

Publication Salford Local Plan: Development Management Policies and Designations

Briefing Note relating to:

- 1) Consultation Statement
- 2) Planning Advisory Service Self-Assessment Toolkits
- 3) Infrastructure Delivery Plan

January 2021

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The [Publication Salford Local Plan: Development Management Policies and Designations \(SLP:DMP\)](#) and [various supporting documents](#) were published in January 2020. Comments were invited on the plan and the various supporting documents over a six-week period until Friday 20 March 2020.
- 1.2 Whilst it was anticipated that the Publication SLP:DMP would be the version of the plan that the city council would submit to the Secretary of State for examination, it is considered that a small number of modifications to some of the policies are required. As a result of this, an Addendum to the SLP:DMP has been published; this is in two parts and relates to Main Modifications, and Additional Modifications (February 2020).
- 1.3 Comments are being invited on the proposed modifications to the SLP:DMP between 5 February and 19 March 2021.
- 1.4 It has been necessary to update some of the Publication SLP:DMP assessments and supporting documents to enable the impacts of the proposed modifications to be considered. Addendums to various assessments have therefore been published alongside the Publication SLP:DMP Proposed Modifications Addendum. It is not considered necessary to update the following documents at this stage and a brief explanation as to the reasons for this is provided below:
 - Consultation Statement
 - Planning Advisory Service Self-Assessment Toolkits
 - Infrastructure Delivery Plan

2. Consultation Statement

- 2.1 At this stage, the city council is publishing the Publication SLP:DMP Proposed Modifications Addendum for consultation on the same basis as the regulation 19 consultation¹ that was undertaken on the Publication SLP:DMP

¹ The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

between January and March 2020. This approach reflects the advice contained in paragraph 1.5 of the Planning Inspectorate Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations (November 2020).

- 2.2 Regulation 19 requires that: *'Before submitting a local plan to the Secretary of State under section 20 of the Act, the local planning authority must (a) make a copy of each of the proposed submission documents and a statement of the representations procedure available in accordance with regulation 35.'* The 'proposed submission documents' include a statement which sets out which bodies and persons were invited to make representations during the preparation of a local plan (under regulation 18), how they were invited to make representations, a summary of the main issues raised by those representations and how those main issues have been addressed. A [Consultation Statement](#) was published alongside the Publication SLP:DMP in January 2020 in order to meet this requirement and it is not necessary to publish a further statement at this stage.
- 2.3 It is anticipated that the Publication SLP:DMP Proposed Modifications Addendum and supporting assessments/background documents will be submitted to the Secretary of State in June 2021. Regulation 22 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 identifies the documents to be submitted to the Secretary of State which includes *'a statement setting out: (v) if representations were made pursuant to regulation 20, the number of representations made and a summary of the main issues raised in those representations; and (vi) if no representations were made in regulation 20, that no such representations were made.'* A consultation statement to meet the requirements of regulation 22 will be published when the Publication SLP:DMP is submitted to the Secretary of State. This will cover the two stages where representations were invited on the Publication SLP:DMP (i.e. January to March 2020 and February to March 2021).
- 2.4 Paragraph 3.49 of the city council's [Statement of Community Involvement](#) (October 2020) (SCI) explains how the council will deal with representations: *'Following each formal stage of consultation, a schedule of responses will be produced and this will be published at the next stage of the document's production. This schedule of responses will outline the council's response to the key issues raised in the representations received. It will set out how the document has been changed to reflect the comments received, or where no change has been made, the reasons for this. The schedule of responses will be reported to the elected member(s) for approval prior to its publication.'* In order to meet the requirements of the SCI, the following documents have been published alongside the Proposed Modifications Addendum:
- Schedule of representations to the Publication SLP:DMP (plan order and respondent ID order)
 - A statement of the key issues raised in the representations and the city council's response to these issues.
- 2.5 The above documents along with the other supporting background documents are to be reported to the city council's Council and Cabinet to

respectively note and approve in January 2021. Subject to the necessary approvals being secured, these documents will be published and submitted to the Secretary of State later in 2021.

3. Planning Advisory Service Self-Assessment Toolkits

1.1 The following Planning Advisory Service Self-Assessment Toolkits were published alongside the Publication SLP: DMP in January 2020, with the purpose of these toolkits being to determine whether the plan meets the legal process and tests of soundness requirements:

- Local plan form and content checklist (part 2)
- Local plan process checklist (part 3)
- Local plan soundness and quality assessment (part 4)

1.2 It is not considered that the conclusions drawn in part 2 will change as a result of the Proposed Modifications Addendum. Part 3 has been completed to detail how the requirements have been met up to an including stage E 'developing the submission' and can be updated for the independent examination of the Publication SLP: DMP to detail how the process requirements of the publication and submission stages have been met. Whilst some of the details in part 4 could be updated, the vast majority of the assessment is considered to remain relevant and the scores identified within it are unlikely to change. This assessment can be updated for the independent examination of the Publication SLP:DMP if considered necessary.

4. Infrastructure Delivery Plan

4.1 The infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) was published alongside the Publication SLP:DMP in January 2020. It outlines the ways in which infrastructure providers plan to meet future demands, identifies how the plan policies can assist in this process and details the existing commitments and proposals relating to key infrastructure. Whilst some details within the IDP could be updated, the vast majority of the IDP and the conclusions drawn within it are considered to remain relevant and it is not considered that the Proposed Modifications Addendum necessitate its amendment. The IDP can be updated for the independent examination of the Publication SLP:DMP if considered necessary.