



Wigan Local Plan

Local Development Scheme

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Introduction

1.1 This Local Development Scheme is a project document for two local development plans: the Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan; and the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.

1.2 In addition, the Policies Map shows land allocations and designations arising from policies in the local development plan. The Policies Map is updated on adoption of the different plans.

TWO

Local Plan Program

Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan

2.1 The Allocations Plan sets out detailed planning policies, allocates sites and makes any changes to the Policies Map that were not sufficiently strategic to be brought forward through the Local Plan Core Strategy, adopted by the council in September 2013.

Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

2.2 The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework will focus primarily on housing and employment land requirements across Greater Manchester, the infrastructure requirements to deliver this and the environmental capacity of Greater Manchester to accommodate this in the most sustainable manner.

Wigan Local Plan Policies Map

2.3 The Policies Map was updated on adoption of the Local Plan Core Strategy. It has been updated in draft form as part of the current preparation of the Allocations and Development Management Local Plan to display all policy related sites.

Schedule 1 – Local Plan preparation programme, with key ‘milestones’

	Allocations and Development Management Local Plan	Greater Manchester Spatial Framework
Brief Description	Sets out more detailed planning policies and allocates sites and areas for development	Focuses primarily on housing and employment land, infrastructure and the environmental capacity of Greater Manchester
Conformity	With national planning policy and the Core Strategy	With national planning policy and having regard to the Greater Manchester Strategy and Greater Manchester Growth and Reform Plan
Commence preparation	Sept 2013	2014
Publication of Proposed Submission version	Sept 2016	2016
Submission to Secretary of State	Dec 2016	2017
Pre-examination hearing meeting	Spring 2017	2017
Commence public examination hearing	Spring 2017	2017
Adopt, with formal revision of Policies Map	Summer 2017	2018

THREE

Detailed Local Plan project descriptions

Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan

3.1 Role and content: This Local Plan sets out more detailed planning policies and allocates sites for development in the context of the strategic policies set out in the Local Plan Core Strategy.

3.2 Why is it needed? Detailed policy allocations and designations provide a basis for future development in accordance with the Local Plan Core Strategy.

3.3 Conformity: To the Local Plan Core Strategy except where a different approach is required in response to more up-to-date evidence.

3.4 Period Covered: Up to 2026

3.5 Geographic coverage: Borough-wide

3.6 Timetable:

Stage	Target date
Commencement of preparation and public participation on issues	September 2013
Engagement on evidence and options	September 2013 – September 2014
Public participation on Initial Draft Plan	October 2015 – December 2015
Publication of proposed submission version	September 2016
Submission of Local Plan to Secretary of State	December 2016
Examination-in-public pre-hearing meeting	Spring 2017
Examination-in-public hearing session opens	Spring 2017
Adoption of Local Plan and revised Policies Map	Summer 2017

3.7 Arrangements for production:

Lead organisation	Wigan Council
Management arrangements	A Principal Planning Officer reporting to the Planning Policy & Projects Manager; Assistant Director Planning & Transport; and Director Economy and Skills
Core resources	Project team involving staff in the Planning Policy & Projects team
Corporate and stakeholder resources	Senior Elected Members and officers of the Council
Stakeholder and community involvement	Continuous involvement in line with our Statement of Community Involvement

Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

3.8 Role and content: The Spatial Framework will focus primarily on housing and employment land requirements for Greater Manchester, the infrastructure requirements to deliver this and the environmental capacity of the city region to accommodate this in the most sustainable manner.

3.9 Why is it needed? To establish a more joined up approach to planning and help speed up the process of identifying land and manage growth in the most effective way across Greater Manchester.

3.10 Conformity: Consistent with national planning policy and having regard to the Greater Manchester Strategy and Greater Manchester Growth and Reform Plan. Local Plans in Greater Manchester will need to be in conformity with the Spatial Framework.

3.11 Period Covered: Up to 2035

3.12 Geographic coverage: Greater Manchester

3.13 Timetable:

Stage	Target date
Initial consultation on the objectively assessed development need	November 2014
Consultation on draft growth options	November 2015
Consultation on Draft Plan	November 2016
Publication and Submission for examination (<i>The timetable will need to be reviewed once the status of the plan has been confirmed by legislation and supporting regulations</i>)	2017
Adoption, by the Mayor and Greater Manchester Combined Authority	2018

3.14 Arrangements for production: The Spatial Framework is being progressed as a Joint AGMA Plan by the ten districts through a central team supplemented by secondments and other contributions from the ten districts. This is managed strategically

by the Greater Manchester Planning Officers Group. Executive decisions are taken by the AGMA Executive Board, under powers delegated to them by the Executives of the 10 districts.

3.15 In 2017, the Spatial Framework will become a Plan of the Mayor of Greater Manchester and will require the unanimous approval of the Cabinet of 10 Leaders that will make up the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

Wigan Local Plan Policies Map

3.16 Role and content: The Policies Map shows how policies relate to areas of the borough and individual sites as appropriate on an Ordnance Survey map base.

3.17 Why is it needed? To express geographically the adopted policies within the Local Plan.

3.18 Conformity: To the Local Plan Core Strategy, the Greater Manchester Waste Plan, the Greater Manchester Minerals Plan, the Allocations and Development Management Local Plan and Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, as applicable.

3.19 Period Covered: Ongoing

3.20 Geographic coverage: Borough-wide

3.21 Timetable: As necessary on adoption of Local Plans

3.22 Arrangements for production:

Lead organisation	Wigan Council
Management arrangements	A Principal Planning Officer reporting to the Planning Policy & Projects Manager; Assistant Director Planning & Transport; and Director Economy and Skills
Core resources	Technician in the Planning Policy & Projects team; digital mapping support from the Communications team
Corporate and stakeholder resources	In accordance with the relevant Local Plan as set out elsewhere in this document
Stakeholder and community involvement	In accordance with the relevant Local Plan as set out elsewhere in this document