

Matter 1 Legal and Procedural

Question (c) – How does the work being undertaken by the Edenfield Community Neighbourhood Forum and the intended Neighbourhood Plan fit with the proposals for Edenfield in the Rossendale Local Plan (including housing allocations H72, H71 and H73 and the proposed school and playing field extension)? What stage has been reached in the production of the Edenfield Neighbourhood Plan? What cooperation or joint working has taken place to date between the Forum and the Borough Council?

1. The need of additional land for potential expansion has been set out from the early stages of plan development, including the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP). It should be noted that this land would require RBC to negotiate its release, if this is not possible due to policies restricting its use, the need for a school site on the strategic site at Edenfield becomes the only option available. It is for this reason the two options are included in the plan preparation and the IDP.