



**TRAFFORD**  
**COUNCIL**

**Further Council Response in Relation to  
MMIQ1.2 – The Regional Centre and Inner  
Areas Boundaries**

**4<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**Introduction**

Following discussion at Hearing Session 1 of the Core Strategy Examination the Inspector requested that the Council re-consider its approach to the level of detail being proposed within the Core Strategy in relation to the Regional Centre and Inner Areas Boundary. In particular the Inspector requested that the Council considers amending Figure 1 to show diagrammatically the Regional Centre and Inner Areas within Trafford or alternatively delete Figure 4 and show this information on the Key Diagram, and add text to paragraph 2.10 to clarify that the precise boundaries described in that paragraph will be defined in the Land Allocations DPD.

**The Council's Response**

Having given further consideration to this matter, the Council considers that it would be more appropriate to remove the detailed boundary from the Core Strategy. In so doing the detailed boundary would be defined by way of options being presented through the Land Allocations DPD.

In order to provide a sufficiently developed framework within which to produce possible options through the Land Allocations DPD, the Council considers that section 2 of the Core Strategy should be amended in the following way:

**Suggested Changes S300.01** as detailed in the Schedule of Proposed Changes (CD 12.4).

Core Strategy Publication Document (CD 6.2.1)

**Paragraph 2.11**

The Regional Centre is the primary economic driver of the Manchester City Region, ensuring that the Regional Centre continues to provide the main focus for business, retail, leisure, cultural and tourism development in the City Region. In Trafford, Pomona, Wharfside (including Mediacity:uk and the Manchester United stadium) all play a significant role in one or more of these types of development and provide opportunities for growth in these sectors. Whilst [RSS recognised that these parts of Trafford are included within the Regional Centre, a precise boundary was not offered in that Plan.](#)

**Paragraph 2.13**

The Inner Areas will be a focus for residential development, securing a significant increase in their population to support major regeneration activity and the improvement of community facilities and the creation of sustainable mixed communities, appealing to a broad range of new and existing residents. [RSS recognised that the Inner Areas would include land in north Trafford and Trafford Park, but as with the Regional Centre RSS did not prescribe specific boundaries.](#)

**Paragraph 2.15**

~~Given that these sub-areas are not wholly within Trafford,~~ Whilst the Council has worked in partnership with its neighbouring authorities of Manchester and Salford to define these areas, ~~Figure 1 details~~ the [detailed boundaries boundary](#) for both the Regional Centre and Inner Areas, within Trafford, [will be detailed precisely in the Land Allocations DPD.](#) ~~This will be detailed within the Land Allocations DPD and illustrated on the Proposals Map accordingly.~~

For the avoidance of doubt it is proposed to remove Figure 1 from the Core Strategy.