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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

Submission of the Publication Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document

I am writing to notify you on behalf of Bolton Council, Bury Council, Manchester City Council, Oldham Council, Rochdale Council, Salford City Council, Tameside Council, Trafford Council, and Wigan Council of the submission of the Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document.

Submission Documents

In accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, the following documents have been submitted by GMCA in [electronic form](#):

- Publication Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document – Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford, and Wigan
- Sustainability Appraisal Reports
- Policies Map
- A Regulation 20 Consultation Statement: this includes details of the number of representations made under regulation 20 and the main issues raised in those representations.

- Copies of the representations made in accordance with regulation 20.
- Supporting documents as in the opinion of the local planning authority are relevant to the preparation of the local plan
- Duty to Co-operate Statement and Log of Collaboration
- Statement of Common Ground

A complete list of the submission documents is provided on the GMCA website at <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning-and-housing/places-for-everyone/submission-documents>

The documents are made available in line with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the requirements of each district's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

Paper copies of the submission documents have not been provided to you at this stage, in accordance with Regulation 22(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. It is understood that if paper copies of any documents are required by the appointed Planning Inspector(s), these will be requested from Programme Officer and made available.

Places for Everyone Examination

Paragraph 2.1 of the Planning Inspectorate Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations (February 2021) requests that some information is provided with regards to the hearings part of the examination; this is detailed below.

The issues raised in representations to the Publication Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document are summarised in the Regulation 20 Consultation Statement, including a summary of the main issues. It is considered that these are likely to represent the key matters for discussion in the examination hearing sessions. Responses have been provided to each of the main issues identified given that this is noted as being very helpful to the inspector (paragraph 1.18 of the Planning Inspectorate Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations (February 2021)).

Considering the complexity of the plan, the nine districts would welcome an early discussion with the Planning Inspectorate regarding the start date of the hearing sessions although we do not anticipate a start before July 2022. Due to the number of policies in the plan the Planning Inspectorate have advised the plan may take as many as 90 sitting days to examine.

The Planning Inspectorate's [updated Coronavirus guidance](#) states that hearings should be entirely in person, entirely virtual or a mix of the two. The nine districts preference is for a mix with some hearings in person and some virtual.

Programme Officers

The Programme Officers appointed for the examination are Helen Wilson and Yvonne Parker. They can be contacted using the details listed.

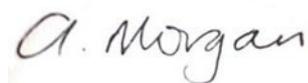
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Yours sincerely,



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