

ROCHDALE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

**EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT
OF THE**

**Draft Milkstone, Deeplish and Newbold
Supplementary Planning Document**

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This document is an Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) for the draft Milkstone, Deeplish and Newbold Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which has been prepared by the Council. The attached Pro-forma sets out how equality impacts have been assessed.

Context

The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 (RRAA) requires the council to carry out race equality impact assessments on new and proposed policies. The council's race equality scheme, as adopted 21 March 2005 lays down the council's commitment to undertake race equality impact assessments.

The Equality Standard for Local Government also requires equalities impact assessments to be evidenced in order to achieve progress against the levels contained in the Standard. The council has committed itself to implementation of the Standard across 5 areas of equality: gender, religion, disability, race, age and sexuality. This means that the council will ultimately be required to undertake equalities impact assessments that address all of these equalities areas.

Appendix 1 Equality Impact Proforma

Department	Strategic Planning	Section Planning and Regulation	Person responsible for the assessment	Sohida Banu	
Name of the Policy to be assessed	Milkstone, Deeplish and Newbold SPD	Date of Assessment	21 May 2010	Is this a new or existing policy	Existing UDP policy (G/D/1) which has been supplemented
1. Describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the policy	<p>The purpose of this supplementary planning document (SPD) is to provide a clear planning strategy for the area to establish a planning and regeneration framework and provide guidance for future development in Milkstone, Deeplish and Newbold.</p> <p>The purpose of this supplementary planning document (SPD) are as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help convey the vision for this area as an important part of the town, with unique features and opportunities that can assist in developing its strategically important role between the town centre and Kingsway Business Park; • To promote the area to investors and developers in order to bring about high quality development to improve the quality and range of housing and employment premises to create a more attractive environment and raise the standard of design; • To provide a framework which will help decision making by funding agencies about bids and schemes that may come forward; • To set a context for agreeing priorities for regeneration, including further masterplanning and more detailed site planning briefs <p>The aim of the Consultation draft is to engage with the residents and the local community, businesses, landowners, development interests and others to ensure that their views are considered before the document is finalised.</p>				
2. Are there any associated objectives of the policy, please explain	<p>Key objectives to help deliver this Vision are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making better use of employment land and ensuring that new development attracts investment, encourages business growth and satisfies local employment needs; • Delivering high quality and sustainable housing which meets the needs of existing and emerging households and attracting people to live in the area; • Raising design quality and improving the appearance and function of key gateways (e.g. the railway 				

	<p>station), corridors (e.g. the canal corridor and Oldham Road) and landmarks (e.g. Norwich Mill). This will include making the most of local heritage, undertaking area improvements and treating vacant sites;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving existing areas of open space and promoting new open spaces that are accessible, attractive and meet a range of recreational needs; • Making the area safer and more attractive to pedestrians and cyclists, particularly along the canal corridor, and ensuring good quality access to public transport; • Ensuring appropriate levels of services and infrastructure to support the new development and serve the area as a whole; and • Achieving high quality design and sustainability in new development and the public realm.
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<p>3. Who is intended to benefit from the policy and in what way</p>	<p>Private Individuals, Community and Interest Groups, Stakeholders, Land Owners, Developers, Councillors, RMBC Officers. Better quality information submitted with planning applications to assist the development control processes and the implementation of UDP policy.</p>		
<p>4. What outcomes are wanted from this policy?</p>	<p>It seeks an efficient and effective land use policy which ensures that new development adds to and supports the regeneration of Milkstone, Deeplish and Newbold. The area is extremely diverse in terms of land use and building on this mix of use will help to create an attractive and vibrant environment. Better quality information submitted with planning applications to assist the development control processes and the implementation of UDP policy.</p>		
<p>5. What factors/forces could contribute/detract from the outcomes?</p>	<p>If funding or resources were withdrawn Unforeseen/unavoidable circumstances. Complexity of topic.</p>		
<p>6. Who are the main stakeholders in relation to the policy</p>	<p>Private Individuals, Community and Interest Groups, Stakeholders, Land Owners, Developers, Councillors,</p>	<p>7. Who implements the policy and who is responsible</p>	<p>Strategic Planning. Development Control.</p>

	RMBC Officers.	for the policy?		
8. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on racial groups.	Y	N		The SPD objectives generally responds well with all racial groups in the defined area in respect of access to public open spaces, new and improved housing, employment, transport etc. All groups in this area will benefit from this and help achieve a high quality development.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?				

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9. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due to gender	Y	N		It is not anticipated that this SPD is likely to have a negative impact upon this group.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?				
10. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact due disability	Y	N		This SPD seeks better design and integration of all developments to ensure a high quality environment for all users, in particularly by encouraging development to be more energy efficient, sustainable and adaptable (e.g. through the development of dwellings to 'Lifetime Homes' standards). In addition, it seeks to improve and modernise the quality of existing housing and overall residential environment. Therefore, it is anticipated that this SPD will have a positive benefit upon this group because the necessary adaptations can be made to development to last for a lifetime.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?				
11. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to sexual orientation	Y	N		It is not anticipated that this SPD is likely to have a negative impact upon this group.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?				
12. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to their age	Y	N		This SPD seeks better design and integration of all developments to ensure a high quality environment for all users, in particularly by encouraging development to be more energy efficient, sustainable and adaptable (e.g. through the development of dwellings to 'Lifetime Homes' standards). In addition, it seeks to improve and modernise the quality of existing housing and overall residential environment. Therefore, it is anticipated that this SPD will have a positive benefit upon this group regardless of their age because the necessary adaptations can be made to their homes to last for a lifetime.

What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
13. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to their religious belief	Y	N	This SPD seeks appropriate levels of community facilities and services to support new development in order to serve the area as a whole. Where community facilities include places of worship. Therefore, it is anticipated that this SPD will have a positive benefit upon this group.

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What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
14. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to them having dependants/caring responsibilities	Y	N	It is not anticipated that this SPD is likely to have a negative impact upon this group.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
15. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to their offending past	Y	N	It is not anticipated that this SPD is likely to have a negative impact upon this group.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
16. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due to them being transgender or transsexual	Y	N	It is not anticipated that this SPD is likely to have a negative impact upon this group.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?			
17. Are there concerns that the policy <u>could</u> have a differential impact on people due issues surrounding poverty	Y	N	This SPD seeks to tackle neighbourhoods with a concentration of poor and outmoded housing together with some of the highest centres of local deprivation. The regeneration of the SPD area will look to create more opportunities for better choice in housing, jobs, open space and local facilities. Therefore, it is anticipated that this SPD will have a positive benefit upon this group, as it will try to reduce this inequality gap.

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What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?

18. Could the differential impact identified in 8-17 amount to there being the potential for adverse impact in this policy		YES	NO	The creation of more opportunities, jobs and investment in the area looks to support the local economy and employment.	
19. Can this adverse impact be justified on the grounds of promoting equality of opportunity for one group? Or any other reason		YES	NO	Please explain for each equality heading (question 8-16) on a separate piece of paper	
20. Should the policy proceed to a partial impact assessment	YES	NO	21. If Yes, is there enough evidence to proceed to a full EIA	YES	NO
22. Date on which Partial or Full impact assessment to be completed by 21 May 2010					

Signed (completing officer) Sohida Banu

Signed (Lead Officer) Wayne Poole