

Dear all,

The emerging Local Plan for Rossendale proposes a number of site allocations to meet the Borough's future housing and employment need, and some of these will require the land to be removed from the Green Belt. The Local Plan is now at an advanced stage and is being examined by independent Planning Inspectors. The Inspectors have asked the Council to identify specific projects that could provide compensatory improvements to the remaining land that is within the Green Belt. This is in line with national planning guidance issued by the Government. Specific schemes that have been identified include improvements to Edenfield Recreation Ground, Edenfield Cricket Ground, as well as footpath and cycleway improvements, a contribution towards the establishment of Rossendale Forest etc. Further information is provided in the attached document.

I am emailing everyone with an interest in the Green Belt releases that are being proposed in the emerging Local Plan, including local resident groups, site promoters, agents etc. as well as identified key delivery partners. A consultation will be taking place with all the Local Plan consultees but I wanted to bring this consultation specifically to your attention and ask for your thoughts about the projects and if there are any other schemes that you think should be included. I would be grateful if you could share this email with any contacts you think would find this relevant.

Please note this consultation is not about the Green Belt releases themselves, it is only about only the proposed compensatory measures outlined in the attached document.

In accordance with the Note on the Statement of Community Involvement re Covid-19 and consultation arrangements ([document EL6.015](#)), the Council will be placing the document in the Examination Library on the Council's website and will make paper copies available at the One Stop Shop to be viewed on an appointment basis as and when the One Stop Shop is open. The consultation will start tomorrow and ends on **Thursday 29 July 2021 at 5pm.**

Please note that your comments will be sent to the Local Plan Inspectors and published on the Council's website, including your name, however no personal contact details such as telephone numbers or emails will be published. If you are on the Council's Local Plan Consultation List I apologise but you will receive another email about this consultation again tomorrow.

Please contact me if you need further clarification before you are able to respond.

Kind regards,

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