



The Civil Society covenant states that Government and Councils must “provide opportunities for people to be involved in decisions and activities that affect their lives”, “represent the interests of the people they have been established to support”, “ensure all relevant groups are involved in policy-making” and “work together with society to build a healthy democracy and to champion democratic participation”.

Please could you outline:

1. How you have involved Astley and Boothstown residents in the decision to repurpose this land.
2. How you are representing the interests of people living in Astley and Boothstown.
3. How you have acted on the feedback you have received from people living in Astley and Boothstown.
4. How you have kept local people informed of developments, from consultation stage up to the present time.

At all stages of the Local Plan's preparation to date, Wigan Council has undertaken engagement and consultation in accordance with legislation and its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). As part of the consultation on the Initial Draft Local Plan, the consultation was widely publicised and a consultation event was held at Tyldesley Rugby Club to enable residents to discuss proposals with planners.

All representations received on the Initial Draft Local Plan, including all comments received on Policy J5 Bridgewater West, are currently being considered by the council and will inform the publication version of the Local Plan.

As stated above, the feedback received from Astley and Boothstown residents is being considered and will inform the publication version of the Local Plan.

As stated in response to Q1 above, the council is undertaking engagement and consultation in accordance with legislation and its Statement of Community Involvement. Prior to consultation on the Publication version of the Local Plan, the Council will notify residents on the council's consultation database and those who have submitted comments at earlier stages of the plan's preparation to invite comments prior to the plan's submission to the Government for examination.