

**Initial response by Rossendale Borough Council to  
Pre-Hearing Note 1 from the Inspectors to the Council  
Rossendale Local Plan Examination – Preliminary Questions  
21 June 2019**

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Please find below the Council's response to question 10

**List of Appendices –**

- Appendix 1 –** Site Assessment Overview - Allocated Sites
- Appendix 2 –** Sites not taken forward from Regulation 18 to Regulation 19
- Appendix 3 –** Map of the proposed allocations and of the sites not taken forward after Regulation 18
- Appendix 4a –** Location of Assessed Housing Sites Borough Overview Map
- Appendix 4b –** Location of Assessed Housing Sites – East
- Appendix 4c –** Location of Assessed Housing Sites – West

**10. The Council's site assessment work (of rejected and allocated sites) is set out in a range of documents, and cross referencing is not straightforward due to different site numbering systems and an absence of borough-wide maps in the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). In order to aid the Examination process the Council is requested to produce:**

- **A Site Assessment overview document (one for accepted and one for rejected options) which sets out for each individual site:**
  - **a summary of the technical site appraisal results – drawing on conclusions from the SHLAA, Green Belt Review, Heritage Impact Assessment document, Employment Land Review, Employment Sites Access Study and other documents where relevant**
  - **summary of site SA results**
  - **conclusion, setting out reasons for allocation/rejection**
  - **individual site map (on a clear OS map base showing physical features and road/place names)**
  - **site reference number (plus site numbers used in other evidence documents, to allow cross referencing)**
  
- **Linked to this, a map of the borough which shows the rejected sites (with site reference numbers).**

## **Response:**

10.1 The Site Assessment Overview documents can be found in Appendix 1.

10.2 Appendix 1 includes individual summary tables for all the allocated sites identified in the Regulation 19 (Pre-submission) Version of the Local Plan. Each allocation is set out in a separate table with an accompanying site map of the allocation. The tables include a brief summary (and relevant site reference name/number) of the findings from the following assessments:

- [Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment \(SHLAA\) 2018](#)
- [Heritage Impact Assessment of Housing and Employment Sites 2018](#)
- [Employment Land Review 2017](#)
- [Access to Employment Sites Study 2019](#)
- [Strategic Flood Risk Assessment \(SFRA\) 2016](#)
- [Environmental Network Study 2017](#)
- [Landscape Study \(Lives and Landscapes Assessment\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal \(SA\) 2018](#)

10.3 The summary tables in Appendix 1 only include allocated housing sites, mixed use allocations and new employment sites. A brief conclusion is also included for each site, setting out the rationale for why the site was identified for allocation.

10.4 Appendix 2 lists the housing and employment sites which were identified for potential allocation in the Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18) but which were not included in the Regulation 19 version of the Local Plan (i.e. the rejected sites) and a brief summary of the reasons for this.

10.5 Appendix 3 is a map showing the site boundaries and reference numbers of the allocated sites and the Regulation 18 sites not taken forward at Regulation 19.

10.6 For information, Appendices 4a-c consist of location maps showing the site boundaries and reference numbers of *all* assessed housing sites, identifying allocated sites and the SHLAA references for sites which were assessed but not included as an allocation in the Local Plan. The sites shown with a SHLAA reference number but are not included in any allocation comprise all the "rejected" sites.