

ROCHDALE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

**MILKSTONE, DEEPLISH AND NEWBOLD
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Supplementary Planning Document has been produced by the Council to guide development within this area. In order to ensure that appropriate public consultation takes place, Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) are required to be accompanied by a statement setting out how the Local Planning Authority will comply with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). Consequently this document details the public consultation that will take place in order to meet the requirements of the SCI.
- 1.2 The new planning system introduced during 2004 includes new requirements (e.g. community involvement and the need to undertake a sustainability appraisal) governing the preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) which replaces the old style Supplementary Planning guidance (SPG). As a result, whilst not having 'development Plan' status, SPD's will be afforded greater weight in the development control process than SPG's.
- 1.3 This document sets out the public participation procedures to be undertaken by the Council, which are associated with the draft SPD. It accords with regulation 17 of the Town and Country Planning (Local development) (England regulations 2004).
- 1.4 Using the guidelines of the new government regulations and PPS 12 the public consultation draft SPD proposals have been prepared through a process of consultation.

2. PARTICIPATION AND CONSULTATION SO FAR

- 2.1 The process of producing the supplementary planning document consisted of the following stages:

Stage 1: Early consultation work with the public

Stage 2: The Sustainability Appraisal

Stage 3: Testing the guidance

2.2 **Stage One: Early consultation work with the public**

As part of the early preparation, some of the issues set out in the Milkstone, Deeplish and Newbold SPD were looked at as part of the Regeneration Investment Strategy Consultation in 2008. This consultation was coordinated by Rochdale Development Agency (RDA) and covered the core area of the wider SPD boundary. The consultation included discussion at the Area Forum, drop-in events and workshop sessions with youth elders and women's group. This consultation culminated in the production of the Inner Rochdale Consultation Report in June 2008. The key findings of this and other local consultation (e.g. as part of the Neighbourhood Action Plans) form an important starting point in understanding the issues to be addressed within the area.

2.3 **Stage two: The SA Process**

The first part of the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) process was to collect information on Milkstone, Deeplish and Newbold. The Scoping report also looked at other plans and programmes to identify how they influenced and impacted upon the SPD. The key aim of the scoping report was to identify the key sustainability issues for the SPD area.

This was consulted on, through the sending out of paper copies of the Scoping Report, for a period of 5 weeks from early in 2010. The Government has stated that the four consultation bodies (as required by the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive) should be consulted at this stage. These bodies are the Countryside Agency and English Nature (which have been combined into Natural England), English Heritage, the Environment Agency and Greater Manchester Ecology Unit.

The second part of the process was to prepare SA framework against which a plan or programme can be assessed. The SA framework incorporates a range of objectives and questions adapted from national, regional, sub-regional and local sources to fit the key sustainability issues and aspirations of Rochdale Borough.

The appraisals have been undertaken using an iterative process so that the SA has informed the development of the SPD. This has ensured that the SPD has already met many of the sustainability objectives within the Councils framework. The Draft SA is also subject to public consultation.

2.4 **Stage 3: Testing the guidance**

In compiling the draft SPD, the detailed proposals of the draft SPD were worked up in consultation with statutory bodies and key stakeholders. The council have made a number of changes to the documents prior to statutory consultation to ensure that the feedback from key stakeholders had been taken on board as far as was possible.

2.5 Approval for public consultation by Rochdale Township was made on 10th March 2010.

3. **PUBLIC CONSULTATION (JUNE/JULY 2010)**

3.1 In accordance with the councils Statement of Community Involvement, the consultation process will include direct notification to consultees, key local stakeholders and other interested parties and publicity through the local press.

3.2 On publication of the Draft Milkstone, Deeplish and Newbold SPD, a public consultation exercise will be undertaken to raise awareness and interest. In accordance with regulation 17 a public notice will be published in a local newspaper which clearly states the duration of the public participation period and the place and times at which the SPD can be inspected.

3.3 It is anticipated that public consultation will commence on the 7th June 2010 for six weeks and the closing date for responses will be 19th July 2010. The following methods will be used:

- As set out in the Consultation Statement the Consultation Draft SPD documents and consultation documents are available on the Council's website

www.rochdale.gov.uk/yourviews (with the ability to comment on-line). Hard copies of the document will be made available at all the council offices, Borough Libraries and community centres (See Appendix 1)

- Emails and / or letters will be sent to all parties Rochdale Council considers having an interest in the SPD (including statutory consultees, general consultees, local businesses and any other interested parties). The email / letter will detail the role of the SPD, the consultation opportunity and the times and locations the SPD, the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment, Equalities Impact Assessment and this conformity statement can be viewed.
- A public notice will be placed in the Rochdale Observer and a press release will be sent out to the local newspaper prior to the Public Consultation. The advertisement will explain the role of the SPD and where and when a copy of the SPD and its supporting documents can be viewed ahead of the Public Consultation period.
- Staff from the Council will be available to answer any questions on the draft guidance at the exhibition planned during the public consultation period below:

Tuesday 22 June	3.30pm – 7.30pm	Newbold Children's Centre
Wednesday 12 March	3pm – 7pm	Deeplish Community Centre

- A leaflet will be sent out to all the households in the area covered by the SPD. The leaflet will detail the role of the SPD, a summary of some of the key themes and principles from the SPD, the dates of the consultation period and where and when the SPD and its supporting documents are available to view. These leaflets will be available at all the council offices, libraries, community centres and at the exhibitions.
- A questionnaire will be available at the exhibition for anyone who wishes to make comments.
- The SPD, SA and related documents will be available to view at the Council's offices, libraries and community centres. Moreover, anyone wishing to make comments will be able to visit the Rochdale Councils website to view the SPD and related documents and submit their response online.
- Posters will be on display at relevant Council Offices, Libraries and some Community Centres across Rochdale borough. The poster will advertise the consultation events and where and when a copy of the SPD and its supporting documents can be viewed and commented on.
- Copies of the SPD and the associated documents will also be made available at the first floor reception in the Council's Planning & Regulation Service, Telegraph House and Information Office, Second floor, Municipal Offices.
- Paper or electronic copies of the documents are available on request.

4. **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

- 4.1 Copies of the Draft SPD will be made available to statutory consultees. In addition, copies will be available for inspection at the locations highlighted in Appendix 1

- 4.2 The draft SPD and response form, SA and the consultation Statement will be available to view and download from the Council website www.rochdale.gov.uk/yourviews from the 7th June 2010.
- 4.3 Additional printed copies of the SPD and can be requested from the Strategic Planning Service (See address below)
- 4.4 Those who wish to view this in large print or in Braille should contact the office below to arrange this. Similarly, if anyone requires the translation of this document to be made in Bengali or Urdu they should also contact the office below to make the necessary arrangements.
- 4.5 As a consequence of this exercise the SPD will be revised in order to reflect the responses. Thereafter it will be submitted to Rochdale Township committee for adoption in September 2010.

5. **ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE**

For further information relating to this document please contact:

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6. **APPENDIX 1**

Council Information Points:

Planning and Regulation Reception, Floor 1, Telegraph House, Rochdale
Rochdale Information Centre, Floor 2, Municipal Offices, Smith Street, Rochdale
Heywood Information Centre, 44-46 Market Street, Heywood
Middleton Information Centre, Sadler Street, Middleton
Milnrow Information centre, 82 Dale Street, Milnrow
Littleborough Information Centre, Council Offices, Hare Hill Park, Littleborough

Libraries

Wheatsheaf Library, Baillie Street, Rochdale
Balderstone Library, Balderstone Park, Rochdale
Belfield Library, Belfield Community School, Samson Street, Rochdale
Castleton Library, 881 Manchester Road, Rochdale
Norden Library, Norden Community School, Shawfield Lane, Rochdale
Smallbridge Library, Stevenson Square, Rochdale
Spotland Library, Ings Lane, Rochdale

Heywood Library, Church Street, Heywood
Darnhill Library, Argyle Parade, Heywood

Middleton Library, Long Street, Middleton
Alkington Library, Kirkway
Langley Library, Windermere Road, Middleton
Middleton Junction Library, Jumbo Social Centre, Grimshaw Lane, Middleton

Littleborough Library, Hare Hill Park, Littleborough
Milnrow Library, Newhey Road, Milnrow
Smithybridge Library, 121/3 Smithybridge Road, Littleborough
Wardle Library, 448 Bh Road, Wardle, Rochdale

Community Centres / Offices within Milkstone, Deeplish and Newbold as follows:

Castlemere Community Centre
Deeplish Community Centre
Ronald Gorton Centre
Castlemere Children's Centre
Deeplish Children's Centre
Newbold Children's Centre