Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan

Index of community and stakeholder engagement and cooperation under the Duty to co-operate – Issues for the Plan and preparation of the Initial Draft Plan, including the evidence base, August 2013 – September 2015

This index links to the Statement of Community Involvement and records **who** has been involved, **when** and **how** they have been involved.

Date / Time (when)	Event / Activity (what/how)	Groups involved (who) (see key)	Brief description	Summary of response received and date
25 Oct 2013 – 11 Dec 2013	Commencing preparation of the Allocations and Development Management Local Plan: Online and paper survey	All groups	A short survey asking people what they think the Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan ought to contain and what the key issues for us to address are – see Appendix 1	Responses received during the consultation period are summarised in the Launch and Issues Consultation Report – see Appendix 2 .
28 Oct 2013	Commencing preparation of the Allocations and Development Management Local Plan: Letters and emails	All groups	Letters and emails to all consultees who commented on the Local Plan Core Strategy or otherwise are on our consultation database informing them of the launch of the Allocations Plan and the consultation period, with a link to the survey (in the emails) and details of how to comment. The letter also detailed the key issues for the plan – see Appendices 2A/2B	Responses received during the consultation period are summarised in the Launch and Issues Consultation Report – see Appendix 2 .
12 Oct 2013 – 18 Oct 2013	Open Space Study: <i>Residents' Survey</i> Online, paper and face to face survey advertised in the press, online and via social media	The general public	A survey to assess local needs and attitudes towards open space and sporting provision locally to inform the update of the Open Space Sport and Recreation (OSSR) Assessment – see Appendix 3A	912 responses received. Details of the consultation methodology are set out in the Consultation Statement and findings set out in OSSR Assessment report – see Appendix 3 .
	Open Space Study - Online, paper and targeted telephone surveys	General	Six surveys running simultaneously to assess local	Details of consultation methodology set out in Consultation Statement accompanying OSSR Assessment and findings set out in OSSR Assessment report – see Appendix 3 .
30 Jan 2014 – 01 June 2014	Greenspaces Stakeholders	consultation	needs and attitudes towards different types of open space and sport provision locally to inform the update	14 responses received
	Open Space Survey	bodies	of the Open Space Sport and Recreation (OSSR) Assessment – see Appendix 3B	42 responses received
	Bowls Survey			8 responses received
	Pitch Sports Survey			65 responses received
	Tennis Survey			5 responses received
	Leagues Survey			4 responses received

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31 Jan 2014 - ongoing	SHLAA and Allocations Plan: Call for Sites exercise, on web and by email	Landowners, developers and agents	150 stakeholders, including landowners, housebuilders, agents and other key figures in the development industry, were invited to submit site suggestions for new housing development – see Appendix 4	As at 1 October 2015, 69 site suggestions have been submitted from various landowners and developers. These are set out with the council's response in Appendix F of the 2015 SHLAA update – see Appendix 4A .
14 Feb 2014 (subsequently on 08 May 2014)	Potential housing sites: Email to United Utilities	Specific consultation body	Email requesting their assessment of the implication of development at various potential housing sites on water and wastewater infrastructure capacity – see Appendix 5	No objection in principle. However, UU state that more detailed consultation will be required on some sites to confirm this position. Also, early engagement between developers and United Utilities will be required on many sites prior to development – see Appendix 5A . Site specific assessment received on 5 th June 2014 relating to 38 sites (all with a capacity of 40+ homes) – see Appendix 5B .
14 Feb 2014 (subsequently on 08 May 2014 and 11 Dec 2014)	Potential housing sites: Email to Electricity North West.	Specific consultation body	Email requesting their assessment of the implication of development at various sites on electricity infrastructure capacity.	Holding response received from ENW, issues still outstanding.
14 Feb 2014 (subsequently on 08 May 2014)	Potential housing sites: Email to National Grid.	Specific consultation body	Email requesting their assessment of the implication of development at various sites on gas infrastructure capacity – see Appendix 6	Response received from AMEC (on behalf of National Grid) on 26 February 2014. – see Appendix 6A . Local growth and development would not have a significant effect upon the strategic electricity or gas transmission network and additional growth would be unlikely to result in any capacity issues for the transmission networks. The existing transmission networks are likely to have the capacity to cope with additional demand.
20 Feb 2014	Duty to Cooperate: Letters and emails	DtC prescribed bodies	Letters and emails sent seeking agreement on strategic cross-boundary issues and agreement to cooperate with us – see Appendix 7 .	15 Responses received up to end of March 2014. No major disagreement with strategic issues identified but some modified to reflect comments received, particularly cross boundary transport implications of potential allocations - see Appendix 7A

Date / Time (when)	Event / Activity (what/how)	Groups involved (who) (see key)	Brief description	Summary of response received and date
24 Feb 2014 – 04 Apr 2014	Employment Land Review and Allocations Plan: Call for Commercial Sites exercise, on web and by email	Landowners, developers and agents	121 stakeholders, including landowners, developers, agents and other key figures in the development industry, were invited to submit site suggestions for new commercial development – see form in Appendix 8	 4 representations received and considered in the preparation of the draft plan. These are summarised below: Savilles suggesting Parsonage, Leigh (site not allocated in draft plan) Himor suggesting Saddle Hill Farm, Standish (not allocated for development – Green Belt) Himor suggesting Barrowcroft, Standish (part allocated as Housing Site / part Safeguarded Land) Timetoken suggesting Millingford Industrial Estate, Bridge Street, Golborne (site allocated as Employment Area - Policy EM2) See Appendix 8A
16 May 2014	Duty to Cooperate: Discussion with Bolton Council (Simon Godley)	Neighbouring council / DtC prescribed body	Discussion regarding Bolton's approach to employment land, air quality management areas and traffic modelling.	Understanding of Bolton's approach and position on key issues, including an update on major sites at Cutacre and the former Horwich Locomotive Works.
20 May 2014	Duty to Cooperate: Meeting with Salford Council (Jimmy McManus)	Neighbouring council / DtC prescribed body	Discussion re Employment Land requirements and potential cross boundary issues.	Discussed Salford's approach / GM position on employment land and future work as part of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.
16 June 2015 –15 July 2015	Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2015 update: online and by email	Specific consultation bodies, general consultation bodies, landowners, developers and agents	150 stakeholders including landowners, housebuilders, agents and other key figures in the development industry were contacted via email to invite them to comment – see Appendix 9	Responses were received from 7 stakeholders – see Consultation Report for summary of responses and Council response – see Appendix 9A
18 Aug 2014	Duty to cooperate: Meeting with St Helen's planners	Neighbouring council / DtC prescribed body	Meeting to scope out duty to cooperate issues between the two councils.	A full range of cross boundary issues were discussed, the most notable being the significance of junction 24 of the M6 for access to a large part of Haydock Industrial Estate in St Helens.
04 Aug 2014 – 08 Sept 2014 (subsequently	Sustainability Appraisal scoping report: Online and by email to United	Specific consultation bodies	Consultation on the scoping report for the Sustainability Appraisal (now Integrated Assessment) of the Initial Draft Allocations Plan, sent out to	Responses received from all bodies but no comments made on content – see Appendix 10A

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20 Oct 2014 – 24 Nov 2014)	Utilities, Natural England, Historic England and Environment Agency.		statutory consultees with environmental responsibilities for comments – see Appendix 10	
28 Jan 15	Greater Manchester Wetland Partnership – Planning subgroup meeting.	General consultation bodies	Consultation on draft Wildlife Corridors policy and discussion regarding the approach to mapping.	Positive feedback given at the meeting regarding the approach being taken.
31 July 2015	Letters to landowners of sites proposed as housing land allocations	Landowners, developers and agents	Letters sent to all landowners of sites proposed as housing allocations in the Initial Draft of the Plan, seeking their intentions for the site and encouraging engagement – see Appendix 11	Responses from some landowners but not all, some supporting the inclusion of their land in the Plan.
20 July 2015 – 17 Aug 2015	Draft Employment Land Review 2015: online and by email.	Specific consultation bodies, general consultation bodies and landowners developers and agents	263 groups were contacted to invite them to comment on the draft Employment Land Review – see Appendix 12	16 responses were received, mostly from land agents promoting specific employment sites – see Appendix 12A .
23 July 2015 – 20 Aug 2015	Open Space Study: Emails	General consultation bodies	Draft open space, sport and recreation needs and provision assessment circulated internally to key stakeholders for comment prior to publication – see Appendix 13	Responses received regarding site assessments and future recommendations, discussed in meetings with key stakeholders and report amended following feedback – see Appendix 13A
25 Aug 15	Email to Environment Agency regarding flood storage areas.	Specific consultation bodies	Consultation on the draft flood storage areas policy and the allocated area – see Appendix 14	Response received supporting the policy and confirming the extent of existing flood storage area at Lilford Basin – see Appendix 14A
01 Sept 2015 – 06 Oct 2015	Email to United Utilities, Natural England, Historic England, and Environment Agency to consult on Integrated Assessment scoping report	Specific consultation bodies	5 week consultation on the amended Integrated Assessment of the Initial Draft Allocations Plan scoping report sent out to statutory consultees with environmental responsibilities for comments – see Appendix 15 Subsequent email sent on 30 Sept 2015 with slight amendment to consultation draft – see Appendix 15A	Responses received from all bodies but no comments made on content.

Key: Groups involved (who)

Specific consultation bodies: these are organisations specified by law for consultation as appropriate, including those responsible for services, utilities and infrastructure provision, Parish Councils in and adjacent to the borough, adjoining councils and Government departments.

General consultation bodies: these are community and voluntary bodies with an interest in the borough and bodies that represent different racial, ethnic, national or religious groups, disabled persons or persons carrying on business in the borough.

Elected representatives: this includes local councillors, Members of Parliament and Members of the European Parliament.

The general public: this includes people who live in, work in or visit the borough or have another interest in the borough.

Landowners, developers and agents: these are people or organisations that have a direct interest in future development and have a major role to play in providing the facilities and services the borough needs.

Duty to co-operate prescribed bodies: these include neighbouring councils and other prescribed bodies as set out in law, many of whom are also specific consultation bodies.

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Appendix 1 – Screen shot of Allocations Plan Launch survey

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Appendix 2 – Extract from Allocations Plan Launch and Issues Consultation Report

Also available at: <u>http://www.wigan.gov.uk/Docs/PDF/Council/Strategies-Plans-and-</u> Policies/Planning/Allocations-plan/Consultation-Report.pdf

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This statement sets out details of the consultation that has taken place to inform the commencement of the Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan. The consultation was carried out in compliance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012. The regulation requires us to:
 - Notify those specified in the regulations of the subject of the local plan; and
 - Invite them to make representations about what the local plan ought to contain.
- 1.2. Our Statement of Community Involvement (August 2013) sets out who we will involve and how this will be done when preparing a Local Plan. It can be viewed on the council's website.
- 1.3. The Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan needs to be prepared within the framework set by the Local Plan Core Strategy which was adopted in September 2013, unless evidence suggests otherwise. The Core Strategy is the strategic plan for the borough and the Allocations and Development Management Local Plan will provide the detailed planning policy and land allocations to complement that strategy.
- 1.4. This report sets out the responses we received to the consultation exercise undertaken. which gave members of the public, groups, organisations and other interested parties the opportunity to tell us what they thought the Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan ought to contain and what the key issues are for us to address.

2. Who we consulted, when and how

- 2.1. Engagement is carried out in accordance with our Statement of Community Involvement, adopted in August 2013.
- 2.2. In order to commence the process we identified the key issues we believed the Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan should address. These were:
 - The need to focus development primarily on Wigan, Ince, Hindley, Platt Bridge, Leigh, Atherton, Tyldesley and Astley and also Golborne, Lowton and Standish
 - The need to capitalise on the borough's strategic location at the heart of the North West
 - The need to allocate land for around 15,000 new homes, with an appropriate mix of house types, sizes, tenures and affordability, to ensure that people have somewhere to live
 - The need to allocate around 200 hectares of land for businesses to safeguard jobs and help create new jobs
 - The need to help Wigan, Leigh, Ashton and our other town and local centres provide what people want
 - The need to deliver strategic transport infrastructure interventions to make it easier for people and business to access what they need
 - The need to help deliver other infrastructure improvements to support development including education, health, energy, water, and green space
 - The need to make it easier to walk and cycle and enable opportunities for leisure and sport, to help people live healthier lifestyles
 - We need to improve the design and landscaping of new buildings and places, conserve the best of the past and improve the natural environment including Greenheart to help make the borough a more pleasant place to live in and work
 - The need to protect the Green Belt
 - The need to help people adapt to climate change, use less energy and make less waste in order to live more sustainable lives.
- 2.3. We consulted the following people and bodies:

- Specific consultation bodies including the Coal Authority, the Environment Agency, English Heritage, the Canal and Rivers Trust, Natural England, Network Rail, the Highways Agency, adjoining local authorities, the Primary care Trust, the Homes and Communities Agency and the relevant gas, sewerage and water undertakers.
- General consultation bodies including those representing voluntary groups, racial, ethnic or national groups, religious groups, disabled persons and those representing businesses in the area.
- Those with which we had a duty to co-operate, as specified in the regulations.
- Those who had been engaged in the preparation of the Core Strategy.
- Those who had been engaged in the preparation of the Wigan Central Area Action Plan, which is being incorporated into the work on this plan.
- 2.4. The consultation ran for 6 weeks from Wednesday 30 October to Wednesday 11 December 2013. Letters and/or emails were sent out to inform residents and stakeholders of the consultation and a press release was issued to publicise the process.
- 2.5. A dedicated web page was set up to provide information and included a link to the online consultation portal which had a short survey questionnaire to elicit responses.

3. Comments received and our responses

- 3.1. A list of all those who submitted representations is given at Appendix 1. A breakdown of our responses to the issues raised during consultations is set out in separate appendices attached to this Consultation Report, as listed in the contents page. Each appendix is headed by one of the 11 key issues that we identified, to which the comments within relate. In addition, there are 2 further appendices dealing respectively with other comments received and those from neighbouring and other Greater Manchester councils.
- 3.2. The majority of responses received relate to housing, transport and infrastructure capacity issues.
- 3.3. A significant number of the responses have raised concerns over the level of housing proposed in the borough, particularly the appropriateness of large scale development in specific areas, notably at Standish, Golborne and Lowton, Atherton and Bryn. The impact of new housing on traffic and local infrastructure including schools, health facilities and open space were common themes raised, many citing a need to resolve existing infrastructure issues before new development is considered.
- 3.4. Other key issues raised include the need to protect and enhance accessibility to the borough's green spaces; focusing new development on previously developed sites; and the need to improve our town and local centres.

4. What happens next?

- 4.1. All the representations received have been considered and any suggestions or proposals judged to have merit will be used to inform the on-going process of plan preparation.
- 4.2. The next stage of preparing the plan is the options and preferred approaches stage. This will consider what the options are for addressing the identified issues in terms of site allocations and development management policies, and what the council's preferred approach or approaches are to resolving these issues. This stage will be the subject of a further consultation exercise so as to proactively engage with a wide section of the community. This will ensure that, as far as possible, it reflects a collective vision and agreed priorities for the sustainable development of the area.

Appendix 2A - Email invitation to consultees for Allocations Plan survey

Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan

I am emailing you as you have been involved with the Wigan Local Plan Core Strategy that the council adopted on 11 September 2013 or are likely to have an interest in such matters.

We are now launching work on the detailed planning policy and land allocations plan to be prepared within the framework set by the Core Strategy. It will be called the Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan.

At this early stage we are inviting you to tell us what you think this plan ought to contain and what the key issues for it to address are – please see below. There is an online survey linked from the plan webpage at <u>www.wigan.gov.uk/allocationsplan</u>. Alternatively you can reply to this email. Please submit your comments by Wednesday 11 December 2013.

There will be 2 full consultation stages in the preparation of this plan, scheduled for mid 2014 and early 2015. Adoption of the plan is scheduled for early 2016.

If you would like to speak to a member of the planning policy team about this plan please telephone 01942 489223 or 489224 or 489226.

Alternatively, if you do not want us to contact you again, please let us know in a reply to this email.

Yours sincerely

Martin Stuart Principal Planning Officer

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Appendix 2B – Letter invitation to consultees for Allocation Plan survey

Our reference: Your reference: Please ask for: Extension: Direct line: Date:

As postmark

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Appendix 3 – Consultation Report for OSSR 2015

Consultation Report for Open Space, Sport, and Recreation Study

The aim of the consultation was to collect information on the attitudes of the local community to open space, sport, and recreational facilities in the borough. In addition it was to find out from the main user groups of open space their views on the quality, value, accessibility and management of sites that they use.

Wigan Residents Survey

The resident's survey was conducted from 12 September 2013 to 18 October 2013. It was advertised by a press release, articles in Borough Life, posters, and emails to known community groups. The survey was also marketed to Council staff on the intranet. In addition, consultation events where carried out at Wigan Bus Station, Leigh Bus Station, Wigan Youth Zone and Wigan and Leigh College campuses. A total of 912 responses were received.

Wigan Borough has been divided into analysis areas reflecting the former township areas. These have been adopted to create a more localised assessment of provision and for examination of open space/ facility surplus and deficiencies at the local level.

54% of respondents are female and 42 are male. The age range is broken down as:

•	Under 18	58 (6%)
٠	18-24	288 (32%)
٠	25-44	364 (40%)
٠	45-64	121 (13%)
٠	65+	51 (6%)
٠	Not given	30 (3%)

When asked which of the open spaces, sports and recreational facilities in Wigan Borough people had visited in the last 12 months the results were as follows:



The most commonly visited typologies were parks (14.6%) and footpaths (14.6%). The borough is well served with parks with over 57 in the Borough. The least visited were allotments (2.1%) and play areas for teenagers (2.4%) and less than 1% said they did not visit any open space at all. This suggests a lack of provision for these typologies. Wigan Councils Allotment Strategy highlighted that Wigan had 4.9 allotments per 1000 household and is the equal lowest ratio across AGMA. The low visiting numbers for teenage play facilities could be attributed to the fact that only 6% of people surveyed were under 18.



The graph below summaries how often people visit open space:

The most frequented open space is teenage play facilities with over 76% visiting at least once a week. Over 58% visited nature areas at least once a week. The Borough has a good supply of natural spaces with the Green Heart project at the centre of this. Over 68% of people did not comment on visiting allotments. This suggests that a large proportion of respondents do not visit allotments. 44% only visited churchyards or cemeteries less than once a month. This is consistent with the types of visits you expect to see at a churchyard.



People visit open space for a range of reasons. These are summarised in the graph below:

The most popular reasons for visiting open space were to get some fresh air (11.6%), to do general exercise (10.5%), and to relax (10.1%). The least popular reason was as part of a recommended exercise regime.



The most common reasons preventing people from using open space are dog fouling (13.7%) and poor toilet facilities (11.9%). Less than 3% of people stated that there were no convenient accessible facilities, suggested that the number of open space facilities in the borough are meeting the needs of residents. However it is the management and maintenance of these spaces that prevent people from visiting.

Туроlоду	Very poor	Poor	Average	Good	Very good	Don't Know
Allotments	19.60%	18.75%	12.78%	7.39%	2.56%	38.92%
Churchyards	1.77%	3.94%	30.84%	35.05%	15.90%	12.50%
Civic Space	5.89%	11.78%	35.62%	25.39%	8.70%	12.62%
Footpath	5.31%	11.38%	27.31%	31.10%	20.10%	4.80%
Grassed area on housing estate	6.35%	14.36%	29.28%	21.55%	7.04%	21.41%
Nature Area	3.75%	7.89%	20.05%	31.18%	30.79%	6.34%
Park	5.71%	10.81%	23.48%	35.65%	20.99%	3.35%
Play Area	6.67%	11.37%	24.71%	32.42%	15.42%	9.41%
Play area for teenagers	19.80%	21.83%	16.01%	12.37%	5.53%	24.45%
Outdoor Sport Facilities	10.64%	13.92%	23.74%	27.01%	12.01%	12.69%
Sport/Leisure	9.47%	8.25%	25.44%	27.74%	19.49%	9.61%

The below table rates the availability of each typology:

Nature Areas have the highest availability with over 61% rating this as good or above. It is clear that the Green Heart regional park and other large nature areas such as Pennington Flash provide a good quality provision for the borough. Over 55% also rated the availability of parks as good or above. In contrast over 41% rated the facilities for teenagers as poor or below and 38% said the same about allotments. This follows the pattern that there is a perceived lack of provision in these facilities.

The below table rates the quality of each typology:

Туроlоду	Average	Don't Know	Good	Poor	Very good	Very poor
Allotments	15.35%	55.38%	6.80%	9.49%	2.85%	10.13%
Churchyards	28.83%	19.58%	33.54%	5.01%	11.38%	1.67%
Civic Space	33.49%	18.15%	25.35%	11.42%	6.89%	4.69%
Footpath	32.66%	5.76%	28.92%	12.09%	14.24%	6.33%
Grassed area on housing estate	33.48%	25.00%	17.27%	12.42%	5.45%	6.36%
Nature Area	18.47%	11.11%	34.34%	6.20%	26.12%	3.75%

Туроlоду	Average	Don't Know	Good	Poor	Very good	Very poor
Park	27.39%	6.18%	30.90%	12.22%	16.57%	6.74%
Play Area	25.87%	13.66%	29.51%	12.06%	11.77%	7.12%
Play area for teenagers	17.45%	29.72%	11.95%	17.61%	5.35%	17.92%
Outdoor Sport Facilities	23.18%	18.48%	25.00%	11.36%	11.21%	10.76%
Sport/Leisure	24.17%	15.41%	26.74%	5.59%	19.64%	8.46%

Consultation with Stakeholders

A survey was sent out to all relevant stakeholders and groups for the open space typologies. This included friends groups, allotment societies, charitable trusts, residents associations, partnerships and networks. The consultation differed from the residents survey as it asked specific questions about the management of sites, quality, facilities, and any issues affecting the groups and the land in which they use. The consultation provided the opportunity for stakeholders and groups to provide comments on the land and raise any issues or concerns.

19 stakeholders were contacted with a survey. 14 responses were received and this achieved a 74% return rate. Further to this 70 groups were also consulted and 39 responses were received achieving a 56% response rate.

The stakeholders included bodies such as the Lancashire Wildlife Trust (LWT), The Woodland Trust, Greenheart Partnership and Red Rose Forest. The stakeholders provided comments and one of the main issues raised is the lack of funding for the maintenance and improvements of open space. One point raised the lack of funding to improve the canal towpaths in the borough. Another point was the lack of a visitor centre at Wigan Flashes. This is currently a priority for the Green Heart Partnership and will act as a base for LWT.

Comments and issues identified from the stakeholder survey have been commented on in the relevant chapters for open space.

Consultation with Sport Clubs

In addition to the stake holder survey a questionnaire was sent out to local sports clubs for sport typologies included in the OSSR study. The survey was of a similar format to that of the stakeholders and asked questions about the quality and quantity of provision, number of teams, intentions for expansion, issues affecting the club. The response rate is set out in the table below:

Sport	Questionnaires sent	Responses	Response Rate
Football	89	22	25%
Rugby League	21	5	24%
Rugby Union	5	4	80%
Cricket	15	9	60%
Hockey	4	1	25%
Bowls	22	10	45%
Tennis	5	4	80%
Golf	7	2	29%
Total	168	57	34%

Any comments or issues raised in the survey by local sports clubs have been addressed in the relevant chapters.

Consultation with Schools

A spreadsheet was sent out to all Wigan schools to ask about their sport facilities and playing fields. 128 primary, secondary and specials schools were consulted. The response rate was low and we received feedback from only 20 schools.

One of the issues identified from the consultation with schools was that some primary schools did not have any outdoor green space on site. In addition schools with playing fields often suffered from bad drainage during the winter months.



Appendix 3A – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Residents Survey (pages 1 and 2 of 7)

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Appendix 3B – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Surveys in Objective consultation portal

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	nit this form and accompanying sheets/maps by Friday 14th March 2014.
-	efer submissions online via this consultation portal. However, you can by email or post:
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Appendix 4A – SHLAA 2015 Appendix F

Ref CFS	Owner	Agent	Site address	Site area (ha)	Our assessment	Incl. in 2015 SHLAA
4	HIMOR	Emery Planning	Land north of Rectory Lane, Standish	11.76	This site is within the broad location for new development at Standish (SHLAA0009), and has outline planning permission for 150 dwellings.	\checkmark
5	HIMOR	Emery Planning	Land at Bradley Hall Industrial Estate, Standish	5.65	The site is already identified in the SHLAA (SHLAA0135) and has outline planning permission for residential development (A/13/77974)	\checkmark
6	Peel Holdings		Land at Chaddock Lane, Astley	19	This site is within a designated Primary Employment Area and has planning permission for a business park (B1, B2, B8 uses). As a greenfield site with excellent access to the A580 within the Manchester market area, this site is considered amongst the best employment sites that the borough has to offer, notably for office and distribution uses. As such, allowing an element of residential development on the site is not supported, in the absence of sufficient evidence demonstrating non-viability.	х
7	Betafence		Land to the south of Woodhouse Lane, Wigan	4.01	The site is identified in the 2013 SHLAA update. The site is located on the fringe of a Primary Employment Area; housing development will improve the physical relationship with adjacent uses and will not result in any greater constraint on the development and use of the remaining employment area for employment uses. A planning application for residential development has been submitted and is yet to be determined.	5
8	J&A Walker Kirkless Ltd		Kirkless Industrial Estate, New Springs	11	Kirkless Industrial Estate is an existing employment area that provides a valuable home for low amenity industrial uses that would be difficult to relocate effectively. It is likely to need substantial investment to make the site developable to overcome access issues, contamination, levelling and clearance. Vehicular access is via a narrow Grade II listed canal bridge (single carriageway) and would need to be resolved as part of a development proposal. The Leeds Liverpool Canal and a Listed flight of canal locks are adjacent to the site.	х
9	Emerson Group		Land off Lurdin Lane and adjacent to 111 Chorley Road, Standish WN1 2SX	4.07	This site is included in the SHLAA (SHLAA0275). Outline planning application for 110 homes (A/14/79178) refused in October 2014, but the applicants (Jones Homes) have appealed. Appeal will be heard in July 2015. The site is included in the SHLAA with potential delivery post 2026.	<i>\</i>
10	JA&B Cowell	Axiom Regeneration	Lily Farm, Bolton Road, Ashton-in- Makerfield	10	The site is undeveloped greenfield land adjacent to South Lancashire Industrial Estate and is within a designated Primary Employment Area. Adjacent to a well-established employment area and with good accessibility to the M6 motorway at Junctions 24 and 25, the site is considered to be one of the Borough's premier employment sites. Access will be improved on completion of a new road from A49 to Bryn Road which will bypass the busy junction at Bryn Cross. This will be developed as part of the development at the broad location at Landgate (Core Strategy Policy SP4)	x
11	Mr and Mrs J. Bowling	PLANITWRIGHT	Jamesons Farm, Golborne Road, Ashton in Makerfield	4.55	The site is located in the Green Belt.	х
12	Mr and Mrs J. Bowling	PLANiTWRiGHT	Jamesons Farm, Golborne Road, Ashton in Makerfield	7.45	The site is located in the Green Belt.	х
13	Lilford 2005 Limited	Acland Bracewell Surveyors Limited	Smiths Farm, Atherton	14.97	The site is located in the Green Belt.	х
14	Tarleton Estates	Acland Bracewell Surveyors Limited	Land at Elmridge, Leigh	3.33	The site is located in the Green Belt.	х
15	Tarleton Estates	Acland Bracewell Surveyors Limited	Land at Crab Fold Farm, Atherton	11.25	The site is located in the Green Belt.	х
16	Lilford 2005 Limited	Acland Bracewell Surveyors Limited	Land at Hindleys Farm, Atherton	1.28	Brownfield site in a sustainable location. Willing landowner.	\checkmark

Ref CFS	Owner	Agent	Site address	Site area (ha)	Our assessment	Incl. in 2015 SHLAA
17	Tarleton Estates	Acland Bracewell Surveyors Limited	Land at Orchard Lane, Leigh	12.22	The site is located in the Green Belt.	x
18	Lilford 2005 Limited	Acland Bracewell Surveyors Limited	Land at Atherleigh Way, Leigh	12.73	The site is located in the Green Belt.	x
19	Lilford 2005 Limited	Acland Bracewell Surveyors Limited	Land at Parsonage Farm, Leigh	0.71	Brownfield site in an accessible and sustainable location. Willing landowner. The development of the site would contribute to regeneration in the area.	1
20	David Ishmael		Land between M58, Moor Road and Orrell Road, Orrell	8	The site is located in the Green Belt.	x
21	Wainhomes (NW) Limited		Land to the East of Meadow Brook / South of Leopold Street, Pemberton	1.9	The site is very narrow and is further constrained by the proposed M58 road link. The site is more suitable for employment uses given its nature, location adjacent to existing employment uses and future direct access to the motorway network.	x
22	Mr F Ollerton	PWA Planning	Land at Cripplegate, Standish	0.4	The site is located in the Green Belt.	х
23	Mr F Ollerton	PWA Planning	Land off Back Lane, Standish	7.5	The site is located in the Green Belt.	х
24	Mr F Ollerton	PWA Planning	Land off Back Lane, Standish (1)	0.5	The site is located in the Green Belt.	х
25	Mr F Ollerton	PWA Planning	Land off Back Lane, Standish (2)	1	The site is located in the Green Belt.	х
26	Mr F Ollerton	PWA Planning	Land off Preston Road, Standish (A49)	0.2	The site is located in the Green Belt.	х
27	Excelsior Properties	Mosaic Town Planning	Greenbank Industrial Estate, Hindley Green	1.83	Despite being unallocated in the Unitary Development Plan, the site is an established employment site with some longstanding companies. It is to be proposed as an employment allocation in the Allocations and Development Management Local Plan.	x
28	Excelsior Properties	Mosaic Town Planning	Land to rear of Woodland Avenue / Athol Crescent, Hindley Green	0.74	The site now has planning permission for residential development and is included in the SHLAA (SHLAA 0089).	1
29	Mr and Mrs N. Thomas	PLANiTWRiGHT	Land to the south west of Ainscows Farm, Bolton Rd, Aspull	36.9	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	x
30	Mr and Mrs N. Thomas	PLANiTWRiGHT	Land to the south of Ainscows Farm, Bolton Rd, Aspull (on the east side of Upper Hall Lane)	20.9	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	x
31	Peel Holdings		Land west of Boothstown	10.69	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	х
32	Seddon Homes	Indigo Planning	Land off Rowton Rise and Chorley Road, Standish, Wigan	3	This site is included in the SHLAA (SHLAA 0276) with potential delivery post 2026 (post Core Strategy plan period).	1
33	Philip England, Jacqueline Lonsdale & Susan Pye	Acland Bracewell Surveyors Limited	Land between Corner Lane and Tiverton Avenue, Leigh WN7 5PX	2.89	The site is within the North Leigh Key Strategic Site which has an outline planning permission for a comprehensive mixed-use development including in the region of 1,800 homes (A/12/76665).	1
34	Tremco Illbruck Coatings Ltd; Margery England, Philip England, Jacqueline Lonsdale & Susan Pye	Acland Bracewell Surveyors Limited	Land north of Coupland Road, Hindley Green	2.88	The site is located within a designated Primary Employment Area in the Wigan Unitary Development Plan. The Council propose to allocate the site for employment uses in the Allocations Plan to contribute to meeting employment needs in the borough to 2026.	x

Ref CFS	Owner	Agent	Site address	Site area (ha)	Our assessment	Incl. in 2015 SHLAA
35	Greenbank Partnerships	Neame Sutton Limited	Land at John Pit, Wigan Lower Road, Wigan, WN6 8LJ	19.05	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	х
36	Greenbank Partnerships	Neame Sutton Limited	Land to the north west of Gidlow Cemetery, Standish	28.61	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	х
37	Greenbank Partnerships	Neame Sutton Limited	East of Wigan Road, Landgate, Ashton-in- Makerfield, WN4 0BS	34	The site was identified in the SHLAA 2013 update (SHLAA0005). It is a broad location for new development as identified in Core Strategy Policy SP4. Outline planning application for mixed use residential-led development including 472 homes has been agreed by Planning Committee. The planning permission and Section 106 agreement are to be issued shortly.	1
38	Dunedin Property Asset Managemen t	ATP Limited	Hindley Green Business Park, Leigh Road, Hindley Green, WN2 4TN	13.9	The site is located within a designated Primary Employment Area in the Wigan Unitary Development Plan. The Council propose to retain the site for employment uses in the Allocations Plan to contribute to meeting employment needs in the borough to 2026.	х
39	Ainscough Strategic Land (Option Agreement)	NJL Consulting	Land to the south of Rectory Lane, Standish	15.27	This site is included in the SHLAA (SHLAA 0274) with potential delivery post 2026 (post Core Strategy plan period).	\checkmark
40	Argon Properties (acting for Betafence)	NJL Consulting	Betafence, Woodhouse Lane, Wigan, WN6 7NS	3.65	The site was identified in the 2013 SHLAA update. The site is located on the fringe of a Primary Employment Area; housing development will improve the physical relationship with adjacent uses and will not result in any greater constraint on the development and use of the remaining employment area for employment uses. A planning application for residential development has been submitted and is yet to be determined.	1
41	Jockey Club Racecourse s		Land north of Haydock Park Racecourse adjacent to Ashton Heath, Ashton	2.66	The site is adjacent to an established residential area and is located within close proximity to Ashton town centre. It is not in the Green Belt. There are potential access issues that would need to be resolved as part of an application.	<i>√</i>
42	Mrs Jeanette Houghton		Park Lane Farm, Wigan Road, Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan, WN4 0BY	30	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	х
43	Mrs Jeanette Houghton		Golborne Road, Wigan WN4 8XP	25	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	х
44	Mrs Jeanette Houghton		Off Lily Lane, Bamfurlong	25	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	х
45	Trustees of the Legh Estate	Dickman Associates Ltd	Land to South of Harvey Lane, Golborne	3.94	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	х
46	Redwaters		The Rendezvous, Higher Green Lane, Astley	1.8	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	х
47	Redwaters (prospective purchaser)		Land to West of Holy Family Presbytery, Chaddock Lane, Tyldesley	0.5	The site is identified in the SHLAA (SHLAA0031)	1
48	Redwaters (prospective purchaser)		Moss Bank Nursery, Hooten Lane, Leigh	4.5	The site is located on land currently safeguarded for future development. It is anticipated that the site will be allocated for residential development in the subsequent Allocations and Development Management Local Plan. On this basis, the site is included in the SHLAA (SHLAA0242).	1
50	Redwaters (prospective purchaser)		Amenity land, Inglenook Court, Leigh	0.2	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	х
51	P. Hughes		Moor Lane Farm, off Downall Green Road, Bryn, WN4 0NA		The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	х

Ref CFS	Owner	Agent	Site address	Site area (ha)	Our assessment	Incl. in 2015 SHLAA
52	Seddon Homes		Land off Rowton Rise and Chorley Road	3	This site is included in the SHLAA (SHLAA 0276) with potential delivery post 2026 (post Core Strategy plan period). Given the level of extant approvals within the Standish Broad Location, delivery of the site pre-2026 is contrary to Policies SP1 and SP4 of the Core Strategy.	1
53		Peter Brett Associates	Land at Heath Lane, Lowton		The site is included in the SHLAA (SHLAA 0269) with potential delivery post 2026 (Core Strategy plan period). Policy SP4 of the Core Strategy permits approximately 1,000 dwellings on safeguarded land within Golborne and Lowton. As at November 2015, 965 homes have been approved. Policy MS4 of the initial draft of the Allocations and Development Management Local Plan supports additional residential development in principle pre 2026 within the Golborne and Lowton broad location at Pocket Nook as part of a wider mixed use development site. This site is proposed to be safeguarded for future development post 2026.	5
54	Tremco Illbruck Coatings Ltd; Margery England, Philip England, Jacqueline Lonsdale & Susan Pye	Acland Bracewell Surveyors Limited	Land north of Coupland Road, Hindley Green	2.88	Duplicate of CFS34 The site is located within a designated Primary Employment Area in the Wigan Unitary Development Plan. The Council propose to allocate the site for employment uses in the Allocations Plan to contribute to meeting employment needs in the borough to 2026.	x
55	Bloor Homes	Peter Brett Associates	Land at Robin Hill Lane, Standish	1.6	This site is included within a larger site in the SHLAA (SHLAA 0270) with potential delivery post 2026 (post Core Strategy plan period). Given the level of extant approvals within the Standish Broad Location, delivery of the site pre-2026 is contrary to Policies SP1 and SP4 of the Core Strategy.	1
56	Ms M Bent	Steven Abbott Associates Ltd	Land at Crankwood Road, west of Quebec Street and Durban Street, Crankwood, Leigh	0.49	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	x
57	Redwaters		Land at Edale Road, Leigh, WN7 2BE	0.38	The site is within a River Byelaw 20m zone. The Wigan SFRA identifies the site within Flood Zone 3a. There are also access constraints.	х
58	Redwaters		Land off Inglenook, Leigh, WN7 2BQ	0.056	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	х
59	Brookhouse	Savills	Parsonage, Leigh	4.79	The site was identified in the 2013 SHLAA update. The site is sustainably located close to Leigh town centre, on a brownfield site in the east-west core of the borough. It has an extant outline planning permission for mixed use development including residential uses.	1
60	Longcourten Developmen ts Ltd	Emery Planning	Land at Saddle Hill Farm, Standish	11.92	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	х
61	Bloor Homes	Peter Brett Associates	Land off Pepper Lane, Standish		This site is included in the SHLAA (SHLAA 0270) with potential delivery post 2026 (post Core Strategy plan period).	1
62	Betafence	England and Lyle	Betafence, Woodhouse Lane, Wigan, WN6 7NS	4.01	The site is identified in the 2013 SHLAA update. The site is located on the fringe of a Primary Employment Area; housing development will improve the physical relationship with adjacent uses and will not result in any greater constraint on the development and use of the remaining employment area for employment uses. A planning application for residential development has been submitted and is yet to be determined.	1
63	Miss V Whitlow and a Mrs P Elliott	Peter E Gilkes	Land off Barn Lane, Golborne, WA3 3NX	3.161	The site is located in a residential area. Potential vehicular access from Barn Lane which would need to be resolved as part of the development. Willing landowner.	1
64	Trustees of the Legh Estate	Dickman Associates Ltd	Land off Edgerton Road, Lowton	5.31	The site is identified in the SHLAA 2013 update (SHLAA0049).	1
65	Trustees of the Legh Estate	Dickman Associates Ltd	Land at Park House Farm, Golborne	1.24	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	х
66		Williams Estate Management	Land at Standish Wood Lane/Roundmoor Road, Standish	5.84	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026.	х

Ref CFS	Owner	Agent	Site address	Site area (ha)	Our assessment	Incl. in 2015 SHLAA
67	Mr W Hetherington	Walsingham Planning	Land at Jolly Mill, Standish	11	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are no exceptional circumstances to override the presumption against development in the Green Belt.	х
68	Mr W Hetherington	Walsingham Planning	Land at Wigan Lower Road	21.4	The site is located in the Green Belt. There are sufficient sites outside the Green Belt to meet housing needs to 2026. In May 2015, the landowner confirmed that he would also be willing to release the land for non-residential uses such as school provision and nursing homes.	х
69	MacDonald Hotels and Resorts Ltd	Walsingham Planning	Land at Kilhey Court Hotel	0.75	The site is within an existing developed site in continuing use in the Green Belt. It is considered that the proposed residential development would have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt and the purpose of including land within it than the existing development. It is therefore contrary to paragraph 89 of the NPPF.	х

Appendix 5 – Email to United Utilities regarding impact of proposed development sites

From: Kearsley, David
Sent: 14 February 2014 15:59
To: Sherratt, David
Subject: Wigan Allocations Plan - impact on water and wastewater infrastructure capacity

Hi David,

* This email supersedes the one I sent earlier with faulty links.

As you will be aware, we are currently in the early stages of preparing an Allocations and Development Management Local Plan, which along with the Core Strategy will form part of the Wigan Local Plan. Following on from the Core Strategy, this will allocate individual sites for specific uses including housing for the period up to 2026. We are currently collecting evidence to inform the Plan and it will be helpful if you can provide us with some assistance, particularly in relation to the impact of development on **water and wastewater infrastructure capacity**.

Attached is a table taken from our <u>Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment</u> (<u>SHLAA</u>) showing the level of housing development anticipated annually in the borough for the period 2013-28. All potential housing sites which contribute to this are mapped <u>here</u>. You will see that the settlements with the most significant increases in new homes are expected to be Wigan, Leigh, Hindley and Atherton, but a number of others will also experience growth.

Please can you provide me with United Utilities' views on the implications on water and wastewater infrastructure as a result of this anticipated level of growth, particularly at a settlement level, or at a site by site level if appropriate. A response by **Friday 14 March** would be appreciated.

I am happy to meet to discuss this further if necessary.

Many thanks David

David Kearsley Principal Planning Officer (Planning Policy) Places: Economy, Waste and Infrastructure Wigan Council Planning Policy PO Box 100 Wigan WN1 3DS

Based: Wigan Life Centre (Healthy Living Zone): Click here for map/directions

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Appendix 5A – Email response from United Utilities regarding impact of proposed development sites

From: Ajaz, Sabaa
Sent: 11 July 2014 09:16
To: Kearsley, David
Cc: Howell, Steve; Harding, Amanda
Subject: RE: DC-14-805 Wigan Allocations Plan - impact on water and wastewater infrastructure capacity

David

Apologies for the delay in responding. I have consulted Steve Howell who is the wastewater catchment manager for the area. I have summarised our response to your query below.

- A high level assessment indicates sufficient capacity is available at each wastewater treatment works until 2026 to serve the growth proposed in the Local Plan. United Utilities will review / re-assess the capacity of each treatment works during each investment cycle (every five years).
- The wastewater network (i.e. sewers) should be able to accommodate the proposed growth providing every opportunity is used to keep surface water out of the network. We request that the Local Planning Authority strongly enforce the surface water hierarchy (as set out in Building Regulation H3) and request evidence from developers to justify any proposals to discharge surface water into the sewerage network (particularly into combined sewers). However, there are pinch points in the network and we are best able to understand the impact of development on our network once we have received detailed drainage strategies from developers such as how surface water will be disposed of, points of connection, extent of flows entering the system etc. We strongly recommend developers use our free pre-development enquiry service. The link to this service is below.

http://www.unitedutilities.com/builders-developers.aspx

 As you are aware, we have an LDF team within Developer Services. United Utilities is a statutory consultee on development plans. Our LDF team track all consultations, allowing us to work closely with Local Planning Authorities in producing new development plans. We will use these opportunities, particularly when evidence base documents are being updated, to keep the Local Planning Authority informed of any known changes that may impact the delivery of the plan and any new investment proposed to tackle this (subject to Ofwat approval).

I trust this is useful. Should you wish to discuss further, feel free to ring me on 01925 731378.

Kind regards

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Sabaa Ajaz MRTPI Planner Developer Services and Planning United Utilities

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Appendix 5B – Site specific assessment from United Utilities

SHLAA Sites for UU comment (May 2014)

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SHLAA Ref	Settlement Settlement	Site Address	Site Area (ha)	Estimated capacity (no. of homes)	2014-19	2019-24	2024-29	Post 2029	UU Position
0045	Leigh	Firs Lane/Plank Lane Canalside	19.27	496	275	221	0	0	No objection to principle of development, only foul discharge into the public sewer system, several large sewers and a rising main crossing the site which will require easements, detailed consultation will determine if the existing sewer network could accommodate the proposed development
0016	Wigan	Land off Montrose Avenue, Wigan	27.67	350	0	150	200	0	No objection to principle of development, foul only to public sewer system, there are large foul sewers that could possibly accommodate the development to the south and west of the site, detailed consultations would be required to confirm this.
0042	Wigan	Kirkless Industrial Estate, Cale Lane, Aspull	10.12	299	0	50	249	0	No objection to principle of development. Very little sewer infrastructure surrounding the site, the existing network would likely need upgrading to accommodate the development, again no surface water into the public sewer system
0020	Abram and Platt Bridge	Smiths Lane, Hindley Green	8.39	174	0	105	69	0	No objection to principle of development, no surface water into public sewer, large combined sewer crossing the site which will require the necessary easement but is likely to be able to accommodate the development. Detailed consultation would be required to confirm this
0024	Wigan	Wilding Street, Lower Ince	4.40	168	168	0	0	0	No objection of principle of development, no surface water into public sewer, large combined sewer and Surface Water Sewer crossing the site which will require the necessary easement but is likely to be able to accommodate the development. Detailed consultation would be required to confirm this
0019	Leigh	Land off Pennington Road, Leigh	4.68	135	0	55	80	0	Site borders Leigh WwTW will require an Odour Impact Assessment to understand the extent of 'buffer zone' require between proposed dwellings and boundaries of the sewage works. In addition there are numerous sewers crossing the site that lead to and from the treatment works that are not suitable for diversion, the site may also be noise abatement order. Detailed pre-application discussions with United Utilities required.
0052	Abram and Platt Bridge	Land at Liverpool Road, Platt Bridge	4.48	132	0	100	32	0	No objection to principle of development, foul only to public sewer system, large combined sewer along the Liverpool road boundary of the site which may be able to accommodate the site, detailed consultation required to confirm this
0047	Tyldesley	Land to north of Treen Street, Bodmin Road and Cranleigh Drive, Tyldesley	5.66	131	0	50	81	0	No objection to principle of development, some public sewers crossing the site which will require the necessary easements, a detailed consultation would be required to determine is the existing network was able to cope with the development
0039	Leigh	Land at Coal Pit Lane, Pickley Green	5.34	128	0	25	103	0	No objection to principle of development, foul only to the public sewer system, large combined sewer crossing the site which will require the necessary easement by is likely able to accommodate the development
0093	Hindley	Land at Green Lane / Alder Lane, Hindley Green	2.94	126	100	26	0	0	No objection to principle of development. The surrounding network may require some upgrading to accommodate the development; early detailed consultation between Developer and United Utilities is encouraged.

0044	Wigan	Alexandra Colliery, Wigan	4.12	124	0	50	74	0	No objection to principle of development. The only existing infrastructure is to the south of the site which may require upgrading to accommodate the proposed development. Early engagement between Developer and United Utilities is encouraged.
0078	Wigan	Former Abraham Guest High School, Orrell Road, Orrell	2.02	124	124	0	0	0	No objection to principle of development, foul only into the existing sewer network, a detailed consultation would be required to determine if the existing sewer network could accommodate the development
0107	Wigan	Land off Whitworth Way, Wigan	4.01	120	75	45	0	0	No objection to principle of development. May require more detailed consultation to determine if existing network can accommodate the proposed development
0236	Hindley	Land at Hindley Green Business Park	3.30	106	0	106	0	0	Unable to locate specific parcel of land however aware of Hindley Green Business Park. Foul only to existing sewer network and early engagement with United Utilities is encouraged.
0103	Abram and Platt Bridge	Land at Rawthey Place/Mersey Road, Platt Bridge	3.14	94	0	0	94	0	No objection to principle of development, various sewers shown to cross the site, could be from previous development but this would require further investigation, foul only into the public sewer system
0091	Wigan	Empress and Bambers Quay Industrial Estates, Anderton Street, Ince	2.73	82	50	32	0	0	No objection to principle of development. It is likely that the existing network will require upgrading to be able to cope with any additional development, foul only to the public sewer system. Early engagement with United Utilities is required.
0013	Leigh	Land opposite 150-164 Kirkhall Lane and parallel to Robertshaw St, Leigh	1.47	77	0	2	75	0	No objection to principle of development, foul only in the public sewer system
0067	Wigan	Billinge Road/Little Lane, Newtown	2.94	75	0	0	75	0	No objection to principle of development, it is likely that the existing network will require upgrading to be able to cope with any additional development, foul only to the public sewer system. Early engagement with United Utilities required.
0092	Hindley	Land at Coupland Road, Hindley Green	2.88	75	0	75	0	0	No objection to principle of development. No surface water into public sewer system, several sewers crossing the site which will require the necessary easements but will possibly be able to accommodate the development. Detailed consultation would be required to confirm this
0111	Wigan	Land at Farm Lane, New Springs	2.33	75	0	0	75	0	No objection to principle of development. Foul only into the public sewer system, the existing network may require some upgrading to accommodate any future development. Early engagement with United Utilities required.
0118	Hindley	Hindley Towns Yard, Wigan Road, Hindley	1.91	75	75	0	0	0	No objection to principle of development, foul only into the public sewer system
0033	Atherton	Victoria Mill and adjacent land, Bolton Old Road, Atherton	0.92	74	0	0	74	0	No objection to principle of development, foul only into the public sewer system
0240	Golborne and Lowton	Land off Barn Lane, Golborne	3.16	70	0	70	0	0	Not covered by Steve Howell. Awaiting response from relevant wastewater catchment manager.
0106	Abram and Platt Bridge	Land at Bolton House Road, Bickershaw	2.31	69	0	1	68	0	No objection to principle of development, foul only into the public sewer system
0099	Wigan	Former Pemberton Primary school, Norley Hall	2.25	68	30	38	0	0	No objection to principle of development.
0071	Leigh	Land at Parsonage Farm, Westleigh Lane, Leigh	2.31	60	0	0	60	0	No objection to principle of development. There are several public sewers and a Combined sewer overflow within the site boundary which will be subject to the necessary easements

0095	Wigan	Wigan Pier Quarter, Pottery Road, Wigan	0.16	60	0	60	0	0	No objection to principle of development.
0122	Wigan	Site of former bakery, off Winstanley Street, Newtown, Wigan	1.83	55	55	0	0	0	No objection to principle of development.
0023	Wigan	Leyland Mill, Wigan	1.81	54	0	54	0	0	No objection to principle of development. The nearest public sewer is some distance away on Wigan lane so the development would require some upgrading to existing infrastructure
0012	Wigan	Belle Green Industrial Estate and adjacent Iand, Belle Green Lane, Ince	1.88	51	0	0	51	0	No objection to principle of development.
0040	Leigh	Site of the former Our Lady of the Rosary RC Primary School, Heath Lane, Leigh	1.65	50	0	50	0	0	No objection to principle of development.
0017	Astley	Land to rear of 234-258 Chaddock Lane, Astley	2.35	49	0	0	49	0	No objection to principle of development.
0049	Golborne and Lowton	Land to northwest of Lowton Civic Hall, Hesketh Meadow Lane, Lowton	5.31	48	25	23	0	0	Not covered by Steve Howell. Awaiting response from relevant wastewater catchment manager.
0064	Wigan	Site of former Ince St. Mary's C of E Primary School, Derby Street, Spring View	1.61	48	0	48	0	0	No objection to principle of development.
0114	Leigh	Former Sportsman Inn and cricket ground, Twist Lane, Leigh	1.59	48	0	48	0	0	No objection to principle of development. Several public sewers cross the site which will require the necessary easements
0117	Hindley	Hindley Learning Centre, Park Road, Hindley	2.08	48	48	0	0	0	No objection to principle of development.
0068	Golborne and Lowton	Part of Newton Road Primary Employment Area, Lowton	1.48	44	0	44	0	0	Not covered by Steve Howell. Awaiting response from relevant wastewater catchment manager.
0048	Atherton	Land to west of Valentine's Road, Howe Bridge	3.10	42	0	25	17	0	No objection to principle of development. The surrounding infrastructure may require some some upgrading to accommodate the development

Appendix 6 - Email to National Grid regarding impact of proposed development sites

From: Kearsley, David
Sent: 14 February 2014 16:14
To: Stirling, Vicky
Cc: Preuss, Stefan, Holdstock, Damian
Subject: Wigan Allocations Plan - impact on gas and electricity infrastructure

Dear Vicky,

Wigan Council are currently in the early stages of preparing an Allocations and Development Management Local Plan (Allocations Plan), which along with the Core Strategy will form part of the Wigan Local Plan. The Allocations Plan will allocate individual sites for specific uses including housing for the period up to 2026. We are currently collecting evidence to inform the Plan and it will be helpful if you can provide us with some assistance, particularly in relation to the impact of future development on **gas and electricity infrastructure capacity**.

Attached is a table taken from our <u>Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment</u> (<u>SHLAA</u>)showing the level of housing development anticipated annually in the borough for the period 2013-28. All potential housing sites which contribute to this are mapped <u>here</u>. You will see that the settlements with the most significant increases in new homes are expected to be Wigan, Leigh, Hindley and Atherton, but a number of others will also experience growth.

Please can you provide me with your views on the implications on gas and electricity infrastructure as a result of this anticipated level of growth, particularly at a settlement level, or at a site by site level if appropriate. A response by **Friday 14 March** would be appreciated.

I am happy to meet to discuss this further if necessary.

Many thanks David

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Appendix 6A – Response from AMEC regarding impact of proposed development sites

From: Austin, Julian Sent: 26 February 2014 12:49 To: Kearsley, David
Cc: n.grid
Subject: RE: Wigan Allocations Plan - impact on gas and electricity infrastructure
Dear David
AMEC have been appointed by National Grid to respond to development plan consultations on its behalf.
In response to your query below, local growth and development would not have a significant effect upon the strategic electricity or gas transmission network and additional growth would be unlikely to result in any capacity issues for the transmission networks. The existing transmission networks are likely to have the capacity to cope with additional demand.
Further discussion is needed to assess the effect of future growth on local distribution networks to identify what constraints exist in the distribution network and what additional infrastructure will be needed to serve growth. It will also be necessary to liaise with local distribution suppliers to determine through what mechanism any necessary infrastructure will be delivered.
The gas distribution company in the area is National Grid distribution. The electricity distribution company in the area is Electricity North West. It will be these suppliers who should be contacted for further information regarding constraints and opportunities that the distribution network may have on growth in the area.
 Contact details for Electricity North West can be found on the Energy Networks website. www.energynetworks.org. If you require advice relating to the capacity and constraints of our local gas distribution network then information should be sought from: Network Planning National Grid Gas Distribution Block 4 Area 6 Brick Kiln Street Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 0NA North West: <u>networkplanning.nw@uk.ngrid.com</u> If you require site specific advice relating to our local gas distribution network then information should be sought from: National Grid Plant Protection National Grid, Block 1, Floor 2 Brick Kiln Street Hinckley LE10 0NA plantprotection@nationalgrid.com
May I also take this opportunity to provide our email address for any future correspondence: <u>n.grid@amec.com</u>
I trust the above is of assistance. Kind regards Julian
Julian Austin MRTPI Consultant AMEC AMEC AMEC Environment & Infrastructure UK Limited Gables House, Kenilworth Road, Learnington Spa, CV32 6JX Tel +44 (0)1926 439000

Dear Sir / Madam

Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan: Duty to Co-operate

Wigan Council has commenced preparation of an Allocations and Development Management Local Plan. This will be prepared within the framework set by the adopted Core Strategy and will provide the detailed planning policy and land allocations to achieve the vision for the borough set out in the Core Strategy

The Localism Act and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) created a duty on local planning authorities, county councils and other "Prescribed Bodies" to cooperate with each other to address strategic cross-boundary matters relevant to their areas, in the preparation of a Local Plan. I am writing to you, as the representative of one of the "Prescribed Bodies" (as set out in Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012), or as a representative of another body that may have a direct interest in the Local Plan. It is likely that we have previously liaised with you over the Wigan Core Strategy, which was adopted by the Council in September 2013 or over the Allocations and Development Management Plan itself, on which we recently carried out early consultation.

In order to initiate the necessary co-operation with the appropriate bodies therefore, we have prepared a list of potential cross-boundary strategic issues relevant to the Allocations Plan which are listed below:

Potential cross-boundary strategic issues

- 1. Identifying land to meet the need for all types of housing including any cross boundary transport implications.
- 2. Identifying land to meet the need for Traveller sites.
- 3. Identifying land to meet the need for employment sites including any cross boundary transport implications.
- 4. The need to identify a high quality strategic employment site close to the M6 motorway.
- 5. Existing and future cross-boundary commuting flows have implications for both the supply of employment sites and transport infrastructure between different parts of the region.
- 6. Retail provision and the sub-regional hierarchy of centres.
- 7. Transport infrastructure links across our boundaries. In particular, the Guided Busway and the M58 link road.
- 8. Water supply, drainage and flood risk issues frequently cross local authority boundaries. There is a need to coordinate our actions on these topics with adjoining authorities and with the Environment Agency and United Utilities.
- 9. Sporting, leisure, heath and cultural facilities are patronised on a greater than local level with implications for the levels of provision and transport linkages from/to them.
- 10. Where ecological habitats cross local authority boundaries, their protection and enhancement requires cooperation across those boundaries from all stakeholders.

Clearly, the degree to which any of these issues are or are not strategic ones with cross-boundary implications for the preparation of the Allocations Plan depends on the policies and proposals put forward in that document. At this early stage therefore I am seeking your views on what you consider to be the cross-boundary strategic issues for the plan which affect your interests and on which we need to co-operate. (Where you have raised such issues in response to our earlier consultation, they are included in the list above.)

Whilst I am happy to meet you or to have a telephone conversation at any time to discuss these matters, I am seeking to focus scarce resources at the moment on narrowing down the range of strategic issues to those which are genuinely likely to have cross-boundary implications and which require our co-operation. I would be obliged therefore if you would reply to let me know which of these potential issues you consider to be of relevance between ourselves over the preparation of this plan and whether you are prepared to enter into co-operation over them. Once the issues are finalised and agreed, I will contact you again, should it be necessary, to set up the appropriate methods for us to liaise over these issues.

Yours faithfully

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Appendix 8 – 3 of 4 Employment Sites put forward through Objective Online



Appendix 9 – Email to stakeholders regarding SHLAA 2015 Update consultation

From: Kearsley, David Sent: 16 June 2015 18:43 To: Subject: Wigan Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2015 update - Consultation

Dear all,

Wigan Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 2015 update – Consultation Document

Wigan Council has prepared a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 2015 update and is consulting on this for a 4 week period until **Wednesday 15 July 2015**. The SHLAA, which has a base date of 1 April 2015, can be viewed via this <u>link</u>. If you would like to comment on the SHLAA please <u>contact us</u> by 15 July.

We are currently inviting stakeholders to submit site suggestions for new housing development for inclusion in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. If you would like to submit a site which you deem suitable for housing development, please fill in the <u>Call for Sites Form</u> including a suitable map showing the boundary of the site. site suggestions submitted by 15 July will be considered for inclusion in the 2015 update. Sites submitted following consultation on the 2015 update will be considered for inclusion in the 2016 update.

All comments and site suggestions submitted to the Council during the consultation period will be taken into account in the preparation of the final 2015 update.

Regards

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Appendix 9A - SHLAA 2015 Update Consultation Report (page 3 of 21)

Also available at: <u>http://www.wigan.gov.uk/Docs/PDF/Council/Strategies-Plans-and-</u> Policies/Planning/Housing/SHLAA-Consultation-Report.pdf

Consultation Report

- Wigan Council undertook stakeholder consultation on its draft 2015 update of the Wigan Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment for a 4-week period from 16 June to 15 July 2015.
- A variety of key stakeholders including major housebuilders, key landowners, planning consultants and other key figures in the development industry were invited to comment. During the consultation period, comments were received from the seven representors listed in Table 1 below.

Representor	Agent:
Hargest Ltd	Mosaic Town Planning
HIMOR Group Ltd	Emery Planning
Seddon Homes and Moss Industrial Estate	Cassidy and Ashton
Tarleton Estates Ltd and Lilford 2005 Ltd	Turley
Lilford 2005 Ltd	Acland Bracewell
Amanda Higham, Susan Lilly & Jayne Hilton	Acland Bracewell
Mr J Austin	-

Table 1: Stakeholders who submitted comments

- A summary of their comments, the council's response and any resultant changes to the SHLAA are set out in Table 2.
- 4. In addition to the formal stakeholder consultation on the draft SHLAA, the assessment was discussed in detail at a conjoined public inquiry¹ in July 2015 relating to two housing proposals in Standish. The public inquiry included a round table discussion specifically on the draft SHLAA, notably those sites which were shown to contribute to the council's five year housing land supply. The appellants' comments, the council response and any resultant changes to the SHLAA are set out in Tables 3 and 4. The appellants' comments are taken directly from chapters 3 and 4 of the 'Joint Supplementary Planning Proof of Evidence on Housing Land Supply Matters (July 2015)', submitted by Morris Homes, Persimmon Homes and Jones Homes to the Public Inquiry in July 2015.
- 5. The 2014/15 net completion figure of 529 in the final version of the 2015 SHLAA is 28 homes above the 501 homes reported in the consultation draft. This reflects new information received since June 2015. The net completions are derived from Council Tax records which can be subject to delay. The 2014/15 net completions are listed in Appendix B of the final 2015 SHLAA update.

¹ Appeal: APP/V4250/W/15/3003142. Appeal by Persimmon Homes, Morris Homes and Jones Homes

Appendix 10 – Email to statutory consultees regarding SA scoping report consultation

From: Kearsley, David
Sent: 04 August 2014 12:33
To: Baguley, Janet; Gill, Stephen; Sherratt, David; Hrycan, Emily
Subject: Consultation - Wigan Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (for the Wigan Allocations Plan)
Attachments: SA Scoping Report for Wigan Allocations Plan (August 2014).pdf
Dear Sir/Madam,
We are consulting on our revised Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for the Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan for 5 weeks until 5pm on Monday 8
September - attached.
We previously consulted Natural England, Environment Agency, English Heritage and United Utilities on our original Scoping Report on 3 March 2014, but have revised the

The aim of the consultation is to:

- Ensure the sustainability appraisal is both comprehensive and robust enough to support the Wigan Allocations Plan.
- Seek advice on the completeness of the contextual review and baseline data and gain further information where appropriate.
- Seek advice on the suitability of the key sustainability issues and objectives.

We therefore welcome your comments and advice on this basis and hope that the scoping report is sufficiently robust and comprehensive to proceed.

Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

scope to make our sustainability framework more robust.

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Regards David

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Appendix 10A – Integrated Assessment Scoping Report (pages 31 and 32 of 52)

Also available at: <u>http://www.wigan.gov.uk/Docs/PDF/Council/Strategies-Plans-and-</u> Policies/Planning/Current-local-plans/SEA-Scoping-of-the-Allocations-Plan.pdf



Appendix 11 – Letters sent to land owners regarding housing allocations

Appendix 12 - Employment Land Review consultation email

From: Cass, Jan Subject: CONSULTATION ON WIGAN COUNCIL'S DRAFT EMPLOYMENT LAND REVIEW 2015 Date: Wed, 22 Jul 2015 09:05:42 +0000 To:

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Employment Land Review Update 2015

We have prepared an update of the previous Employment Land Review 2007, for consultation. The report will form an important part of the Evidence Base for the <u>Allocations and Development</u> <u>Management Local Plan</u>.

The report can be viewed at <u>http://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Strategies-Plans-and-</u> <u>Policies/Planning/Local-plan/Background/Key-Local-Studies/WiganEmploymentLandReview.aspx</u> and any comments on the report can be submitted on the comments form on this webpage. The closing date for comments is Wednesday 19 August 2015.

I hope this is helpful and if you require any further details please contact the Planning Policy Team at planningpolicy@wigan.gov.uk

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Employment Land Review July 2015 Version 1 Consultation Report

December 2015



Introduction

- 1. We consulted on our Draft Employment Land Review for four weeks in July and August 2015. The review was made available on our website and we emailed 271 organisations on our Planning Consultation Database, inviting them to comment. The organisations we emailed included:
 - 218 land or planning agents
 - 14 local authorities
 - 14 parish and town councils
 - 8 national government agencies and bodies
 - 7 regional and Greater Manchester agencies and bodies
 - 9 utility companies
 - 1 charity
- 2. We received 16 responses to the consultation from the following organisations, which mostly had land interests in the borough:
 - Axiom Regenerate
 - Barton Wilmore
 - Coal Authority
 - Emery Planning
 - Environment Agency
 - Historic England
 - Three local residents
 - Savills
 - Mosaic Town Planning
 - Natural England
 - Office of Rail and Road
 - Persimmon Homes (North West)
 - Turley Associates
 - Warrington Borough Council
 - .
- 3. The main issues that the consultation raised were:
 - Concerns over the commercial viability of some existing employment sites
 - · The suitability of existing employment sites to meet current and future employment needs

Appendix 13 – Open Space, Sport and Recreation Needs and Provision Assessment internal draft consultation email

Dear colleagues,

As many of you will be aware, either through attendance at recent meetings or through earlier involvement, we have been drafting a report on open space, sport and recreation provision and needs in the borough which, factually at least, is now (nearly) all in order, as far as we are aware. However, we have now reached a stage where we need to determine what it means for us collectively in terms of how much of each type of provision we need and what quality and how accessible it should be, against what we've actually got. In the first instance this needs to be expressed in terms of quantitative, qualitative and accessibility standards as part of planning policy, to inform planning and investment decisions.

The first part of the report is attached. The second part will follow in a separate email shortly. You may wish to save it locally where there are a number of you needing to access it. Apologies that it is so big – we have done what we can to reduce it.

It is circulated now just for internal stakeholders and other key local stakeholders through to 20 August (or thereabouts). Please don't circulate it more widely at this stage as we want to get it right amongst ourselves before we do that alongside consultation on the Initial Draft Allocations and Development Management Local Plan in October/November. However, if you think a colleague should be involved please do so.

Given the above, I would particularly draw your attention to the final chapter, although you may well need to refer to earlier chapters for details.

Some of the quantitative 'standards' seem to largely write themselves but you may have alternative views that we need to know about in order to have shared ownership of them. However, some other standards appear to be more problematic and we would very much welcome your help with these, as applicable. They are:

Equipped children's play areas

Provision in the borough is considerably below the standard recommended by Fields In Trust (formerly the NPFA). This is, we believe, due to a centralisation of resources away from having a lot of smaller sites to having fewer larger sites, to both concentrate scarce resources and reduce conflicts with neighbouring residential amenity. Given that resources are scarce but objectives for public health are high, is it possible/practicable/feasible/reasonable to push for further provision? Are resources additional to s106/CIL likely to be available? Should we aspire to the Fields In Trust standard or a lower standard and, whatever we aspire, what target should we seek to achieve by 2026 – the end date of the Local Plan? And what should we set out about quality of provision, in simple terms, e.g. amount of equipment, condition, surfacing, fenced?

Informal children's play space

We appear to have a major deficit in informal play space (unequipped casual play). However we have a surplus of amenity green space, much of which will be informal play space. We haven't recategorised any such sites yet but will do so over the next month where a site is clearly available and suitable for children's play i.e. it is within, or close to, a residential area, is safe and overlooked and is not within dangerous proximity to a major highway. Are there any recommendations or guidance on safety requirements etc that we need to take into account in re-categorising these spaces?

Amenity green space

In red-categorising amenity green space that is appropriate as informal play space, the amenity green space that remains will be restricted to sites that (largely) provide for visual amenity, such as tree belts and green screens. This will more accurately reflect provision in the borough.

Qualitative standards for sports provision

Quality has always seemed to be a bigger issue for Wigan Borough than quantity and our draft quantitative standards seem to confirm that. Clearly, however, quality of provision is critical to usability. Usage can be reduced, increased and/or concentrated depending on quality, all of which impacts on the quantity needed. So qualitative standards are critical for promoting participation but they are also

critical to maintenance regimes – the higher the standard the more expensive it is generally to maintain. So what is good practice at present across the council and partners, across the various categories of sports, do we achieve it and should it remain good practice through to 2026 or can we aim higher (or lower)? And is good practice the same across other providers such as clubs?

Also significant of quality of pitch sports is the availability of artificial surfaced pitches, and floodlights, and when they can and cannot be used, which can change over time as governing bodies change policies. As there are top grade teams in both codes of rugby playing on artificial pitches, it would seem that there is more potential in the borough for artificial pitches. Leigh Sports Village / Leigh East ARLFC have of course led the way locally. Thoughts please?

And the availability and condition of changing facilities is also a factor, generally and has a bearing on women's and girls' team sports too. Thoughts please?

Rugby

What is an appropriate quantitative standard for rugby, especially rugby union but also league given the potential for both codes to be played on the same pitches and at school sites. Also junior provision? Thoughts please?

Football

Similarly, football which is more prevalent on council owned and WLCT managed pitches but increasingly on leased provision. How do we accurately represent, monitor, and apply separate standards for adult and junior pitches when pitch markings change to reflect current demand each football season?

If you want to discuss any aspect please phone me. We appreciate it's a tight timetable but we really need to make sense of this by the end of August.

Thanks in advance for your support. Kind regards, Jennie

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Appendix 13A – Collated feedback from internal consultation on OSSR (pages 1 and 2 of 8)



Appendix 14 – Flood storage areas policy consultation email to Environment Agency

From: Leather, Chris Sent: 25 August 2015 15:22 To: Telfer, Helen Cc: Clarke, Nick Subject: RE: Safeguarded land - Allocations DPD

Hi Helen,

Further to your previous correspondence with Nick can you take a look at the following policy which is proposed for the Flood Storage Area at Lilford Park. The site has been added to our policies map as well. Any feedback welcome.

Policy EN3: Flood water storage areas

The council will safeguard Lilford Park Basin, as shown on the Policies Map, for flood water storage when needed. Development within or adjacent to the flood water storage area which would have a negative impact on its function will not be permitted.

The Lilford Park Basin has been provided by the Environment Agency to hold back water in times of high rainfall, to be released into Lilford Park Brook at a rate that it can accommodate without overtopping. This will prevent flooding downstream in Leigh.

As the Lead Local Flood Authority the council in partnership with the Environment Agency may identify additional areas for flood water storage in the future through the Local Flood Risk Strategy. If needed, these additional areas will be safeguarded as part of a review of the Local Plan.

Regards

Chris

Christopher Leather MLPM Planning Officer Places: Economy and Skills

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Appendix 14A – Flood storage areas policy consultation email response from Environment Agency

From: Telfer, Helen Sent: 27 August 2015 14:36 To: Leather, Christopher Cc: Clarke, Nick Subject: RE: Safeguarded land - Allocations DPD

Hi Chris

I have discussed the policy with colleagues and we have no further comments to add to the policy wording.

Thanks for the consultation.

Helen

Helen Telfer Planning Advisor (Manchester, Salford, Trafford and Wigan)

Environment Agency Sustainable Places Team Richard Fairclough House Knutsford Road Warrington WA4 1HT

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Appendix 15 – Email to statutory consultees regarding IA scoping report consultation

From: Carubia, Jennie
Sent: 01 September 2015 14:22
To: Telfer, Helen; Baguley, Janet (NE); Hrycan, Emily; Sherratt, David
Cc: Kearsley, David; Clarke, Nick
Subject: Consultation: Wigan Integrated Appraisal Scoping Report for Allocations Plan

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are consulting on our revised Integrated Assessment Scoping Report for the Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan for 5 weeks until **5pm on Monday 6 October** - attached.

We previously consulted Natural England, Environment Agency, English Heritage and United Utilities on our original Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report on 3 March 2014 and 20 October 2014, but have revised the scope to become an integrated assessment with the inclusion of an equality impact assessment screening process.

The aim of the consultation is to:

- Highlight and consult on new material, particularly paragraphs 3.6 to 3.12 and the new theme identified in Table 4.5
- Seek advice on the suitability of the key sustainability and equality issues and objectives

We therefore welcome your comments and advice on this basis and hope that the scoping report is sufficiently robust and comprehensive to proceed.

Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Regards Jennie

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Appendix 15A - Email to statutory consultees regarding IA scoping report consultation (amendment)

From: Carubia, Jennie
Sent: 30 September 2015 13:13
To: consultations@naturalengland.org.uk; Sherratt, David; Hrycan, Emily; Telfer, Helen
Cc: Kearsley, David; Clarke, Nick
Subject: Consultation: Wigan Integrated Appraisal Scoping Report for Allocations Plan (amendment)

Dear Sir/Madam,

In previous versions of the scoping report that we have consulted on, housing had been scoped out because of its significant coverage in the Core Strategy. On reflection we feel that it is necessary to include housing in this Integrated Assessment as it is a key priority of the Allocations Plan. We propose to add in the objective as follows;

SA Ob	j. Objective	Sub objectives
2. Housing	To improve access to good quality and resource efficient housing including affordable housing.	Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to meet the needs of all? Will it support future housing demand?

If you have any comments or suggestions you wish to make on this amendment please contact us before the end of the consultation period on 6 Oct.

Kind regards, Jennie

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