



I am writing to make a request for information under the FOI Act 2000 regarding a planned housing development on land near the old Turner Brothers site in Hindley Green. I understand there is an old asbestos dump located on the land at the back of this proposed development site.

I would like to receive all relevant information held by the council about this specific proposed or approved housing development, including (but not limited to):

In responding to this FOI, the Council has taken the 'planned housing development' to be in relation to the development proposed under the yet to be determined planning application reference 'A/18/85784/OUTMAJ', that being an Outline planning application for all matters reserved except for the principal means of access proposing the demolition of certain existing buildings and a residential-led mixed-use development (Use Classes C2 and C3), a local centre including retail, employment and community uses (Use Classes E and Sui Generis), a two-form entry primary school (Use Class F), green infrastructure, and associated infrastructure, at land to the south of Hindley between Leigh Road (A578) and Liverpool Road (A58), Hindley.

1. The exact location and boundaries of the land earmarked for housing (near the old Turner Brothers site).
2. Any planning application(s) submitted, pending, or approved for this site (including reference numbers, dates, and decision outcomes).
3. Proposed number of houses, affordable housing provisions, and site/design plans.
4. Planning policies or local plan allocations applying to this development.

In response to questions 1,2 and 3:

This FOI is in relation to the red line boundary under planning application 'A/18/85784/OUTMAJ', which does not include the former Asbestos Works site associated with the Hindley Green Business Park or any land associated with the former Asbestos Works.

Information relating to the application 'A/18/85784/OUTMAJ', including the information requested, is accessible via the Council's website at the following link. Please utilise the search function available on this webpage accordingly:

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Support and guidance on how to search the information the Council holds on this section of its website is available on the above webpage, but is also provided in the accompanying 'Public Access User Guide' PDF document and via the link to the relevant page on the Council's website below:

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Question 4 – The application will be assessed in accordance with the adopted Development Plan for Wigan Borough, together with all other relevant material planning considerations, the latter including national planning policy objectives within the National Planning Policy Framework (planning legislation).

You can view the Council's planning policies and guidance, as well as the interactive policies map showing site allocations, at the following links respectively:

Planning policies and guidance

Development Plan

You can view the National Planning Policy Framework online at the following link:

National Planning Policy Framework - GOV.UK

Further information on the planning system and how applications are determined can be found on the Government's webpage at the following link:

Plain English guide to the planning system - GOV.UK

In addition, please refer to the revised Planning Statement submitted as part of the refreshed planning application (reference A/18/85784/OUTMAJ), which sets out how the proposal seeks to comply with relevant policies.

Details of the application and associated documents can be accessed via the Council's website using the applications' reference:

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Question 5 – The application has recently been publicised in accordance with the Council's Code of publicity for planning applications, the latter available to view on the Council's website at Publicity-for-planning-applications.pdf, and in accordance with statutory requirements, including the EIA Regulations 2017 under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR), which included letters to neighbouring properties and the posting of site and press notices.

Following the receipt of additional information on the application, the Local Planning Authority has undertaken a further round of publicity. This consultation period requests that comments be submitted by 30th January 2026. Please note that comments can still be submitted after this date and up until the application is determined. However, to ensure your views are considered before a decision is made, we recommend submitting comments by the date specified in the Council's consultation material.

In regard to the consultation undertaken by the Applicant please refer to the information contained in the refreshed planning application reference 'A/18/85784/OUTMAJ', including the statement of community involvement, this is accessible via the Council's website at the following link. Please utilise the search function available on this webpage accordingly:

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6. Construction timescales (proposed start/finish dates).
7. Information about the old asbestos dump at the back of the site, including:
 - a. Confirmation of its location and size.
 - b. Any environmental assessments, asbestos surveys, or risk assessments carried out on the dump or the surrounding land.
 - c. Details of any remediation plans for the asbestos dump, or how it has been considered in the housing development proposal.
 - d. Whether the dump poses a documented risk to the proposed housing or local residents.
8. Copies of any environmental impact assessments, flood risk assessments, or other technical reports related to the development or the asbestos dump.

Question 6 – Proposed Construction timescales and phasing of development can be viewed as part of the refreshed planning application 'A/18/85784/OUTMAJ' within the revised Planning Statement, Section 4 and the new Environmental Statement: Chapter 6 (The Works) and the associated Non-Technical Summary.

Question 7 - This FOI is in relation to the red line boundary under planning application reference 'A/18/85784/OUTMAJ', which does not include the former Asbestos Works site associated with the Hindley Green Business Park or any land associated with the former Asbestos Works, for development purposes.

The Environment Agency may hold additional information in regard to the questions being posed. You would need to request details, if any, from the Environment Agency directly in this respect.

Question 8 please refer to the information contained in the refreshed planning application reference 'A/18/85784/OUTMAJ', for the development proposed only, including the full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) this is accessible via the Council's website at the following link. Please utilise the search function available on this webpage accordingly:

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