



REQUEST 19416

Please treat this as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am requesting recorded information held by Wigan Council relating to its participation in, response to, and internal handling of the public consultation and adoption process for the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and its successor, Places for Everyone. Please provide records covering the period 1 January 2016 to present.

Please provide the following:

1. Internal Concerns or Assessments About the Consultation

- a. Internal emails, memos, reports, or assessments discussing the adequacy, reach, or effectiveness of public communication and consultation on GMSF / Places for Everyone. None
- b. Any internal concerns raised about low public awareness, fairness of the process, or democratic legitimacy. None

2. Impact on Wigan's Local Planning and Democratic Processes

- a. Documents or correspondence discussing how Places for Everyone may override, constrain or weaken Wigan's local planning powers. None
- b. Reports or advice to senior officers, cabinet members, or councillors about impacts on local decision making, local development frameworks or residents' ability to influence planning outcomes. All reports to Cabinet and Council on the GMSF / PfE Plan can be viewed on the Wigan Council website at: [Meetings, agendas, and minutes](#).

3. Handling of Public Objections

- a. The methodology used by Wigan Council to categorise, analyse or summarise resident objections submitted during the consultation. The consultation process was organised and administered by the GMCA.
- b. Any reports summarising how objections from Wigan residents were considered, responded to, or incorporated into the council's position. Statements of Consultation were prepared at each stage of plan preparation and can be viewed on the GMCA website via: [PfE Previous Stages - Greater Manchester Combined Authority](#)

RESPONSE

4. Correspondence With GMCA

- a. Emails, letters or briefings exchanged between Wigan Council and GMCA relating to consultation quality, public engagement, criticisms, or reputational issues. None
- b. Correspondence discussing concerns about the process or potential public dissatisfaction. None

5. Communications Strategy and Public Information

- a. Any communications plans or strategies prepared by Wigan Council relating to informing local residents about the GMSF / Places for Everyone consultation. None. This was prepared by the GMCA.
- b. Records of budget spent or resources allocated by Wigan Council for public engagement on the matter. No records / within normal resources.