

## **Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan**

### **Key issues**

The Allocations and Development Management Local Plan needs to be prepared within the framework set by the Local Plan Core Strategy.

As such, we believe that the key issues to be addressed by the Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan are:

- 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.