

Publication Salford Local Plan: Development Management Policies and Designations

Duty to Cooperate Compliance Statement Addendum

Annex 1: 2019 – 2020 Duty to cooperate monitoring report

Salford City Council

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2019 – 2020

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as inserted by section 110 of the Localism Act 2011, introduced a duty to cooperate in relation to the planning of sustainable development.
- 1.2 The duty requires the city council to cooperate with other local planning authorities and other public bodies in preparing and developing development plan documents and other local development documents so far as it relates to a strategic matter.¹
- 1.3 In this regard, the city council and others are required to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis. The national planning policy framework (NPPF) states that “strategic policy-making authorities should collaborate to identify the relevant strategic matters which they need to address in their plans.”²
- 1.4 A strategic matter is defined as “sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, including (in particular) sustainable development or use of land for or in connection with infrastructure that is strategic and has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas.”³
- 1.5 The NPPF states that “effective and on-going joint working between strategic policy-making authorities and relevant bodies is integral to the production of a positively prepared and justified strategy.”⁴ Although not specifically relating to the duty to cooperate, the NPPF further describes that “in particular, joint working should help to determine where additional infrastructure is necessary, and whether development needs that cannot be met wholly within a particular plan area could be met elsewhere”.⁵
- 1.6 The public bodies identified as part of the duty to cooperate, in addition to local planning authorities, are⁶:
 - Environment Agency
 - The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (known as Historic England)
 - Natural England
 - Mayor of London (unlikely to be a relevant consultee for the majority of strategic issues for Salford)
 - Civil Aviation Authority
 - Homes and Communities Agency

¹ Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, section 33A(3) and NPPF 2019 paragraph 24.

² MHCLG (February 2019) National Planning Policy Framework, paragraph 25

³ Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2001, section 33A(4)(a)

⁴ MHCLG (February 2019) National Planning Policy Framework, paragraph 26

⁵ MHCLG (February 2019) National Planning Policy Framework, paragraph 27

⁶ The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012, part 2, regulation 4, as amended by the National Treatment Agency (Abolition) and the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2013

- Each clinical commissioning group established under section 14D of the National Health Service Act 2006 (Salford Clinical Commissioning Group)
 - NHS England (formerly the National Health Service Commissioning Board)
 - Office of Rail and Road
 - Highways England
 - Transport for London (unlikely to be a relevant consultee for the majority of strategic issues for Salford)
 - Integrated Transport Authorities (Transport for Greater Manchester)
 - Highway Authorities (Salford City Council and the Highways England)
 - Marine Management Organisation
- 1.7 In addition, regard must also be had to the activities of the local enterprise partnership⁷ (Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership) and the Local Nature Partnership⁸.
- 1.8 The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 require that details of activities undertaken in relation to the duty to cooperate are recorded and published in a monitoring report⁹.
- 1.9 Whether or not a local planning authority has brought forward a plan in line with the duty to cooperate is a key legal test which the plan will be assessed against when it is considered at public examination.¹⁰
- 1.10 In accordance with these requirements, this monitoring report provides details of Salford's main activities in relation to the duty to cooperate over the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. In addition to the activities listed there are also numerous discussions with local authorities and other prescribed bodies on a variety of issues including individual planning applications that have cross-boundary implications.
- 1.11 This report will make up a key part of the evidence base in support of the Local Plan (and will where relevant be appended to the Duty to Cooperate Compliance statement).

⁷ Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, section 33A(9) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012, part 2, regulation 4(2)

⁸ The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England)(Amendment) Regulations 2012

⁹ Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012, part 6, regulation 34(2)

¹⁰ Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, section 20(5)

2.0 Development Plan Documents and Local Development Documents in preparation during the 2019/20 monitoring period.

2.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 specifies that the Duty to Cooperate requirements apply in relation to the preparation and development of development plan documents and other local development documents.¹¹

2.2 During the 2019/20 period, Salford City Council has been involved in the preparation of two development plan documents and one other local development document that will guide development activities in the city.

- Development Plan Documents:
 - Greater Manchester Spatial Framework
 - Salford Local Plan
- Local Development Documents:
 - Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document refresh

2.3 Each of these documents are discussed in further detail below.

Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

2.4 In January 2014 the Greater Manchester Combined Authority agreed that Greater Manchester should bring forward a Spatial Framework focusing on future housing and employment land requirements. This has now evolved into a proposal to produce a Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) which will enable the sub-region to manage the scale and distribution of development in a way that an informal, non-statutory document or agreement could not. The GMSF is being produced as a development plan document.

2.5 The GMSF will provide the overarching framework to manage the supply of land across the conurbation thus supporting sustainable growth over the next two decades. It will provide the basis to secure the strategically important sites that will drive economic growth and bring forward the supply of land necessary to accelerate housing development to meet forecast housing requirements.

2.6 The project is being led by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority, supported by distinct working groups including council officers (including those from Salford City Council).

2.7 In September 2014 the ‘GMSF – Stage 1: Initial evidence on future growth’ consultation document was published. The document set out the work undertaken to date in developing an evidence base to identify employment and housing requirements for Greater Manchester. This was followed by a further period of consultation in November 2015 in respect of a “Strategic Options” document alongside which was a call for sites exercise.

¹¹ Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, section 33A(3)

- 2.8 Consultation on a Draft GMSF took place between October 2016 and January 2017, and in January 2019 a Revised Draft GMSF was published for a further period of consultation.
- 2.9 Much of the joint working on strategic issues taking place across Greater Manchester is through evidence collection and policy development in association with the GMSF.
- 2.10 Further information regarding the GMSF is available on the Greater Manchester Combined Authority website at <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/gmsf> .
- 2.11 This monitoring report covers the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. Although falling outside of this period it is considered helpful to provide an update as of December 2020 with regards to the GMSF.
- 2.12 It was anticipated that the Publication GMSF would be published for a period of representations in late 2020. In October 2020, the AGMA Executive Board agreed to recommend the Draft Publication GMSF 2020 to the 10 Greater Manchester Councils' and their Executives/Cabinets for approval to consultation and submission to the Secretary of State following the period for representations. At its Council and Cabinet meetings which were held in early December 2020, Stockport Council resolved not to publish the Draft Publication GMSF for consultation or submit it to the Secretary of State following the period of representations for examination. The Draft Publication GMSF 2020 is a joint development plan document of the ten Greater Manchester authorities and requires the approval of all ten local authorities to proceed.
- 2.13 Having regard to these decisions, on 11 December 2020, the AGMA Executive Board agreed in principle to the preparation of a Joint Development Plan Document (DPD) of nine authorities (Greater Manchester districts excluding Stockport) and to commend these authorities to establish a joint committee with delegated authority to co-ordinate and develop a joint plan on their behalf.
- 2.14 The report to the AGMA Executive¹² on 11 December explained that discussions with the nine remaining authorities indicate that there is considered to be merit in continuing to work collaboratively to:
- progress the strategic policies in GMSF 2020 which commanded widespread support, for example net zero carbon development, affordable housing and space and accessibility standards for new housing;
 - provide flexibility to respond to changing requirements, for example the new Local Housing Need methodology expected in late 2020;
 - maximise the use of sustainable urban/brownfield land and limit the need for Green Belt to accommodate the development needs of the nine;

¹² [Economic Development \(greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)

- align with wider Greater Manchester strategies for transport and other infrastructure investment; and
- utilise the evidence base already commissioned and completed

2.15 A further report is due to be provided to the AGMA Executive in due course to set out the issues and timescales involved in producing a Joint DPD of the nine.

Salford's Local Plan

2.16 Consultation on Salford's Draft Local Plan took place between November 2016 and January 2017. A Revised Draft Local Plan was published for consultation between January 2019 and March 2019.

2.17 Subsequent to the consultation period on the Revised Draft Local Plan, a decision was taken to reduce the scope of the document to focus solely on Development Management Policies and Designations, with a Local Plan Core Strategy and Allocations to be taken forward at a later date. In January 2020 a Publication Local Plan Development Management Policies and Designations document, which reflected this reduced scope, was published for a period of representation, closing on the 20 March 2020. Comments received will inform ongoing joint working in relation to the strategic issues identified below.

2.18 Salford's Local Plan, once adopted, will provide a strategic vision and policy framework guiding the future development of the city. It will also allocate land for specific types of development.

2.19 It is through the Local Plan that main duty to cooperate strategic issues not dealt with through the GMSF are being considered.

2.20 Further details regarding the Local Plan are available on the council's website at <http://www.salford.gov.uk/localplan.htm> .

Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document

2.21 Planning obligations are sought in order to mitigate the impact of new development, and to ensure that it is acceptable in planning terms.

2.22 A refreshed Planning Obligations SPD was adopted in December 2019, supplementing the saved policies of the unitary development plan to provide additional guidance on the use of planning obligations and the approach to calculating financial requirements. The principle amendments included:

- Update of financial costs to the 2019/20 financial year
- Removal of references to limitations on the pooling of planning obligations, due to amendments to the CIL Regulations from 1 September 2019
- Clarity as to how planning obligations will be considered in the case of outline planning applications
- Expectation that viability appraisals submitted as part of the planning application process will be published

- Update of the residential value areas to reflect the latest viability evidence, and an explanation of how they have been identified from the strategic viability assessment that was published in January 2019
- Changed those area /dwelling type combinations that had “no requirement” for affordable housing to “by negotiation” given the need for affordable housing across the city, and the wording of policy H4 (affordable housing) of the saved UDP
- Clarification that starter homes and discounted market sales housing are not considered able to meet the identified affordable housing need in Salford
- Additional interpretation of the application of the vacant building credit
- Explanation that the approach set out in National Planning Practice guidance to affordable housing on build to rent schemes (that is 20% affordable private rent at a minimum rent discount of 20% relative to local rental markets (inclusive of service charges)) will be applied in Salford
- Minor adjustments to the lists of how commuted sums may be spent, such as on allotments in the case of open space contributions, and on school accessibility enhancements in the case of education contributions
- Explanation of the scale of transport and public realm contributions that was assumed in the 2019 strategic viability assessment
- Clarification around forward funding of infrastructure and services
- Statement that a monitoring fee will be charged in accordance with updated regulations
- Expanded guidance on highway improvement works and fees

2.23 The SPD brings together within a single document all of Salford City Council's policies relating to planning obligations that are supplementary to development plan policies. It sets out the affordable housing requirements that will apply to new residential development. It also sets out how planning obligations will be secured for the provision or improvement of infrastructure, including open space, education, transport and public realm infrastructure.

3.0 Activities relating to Strategic Issues associated with the Salford Local Plan undertaken during the 2019 to 2020 monitoring period.

3.1 The city council has been involved in a number of areas of joint working on strategic issues which are of relevance to the duty to cooperate during the 2019/20 financial year.

3.2 Many of the strategic cross-boundary issues affecting Salford will be addressed through the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF), and will be detailed further in GMCA published documents. These include issues such as:

- scale of housing
- type of housing
- transport
- air quality
- flood risk;
- Green Belt
- proposed expansion of Port Salford

3.3 There are a further number of strategic issues which will be dealt with primarily through Salford's Local Plan, although the GMSF may provide some strategic guidance in these areas. These include:

- Travelling people
- Economic development
 - Scale of office floorspace (scale across GM dealt with in the GMSF)
 - Scale of industrial and warehousing floorspace (scale across GM dealt with in the GMSF)
- Green infrastructure
 - Great Manchester Wetlands Nature Improvement Area and Chat Moss
 - Irwell Valley
- Port Salford
- Town Centres
 - City Centre (principles dealt with in GMSF)
 - The Quays (principles dealt with in GMSF)

3.4 As identified earlier in this report, Salford's Local Plan will now be taken forward in two parts. Part one being the Salford Local Plan Development Management Policies and Designations Document and part two the Salford Local Plan Core Strategy and Allocations Document. Part one is currently being progressed while part two will need to await decisions being taken through the GMSF.

3.5 Of the issues identified above, it is those relating to green infrastructure, Port Salford (the currently permitted scheme) and town centres that are being dealt with at a strategic level through part one of Salford's Local Plan.

3.6 The table below provides a summary of activities undertaken by Salford City Council during the 2019/20 in relation to all of the above issues.

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Salford city council duty to cooperate activities 2019/20

Strategic issue	Description	Objective	Activity undertaken	Organisations involved	Next steps
Scale and distribution of housing across Greater Manchester	The total scale amount of housing that is required across Greater Manchester, and how it should be distributed between the ten local authority areas, needs to be agreed at the sub-regional level due to Greater Manchester being a single housing market area	Ensure that appropriate provision is made for housing delivery across Greater Manchester	Regular discussions at the Greater Manchester Planning Officer Group meetings, land supply meetings, and other meetings associated with the GMSF including Directors of Place. Informal discussions via emails and other communication tools (such as Microsoft Teams) Data collection at a Greater Manchester level using Huddle.	The nine other Greater Manchester local authorities, and the GMCA.	Work in this area is ongoing following consultation on a Revised Draft GMSF in early 2019 and will culminate in a new version of the GMSF and supporting documents.
Type of housing delivered across Greater Manchester	The mix of dwellings that is required across Greater Manchester and how it should be distributed between the ten local authority areas, needs to be agreed at the sub-regional level due to Greater Manchester being a single housing market area	Ensure that appropriate provision is made for housing delivery across Greater Manchester	Regular discussions at the Greater Manchester Planning Officer Group meetings, land supply meetings, and other meetings associated with the GMSF including Directors of Place. Informal discussions via emails and other communication tools (such as Microsoft Teams) Data collection at a Greater Manchester level using Huddle	The nine other Greater Manchester local authorities, and the GMCA.	Work in this area is ongoing following consultation on a Revised Draft GMSF in early 2019 and will culminate in a new version of the GMSF and supporting documents.
Scale and distribution of office development	The total office floorspace requirement for Greater Manchester is being determined through the Greater	To ensure appropriate provision is made for office development to	The potential for office development within Salford has been identified through the Salford Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment. The conclusions of this assessment have been part of the	The nine other Greater Manchester local authorities, and the GMCA.	2020 update to the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment.

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across Greater Manchester	Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF). It needs to be ensured that Salford is making appropriate provision for new office floorspace to support delivery of the Greater Manchester figure.	support the economic growth of Salford and Greater Manchester.	<p>evidence base underpinning the GMSF. The latest Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment was published in September 2019.</p> <p>The Publication SLP:DMP was published in January 2020. Whilst not addressing the scale and distribution of office development, the plan does identify key office locations within the city including City Centre Salford and Salford Quays.</p>		<p>Further discussions at various Greater Manchester meetings leading up to the preparation of the next version of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.</p> <p>Continued progress towards the adoption of the SLP:DMP.</p> <p>In the longer-term work to commence of a Salford Local Plan Core Strategy and Allocations document. This part of Salford's Local Plan will address issues of development scale and the allocation of sites to deliver it.</p>
Scale and distribution of industrial and warehousing development across Greater Manchester	The total industry and warehousing floorspace requirement for Greater Manchester is being determined through the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF).	To ensure appropriate provision is made for industrial and warehousing development to support the economic growth of	The baseline supply of sites for industrial and warehousing development within Salford has been identified through the Salford Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment. The conclusions of this assessment have been part of the evidence base underpinning the GMSF and Salford Local Plan. The latest	The nine other Greater Manchester local authorities, and the GMCA.	<p>2020 update to the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment.</p> <p>Further discussions at various Greater Manchester</p>

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	<p>Strategic allocations within the Green Belt to support industry and warehousing development are being pursued through the GMSF. This includes a proposed extension to the permitted Port Salford in Salford.</p> <p>It needs to be ensured that Salford is making appropriate provision for new industrial and warehousing floorspace to support delivery of the Greater Manchester figure.</p>	Salford and Greater Manchester.	<p>assessment was published in September 2019.</p> <p>The Publication SLP:DMP was published in January 2020. Whilst not addressing the scale and distribution of industrial and warehousing development, the plan does include a protective designation over the site of the approved Port Salford proposal and include policies relating to sustainable freight movement.</p>		<p>meetings leading up to the preparation of the next version of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.</p> <p>Continued progress towards the adoption of the SLP:DMP.</p> <p>In the longer-term work to commence of a Salford Local Plan Core Strategy and Allocations document. This part of Salford's Local Plan will address issues of development scale and the allocation of sites to deliver it.</p>
Transport infrastructure across Greater Manchester	Assess the potential impact of anticipated levels of development on Greater Manchester's transport infrastructure. Identify potential interventions to promote sustainable transport choices, mitigate impacts and enhance the existing network.	Ensure residents, businesses and visitors to Greater Manchester benefit from a sustainable and integrated transport network	<p>Transport assessment work is ongoing at the Greater Manchester level led by TfGM on behalf of the ten Greater Manchester authorities.</p> <p>Regular discussions at the weekly Greater Manchester Planning Officer Group meetings and other meetings associated with the GMSF.</p> <p>Meetings with TfGM, Systra and Highways England to discuss Salford issues as part of the Greater Manchester assessment.</p>	The nine other Greater Manchester local authorities, the GMCA, and Highways England.	Further discussions at various Greater Manchester and Salford specific meetings leading up to the preparation of the next version of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.

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	Needs to be considered at a Greater Manchester level given the range of development proposals being pursued and the integrated cross-boundary nature of the network.		The Publication SLP:DMP was published in January 2020. Whilst not addressing the scale and distribution of development within the city, and therefore the potential impact on transport infrastructure. The plan does include a range of policies that seek to ensure sustainable transport choices and promoted as part of new development including the delivery of new infrastructure.		Continued progress towards the adoption of the SLP:DMP. In the longer-term work to commence preparation of a Salford Local Plan Core Strategy and Allocations document. This part of Salford's Local Plan will address issues of development scale and the allocation of sites to deliver it through which new opportunities and requirements may be identified.
Air Quality across Greater Manchester	Air quality and contributors to it are not confined to local authority boundaries.	Deliver improvements to air quality across Greater Manchester	Joint working at the Greater Manchester level culminated in the publication of the Revised Draft GMSF which included Policy GM-S 6 Clean Air. Measures to improve air quality are also relevant to wider GMSF discussions relating to issues such as the distribution of development, site prioritisation and transport infrastructure.	The other nine GM districts, GMCA and TfGM	A statutory consultation on detailed clean air proposals. Development of a Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan Full Business Case for approval by the 10 Greater Manchester local authorities and submitted to Government. Subject to Government

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					<p>approval it is anticipated that funding measures would be available from 2020, with the Clean Air Zone being introduced from 2021.</p> <p>Further discussions at various Greater Manchester meetings leading up to the preparation of the next version of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and Salford Local Plan.</p>
Flood Risk across Greater Manchester	Assess the flood risk to planned development sites; the impact of planned development on flood risk and identify land which should be safeguarded for future flood risk management.	Continue to manage flood risk across Greater Manchester and balance this with development needs in a sustainable way	<p>Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) completed April 2019. Level 2 Hybrid Strategic Flood Risk Assessment underway summer 2019, with anticipated completion autumn 2020.</p> <p>Regular (approximately quarterly) discussions at Flood Risk Officers Group (FROG). GM Flood and Water Management Board has been discontinued and FROG now reports up to GM Planning and Housing Commission.</p>	GMCA Local Authorities Environment Agency United Utilities	Continue to support work on the SFRA and apply findings as appropriate.
Greater Manchester's Green Belt	Identify changes to the existing boundaries of Greater Manchester's	To minimise the loss of Green Belt whilst making	Regular discussions at the weekly Greater Manchester Planning Officer Group meetings	The nine other Greater Manchester local	Further discussions at various Greater Manchester

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	Green Belt to meet future development needs and bring new areas of land, that perform Green Belt purposes, under the designation. Given its integrated nature and the number of strategic allocations being pursued across the conurbation the issues needs to be considered at a Greater Manchester level.	appropriate provision for residential and economic development in Greater Manchester.	and other meetings associated with the GMSF.	authorities and the GMCA.	meetings leading up to the preparation of the next version of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.
Gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople	The provision of pitches to provide for travelling people needs to be considered and coordinated at the sub-regional level.	Ensure that the Local Plan provides an appropriate policy framework to support the provision of pitches for travelling people as part of a coordinated delivery strategy across the conurbation.	The ten Greater Manchester districts commissioned an updated gypsy and traveller accommodation assessment in summer 2017. This work was undertaken by Arc4. The assessment was published in the previous monitoring period, in July 2018. The Publication SLP:DMP was published in January 2020 for a period of representations. The plan includes a criterion based policy for determining planning applications for new pitches and plots for travellers. This is policy H8 (Gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople).	The nine other Greater Manchester local authorities, and the GMCA.	Consideration of comments received to the Publication SLP:DMP. Allocate sites in part 2 of the Local Plan (Core Strategy) in order to reflect any agreed distribution across Greater Manchester.
Port Salford	Planning permission is in place to develop an inland port and warehousing facility, a container terminal and distribution park to the	To ensure the successful and coordinated delivery of an important inter modal freight interchange and	Discussions as part of GMSF strategic approach, land supply and proposed allocations at the weekly Greater Manchester Planning Officer Group meetings and other meetings associated with the GMSF.	The nine other Greater Manchester local authorities, and the GMCA. Organisations consulted as part of	Continued progress towards the adoption of the SLP:DMP. Liaison meetings will continue throughout

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	<p>south of the A57 and west of the M60.</p> <p>To date one warehouse has been built and was occupied by Culina/Great Bear in April 2016. Further occupation of the site is linked to the discharge of planning conditions associated with further road scheme delivery and a new rail link.</p> <p>Warehousing delivered as part of the permitted scheme makes up a significant proportion of industrial and warehousing development expected within the city.</p> <p>An extension to the permitted Port Salford, on Green Belt land to the north of the A57, is being considered as part of the GMSF (GM Allocation GM33).</p>	<p>associated infrastructure alongside the Manchester Ship Canal</p>	<p>The Publication SLP:DMP was published in January 2020 and includes a protective designation over the site of the approved Port Salford proposal.</p> <p>In respect of the delivery of the permitted Port Salford, regular liaison meetings are held with key stakeholders, with the focus being the delivery of the associated supporting infrastructure.</p>	<p>ongoing planning processes include the Environment Agency, Trafford MBC, Highways Agency, Network Rail and TfGM</p>	<p>the scheme's delivery.</p> <p>Further discussions at various GM meetings leading up to the preparation of the next version of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.</p>
City Centre	<p>The City Centre is located within both Manchester and Salford, with that part in Salford referred to as City</p>	<p>Ensure that the GMSF and Salford Local Plan present an appropriate vision and policy</p>	<p>Discussions as part of GMSF strategic approach, land supply and proposed allocations at the weekly Greater Manchester Planning Officer Group meetings, land supply</p>	<p>The nine other Greater Manchester local authorities, and the GMCA.</p>	<p>Continued progress towards the adoption of the SLP:DMP.</p>

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	<p>Centre Salford. The primary shopping area is located wholly within Manchester, but there are significant office, tourism and residential functions in City Centre Salford, together with smaller scale retail and leisure uses.</p> <p>The GMSF identifies the City Centre as a key component of the strategy for Greater Manchester, and sets out an overall policy approach for it. It will be important that actions in Salford support the success of the City Centre as a whole, and its vital role within Greater Manchester.</p> <p>The emerging Local Plan designates the boundary of City Centre Salford, includes an explanation of the role of different areas within it and how they are expected to develop and evolve during the plan period.</p>	<p>framework to support the success of the City Centre as a whole, and its vital role within Greater Manchester.</p>	<p>group, and other meetings associated with the GMSF.</p> <p>The potential for development within City Centre Salford has been identified through the Salford Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment, the latest such assessment published in September 2019. The scale of development proposed in the City Centre in the GMSF assumes that the potential supply identified in Salford is delivered.</p> <p>The Publication SLP:DMP was published in January 2020. The plan includes policies AP1 City Centre and AP5 Salford Innovation Triangle which present guidance relating to this strategic issue.</p>		<p>Further discussions leading up to the preparation of the next version of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.</p> <p>2020 update to the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment.</p>
The Quays	The Quays area covers parts of Salford and	Ensure that the GMSF and Salford	Discussions as part of GMSF strategic approach, land supply and proposed	The nine other Greater Manchester local	Further discussions leading up to the

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	<p>Trafford, with that part in Salford referred to as Salford Quays.</p> <p>The GMSF identifies the importance of the Quays and sets out an overall policy approach for it. It will be important that actions in Salford support the success of the Quays as a whole, and its essential role within Greater Manchester.</p> <p>The emerging Local Plan designates Salford Quays town centre reflecting existing and proposed uses and development.</p>	<p>Local Plan present an appropriate vision and policy framework to support the success of the Quays as a whole, and its essential role within Greater Manchester.</p>	<p>allocations at the weekly Greater Manchester Planning Officer Group meetings, land supply group, and other meetings associated with the GMSF.</p> <p>The potential for development within Salford Quays has been identified through the Salford Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment, the latest such assessment published in January 2019. The scale of development proposed in The Quays in the GMSF assumes that the potential supply identified in Salford is delivered.</p> <p>Joint working culminated in the proposed policy framework identified in the Revised Draft Greater Manchester Spatial Framework published in January 2019. The document included a strategic policy recognising the importance of the Quays (GM Strat 3). The focus on Salford Quays in the Revised Draft Local Plan, also published in January 2019, is consistent with the GMSF spatial strategy ensuring that it reflects sub-regional cooperation. The Draft Plan included policies AP3 Salford Quays and EC3 Office Development which presented guidance relating to this strategic issue.</p>	<p>authorities, and the GMCA.</p>	<p>preparation of the next version of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and Salford Local Plan</p> <p>Update as required in response to the 2020-based land supply and further GMSF work.</p> <p>In August 2019 a meeting took place with representatives of Bolton and Trafford Councils to discuss the designation of Salford Quays town centre.</p>
<p>Great Manchester Wetlands Nature Improvement Area and Chat Moss</p>	<p>The Great Manchester Wetlands Nature Improvement Area (NIA) covers around 11,000 hectares extending across parts of Salford, Wigan and Warrington. It is currently the only NIA</p>	<p>Deliver the vision for the Great Manchester Wetlands NIA as an exemplar of biodiversity restoration, enhancement and</p>	<p>During the 2019/20 period joint working on this issue has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at quarterly meetings of the Great Manchester Wetlands Partnership (which includes Wigan Council). 	<p>The nine other Greater Manchester local authorities, the GMCA, Warrington Council, the Environment Agency, Natural England and others</p>	<p>Further discussions leading up to the preparation of the next version of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and Salford Local Plan</p>

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	<p>within Greater Manchester.</p> <p>The vision for the Great Manchester Wetlands NIA is for it to become an exemplar of biodiversity restoration, enhancement and the delivery of landscape-scale ecological networks. The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework identifies the Great Manchester Wetlands NIA as a strategically important area of green infrastructure. It is important that actions within Salford support the achievement of the vision for the Great Manchester Wetlands NIA, and its role within the wider strategic green infrastructure network.</p>	<p>deliver landscape scale ecological networks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions with Great Manchester Wetlands co-ordinator and Natural England regarding Salford Local Plan – various dates Regular meetings (circa every 2 months) of the Carbon Landscape Project steering group Published documents produced by the Great Manchester Wetlands Partnership and individual partners <p>The SLP:DMP contains policy BG1 which is based on policy BG2 Nature Improvement Areas in the Revised Draft Salford Local Plan.</p>		<p>Ongoing work to deliver projects in the carbon landscape programme.</p> <p>Discussions taking place from 2019 to develop projects for beyond the period covered by the Carbon Landscape programme (ends spring 2022 following an extension to allow for time lost during lock down)).</p>
<p>Irwell Valley</p>	<p>The Irwell Valley is a key component of Greater Manchester’s green infrastructure network, extending across Salford, Bury and Bolton. It provides multiple environmental, social and economic benefits</p>	<p>Support the protection and enhancement of the Irwell Valley and the multiple environmental, social and economic benefits it provides.</p>	<p>During the 2019/20 period joint working on this issue has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overarching policy approach in the GMSF discussed through related GM working groups and processes attendance at quarterly Irwell Catchment Partnership Meetings 	<p>The nine other Greater Manchester local authorities, the GMCA, and the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Organisations notified as part of the consultation on the</p>	<p>Further discussions leading up to the preparation of the next version of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and Salford Local Plan</p>

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	<p>and makes a major contribution to local identity and sense of place within these areas. Some of the valley is designated as Green Belt.</p> <p>The GMSF recognises that river valleys and canals form an important part of Greater Manchester's landscape, connecting urban areas with open countryside and providing opportunities for recreation and the movement of wildlife. Key priorities for the Irwell Valley include the management of flood risk and improvements to water quality.</p>		<p>(including the six Greater Manchester Councils within the Catchment, GMCA, Environment Agency, United Utilities, Groundwork, Mersey Rivers Trust, Salford and Manchester Universities and other partners).</p> <p>Greenspace Strategy SPD adopted in January 2019 following consultation during earlier reporting periods.</p> <p>Joint working culminated in the proposed policy framework identified in the Revised Draft Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (Chapter 8 A Greener Greater Manchester) published in January 2019, and Publication Salford Local Plan: Development Management Policies and Designations (Policy GI3 Irwell Valley) published in January 2020.</p> <p>Also refer to activities relating to flood risk as summarised elsewhere in this table.</p>	<p>Draft Greenspace Strategy included: the Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England, Civil Aviation Authority, Homes and Communities Agency, Office of Rail and Road, NHS England, Highway Authority, Highways England, Salford NHS Clinical Commissioning Group and Transport for Greater Manchester.</p>	<p>Continued support to Natural Course project (phase 3 commencing April 2019) and input to activities of Irwell Catchment Partnership as appropriate.</p> <p>Consideration of comments received during the Local Plan consultation period</p>