

ROSSENDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Regulation 17, 19, 20, 35

STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIONS PROCEDURE

Title : Rossendale Local Plan

Subject Matter and area covered by the Plan

Rossendale Borough Council has published the Local Plan that it intends to submit to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government for independent examination.

The Local Plan will cover the whole of Rossendale borough and will provide the statutory planning framework for the borough up to 2034. The Plan will be used to guide decisions on planning applications and areas where investment should be prioritised. The Plan contains a vision, objectives and an overall strategy for development and policies on both the scale of development and its overall pattern across the borough. It will allocate many of the sites that are needed to accommodate new development and designate areas to be protected or enhanced. It also sets out policies on how planning applications on allocated and 'windfall' sites will be judged.

Period for Representations

The Rossendale Local Plan has been consulted on previously. This is your opportunity to make representations about the draft plan prior to it being submitted for independent examination. At this stage we are inviting views on the soundness, legal compliance, and compliance with the Duty to Cooperate. Any comments made will be forwarded on for consideration by the appointed Planning Inspector as part of the examination process.

Representations on this document can be made over a 6 week period starting Thursday 23rd August 2018, and must be received on or before **Friday 5th October 2018**.

Comments arriving after this time will not be accepted.

Representations must be sent to:

Online Form: <https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/localplan>

Electronically: forwardplanning@rossendalebc.gov.uk

By post / hand to: **Forward Planning
Rossendale Borough Council
One Stop Shop
Bacup OL13 0BB**

We would prefer comments to be submitted using the online form as this is the speediest and most accurate way to submit representations and will enable us to manage the comments for the Inspector most efficiently. However, if you want to write or email, please make sure you make clear the relevant paragraph, policy or site you are commenting on.

Paper copies of the Comments Form can be obtained from the One Stop Shop in Bacup or by phoning 01706 217777.

For comments to be accepted (considered 'duly made') they must:

- be received within the timescales set out;
- relate to the document, its content, or its preparation;
- not be anonymous (you must give your name and postal address); and
- not be offensive, libellous, racist or otherwise breach the law (i.e. inadmissible)

Representations received cannot be treated as confidential and will be publicly available and published on the Council's website. Telephone and email details will not be published.

All 'duly made' comments will be forwarded on to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration during the Examination.

Locations Where Documents Can Be Inspected

The Rossendale Local Plan and all relevant supporting documents can be viewed online at <https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/localplan>

This information is also available to view at **One Stop Shop, Futures Park, Bacup, OL13 0BB**, on a Monday to Friday between 8.45am and 5.00pm (except Tuesdays from 09.15pm to 5.00pm).

Copies of relevant documents can be viewed at these libraries during normal opening hours:

LIBRARIES	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bacup St James' Sq	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 13:00	09.00 - 19.00	Closed	09:00 - 17:00	09.00 - 13.00
Haslingden Deardengate	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 19.00	09:00 - 13:00	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 13.00
Rawtenstall Queens Sq	09.00 - 19.00	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 19.00	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 17.00
Whitworth Lloyd Street	13.00 - 19.00	09.00 - 17.00	Closed	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 13.00

You will also be able to view the documents at:

Crawshawbooth Village Centre, Adelaide Street between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday and by appointment on Saturdays.

Offices of Whitworth Town Council, Riverside, Market St, OL12 8DP between 9am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday Tuesday 4th September until the end of the consultation.

PLEASE NOTE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 27th AUGUST

Request for Further Notification of Local Plan Progress

In your representation you can ask to be notified at a specific address of the following:

- The Rossendale Local Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination
- Publication of the recommendations of the person appointed to carry out the independent examination of the Rossendale Local Plan
- Adoption of the Rossendale Local Plan

If you submit the online form you will be asked to confirm this.

Content and Structure of Your Representations

The Local Plan for Rossendale will be submitted early next year for examination by an independent Planning Inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspector's role will be to assess that the Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, the legal and procedural requirements and whether it is sound.

Further guidance on preparing a response to this consultation on the Local Plan can be found in guidance issued by the Planning Inspectorate, which is available to view at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/examining-local-plans-procedural-practice>

The Planning Inspector will consider representations made in relation to the legal tests that underpin the Examination. Any comments on the Local Plan should specify the matters to which they relate and the grounds on which they are made.

Only the following matters will be of concern to the independent Planning Inspector:

- **Legal Compliance** – does the plan meet the legal requirements made under various statutes?
- **Soundness** – has the plan been positively prepared, justified, effective, and consistent with national policy?
- **Meets Duty to Cooperate** – has the Council engaged and worked effectively with neighbouring authorities and statutory bodies?

Information Sessions

Two information sessions will be held to help people make representations.

These will be held at Council Offices Futures Park Bacup OL13 0BB between 3pm and 7pm on:

- Thursday 13th September 2018
- Tuesday 18th September 2018