

Rossendale Local Plan 2019 to 2036 Adoption Statement

In accordance with Regulations 17, 26 and 35 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), and Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, the following Adoption Statement gives notice that on 15 December 2021 Rossendale Borough Council adopted the Rossendale Local Plan 2019 to 2036 as a development plan document.

The Rossendale Local Plan 2019 to 2036 was the subject of an independent examination conducted by Katie Childs BSc (Hons) MA MRTPI and Luke Fleming BSc (Hons) MRTPI, Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State. In their report published in November 2021 the Inspectors confirmed, subject to a number of main modifications, the Plan was sound and capable of adoption. The recommended main modifications, along with the consequential minor modifications, have been included in the adopted Rossendale Local Plan 2019 to 2036 document, which now carries full weight in the consideration of planning applications and replaces the 'saved' policies of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document: *The Way Forward (2011 – 2026)*.

Any person aggrieved by the Rossendale Local Plan 2019 to 2036 may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 (3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- i. the Rossendale Local Plan 2019 to 2036 is not within the powers conferred by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; or
- ii. a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any such application must be made to the High Court no later than 27 January 2022. This represents a period of six weeks for applications beginning with the day after the date on which the Local Plan was adopted.

In accordance with the above regulations the following documents have been made available:

- i. the Rossendale Local Plan 2019 to 2036;
 - ii. this Adoption Statement; and
 - iii. the Sustainability Appraisal Report.
- Copies of the documents listed at i, ii and iii above will be made available for download from the Council's website at www.rossendale.gov.uk and are available for inspection at The One Stop Shop, Futures Park, Bacup, OL13 0BB during normal opening times:
 - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 08.45 – 17.00
 - Tuesday: 09.15 – 17.00

A copy of this Adoption Statement will be sent to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

If you require further information please email forwardplanning@rossendalebc.gov.uk, telephone 01706 252418 or write to Forward Planning, Futures Park, Bacup, OL13 0BB