council 28 July 2021](#)
 - [Manchester Council 6 Oct 2021](#)
 - [Oldham Council 28 July 2021](#)
 - [Rochdale Council 28 July 2021](#)
 - [Salford Council 21 July 2021](#)
 - [Tameside Council 20 July 2021](#)
 - [Trafford Council 28 July 2021](#)

- [Wigan Council 21 July 2021](#)

2.1.3. The following are estimated dates for the Examination stage and adoption of PfE.

- Examination Summer/Autumn 2022
- Adoption by all nine authorities Early 2023

2.1.4. The timeline followed in preparing the Plan is in accordance with the Local Development Schemes (LDS) of each authority:-

- [Bolton](#)
- [Bury](#)
- [Manchester](#)
- [Oldham](#)
- [Rochdale](#)
- [Salford](#)
- [Tameside](#)
- [Trafford](#)
- [Wigan](#)

3. Summary of Process and Main Issues

3.1. Summary of consultations and links to consultation reports

3.1.1. Four consultations have taken place and consultation reports published in relation to the GMSF. The first, in [November 2014](#) was on the scope of the plan and the initial evidence base, the second in [November 2015](#), was on the vision, strategy and strategic growth options, and the third, on a Draft Plan in [October 2016](#).

3.1.2. The [consultation on The Greater Manchester Plan for Homes, Jobs and the Environment: the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework Revised Draft 2019 \(GMSF 2019\)](#) took place in 2019. It received over 17,000 responses. The responses received informed the production of GMSF 2020. The withdrawal of Stockport Council in December 2020 prevented GMSF 2020 proceeding to Regulation 19 Publication stage.

3.1.3. However, in light of the nature and scope of the PfE Plan, the previous

consultations on the GMSF, including the consultation responses to GMSF 2019 informed the Regulation 19 Publication version of PfE 2021.

3.2. Main Issues

- 3.2.1. The reg 22 summary of main issues raised in relation to both the thematic policies and the strategic allocations during the Regulation 19 Publication consultation on Places for Everyone 2021 are set out in Appendix B. Appendix C provides a set of summaries of the issues raised together with details of respondents raising the issues.

Appendices

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