

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Regulation 18 - Notice of consultation on the subject and scope of Trafford Local Plan

In accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given that Trafford Council is preparing a new Local Plan. The decision to prepare a Trafford Local Plan was agreed by Trafford Council's Executive on 25th June 2018.

Trafford Council invites you to make representations in regard of the scope and subject of the Trafford Local Plan, hereafter referred to as the Local Plan.

What is the Local Plan?

Once adopted, the Local Plan will become the main land use planning document for Trafford, and form part of the overall Development Plan. Planning law requires that applications for planning permission be determined in accordance with the Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Council is required to keep its Local Plan up to date to retain control over the type and location of development within the Borough, and so ensuring that development across the Borough is 'plan led'.

Once adopted, the Local Plan will replace the following Development Plan documents:

- The Trafford Core Strategy (adopted January 2012) and
- The Revised Trafford Unitary Development Plan (adopted June 2006).

Proposed subject and scope of the Local Plan

The Local Plan will provide a positive vision for the future of Trafford; a framework for addressing housing needs and other economic, social and environmental priorities as well as a platform for local people to help shape their surroundings. The Local Plan will address the strategic priorities of Trafford.

The Local Plan will include policies, land use designations and site allocations to deliver:

- An overall strategy for the pattern and scale of development;
- The homes and workspaces needed;
- Appropriate retail, leisure and other commercial development;
- Infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, security, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk management, and the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);
- Community facilities (such as health, education and cultural infrastructure); and
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment, including landscape and green infrastructure.

The Local Plan will indicate broad locations for development on a key diagram, and land use designations and site allocations on a policies map. The Local Plan will have a clear strategy for bringing sufficient land forward, and at a sufficient rate, to address objectively assessed need over the plan period. The Local Plan will set out the developer contributions expected in association with particular sites and types of development e.g. affordable housing or open space provision. It will provide increased certainty and guidance for developers and members

of the public on both the location of development and detailed design and sustainability principles that development must achieve.

In line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), there will be a presumption in favour of sustainable development running through the Local Plan. This will help deliver economic, social and environmental objectives.

Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF)

The GMSF will set out:

- How much housing and employment land is needed for the plan period;
- A number of sites across Greater Manchester to assist in meeting these requirements;
- Proposed revisions to the Greater Manchester Green Belt to accommodate the identified sites;
- The importance of infrastructure such as health, education, transport, green spaces and utilities to support neighbourhoods and employment; and
- Ways to protect and improve the natural environment.

The Local Plan will provide the necessary planning policy framework for Trafford Borough which is not covered by the GMSF. The Local Plan will follow the GMSF plan period. It will provide an extra level of detail to demonstrate how the spatial vision, strategic objectives and scale of growth outlined in the GMSF will be delivered on the ground in Trafford.

Amendments to the Green Belt, for housing and employment uses, will continue to be dealt with through the GMSF process rather than the Local Plan.

Integrated Assessment Scoping Report

The preparation of the Local Plan will be accompanied by an Integrated Assessment which includes a Sustainability Appraisal and Health and Equalities Impact Assessments. This will demonstrate how the Local Plan has addressed relevant economic, social and environmental objectives. A Habitats Regulation Assessment will also be undertaken separately.

Consultation on the Local Plan Issues Paper, Integrated Assessment Scoping Report and Local Plan Call for Sites

Local Plan Issues Paper

Trafford Council is consulting on an Issues Paper which is a discussion document setting out a number of key issues that could be covered by the Local Plan and how it could address them. The broad policy themes identified cover economic growth, inclusive growth and environmental sustainability.

Integrated Assessment Scoping Report

Trafford Council is consulting on the Integrated Assessment (IA) Scoping Report. It 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.

Local Plan Call for sites

The Local Plan will make site specific allocations for housing, employment and green spaces, similar to those in the Revised Trafford UDP. Therefore, alongside the Issues Paper consultation the Council is inviting the submission of sites in Trafford for development, protection or some other purpose.

This 'Call for sites' invitation is a chance for everyone from developers, landowners, residents and other stakeholders to help shape the Local Plan. It will also ensure that the Council has up to date information relating to potential development sites before it publishes the first consultation draft Local Plan. Each submission will be assessed in terms of its "fit" with the scope of the Local Plan and against sustainability and deliverability criteria.

Comments are invited the Issues Paper or the Integrated Assessment Scoping report as well as any site submissions **from 23rd July 2018 until 14th September 2018 when the consultation will close.**

Consultation documents and comment forms can be found and completed online via the Council's consultation page at www.trafford.gov.uk/local-plan-consultations and can be viewed at Trafford Town Hall, Sale Waterside Offices and Trafford Libraries.

Where possible comments should be submitted electronically via the online survey found on the consultation page or via email to localplan.consultation@trafford.gov.uk. Where this is not possible comments can also be posted to the Strategic Planning and Growth Team, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Manchester, M32 0TH.

If you have any enquiries regarding the Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation, please email localplan.consultation@trafford.gov.uk or call 0161 912 3149 and a member of the Strategic Planning Team will be able to assist.

Data protection

Please note all comments will be held by the Council and will be available to view publicly. Comments cannot be treated as confidential. Your personal information such as your postal and e-mail address will not be published, but your name and organisation (if relevant) will.

Trafford Council maintains a database of consultees who wish to be kept informed about strategic planning matters such as the Local Plan. In responding to this consultation your contact details will automatically be added to the consultation database (if not already held). If you do not want to be on the consultation database and therefore not be contacted about future strategic planning consultations please state this in your response.