



## **Request**

I have raised this question in an email to Wigan Council Leaders and Planning Team and have received in response a short reply that does not attempt to answer the question. This is now a Freedom of Information Request.

Please advise:

1. How you are complying with NPPF paragraphs 162-181 in relation to proposals for the site "Bridgewater West."
2. How you plan to mitigate flood risk on the site "Bridgewater West" and in surrounding residential areas.
3. What flood risk assessments have been carried out on or around this site and outcomes (please provide links).
4. Why this site is being considered over others with a lower flood risk.
5. How you plan to support residents currently at risk and/or experiencing flooding in Astley and Boothstown.

## **Response**

We appreciate that you are concerned about the potential development at the 'Bridgewater West' site, which was included in a consultation on a draft of Wigan's new Local Plan earlier in the year.

At this point, the Council is still considering the representations that were made, and in due course there will be a full report to our Cabinet on the outcome of the consultation and the next steps. In view of this, we hope you will appreciate that the council cannot pre-empt that process by opening up a detailed discussion about what the next iteration of the plan may or may not say. All submitted comments received on the initial draft of the Local Plan while the formal consultation was under way are being taken fully into account.

The exception being applied is Regulation 12(4)(d) where a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that "the request relates to material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data."

We are sorry we can't give you more specific answers on the points raised at this stage.