

**Initial response by Rossendale Borough Council to  
Pre-Hearing Note 1 from the Inspectors to the Council  
Rossendale Local Plan Examination – Preliminary Questions  
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Please find below the Council's further response to question 10. This response comprises a list of rejected sites which was not included in the response sent on 21 June 2019.

**List of Appendices –**

- Appendix 1 -** Sites assessed in the stage 2 (detailed assessment) of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2018) not taken forward for allocation
- Appendix 2 -** Sites rejected at stage 1 (broad brush assessment) of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2018)
- Appendix 3 -** Sites assessed in the Employment Land Review (2017) not taken forward for allocation

**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).**

10.1 The basis of the site assessment work was the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2018) for potential housing sites and the Employment Land Review (2017) for potential employment sites.

10.2 The Site Assessment Overview documents have been separated into 3 documents: Appendix 1 and 2 for the rejected housing sites and Appendix 3 for the rejected employment sites.

10.3 Appendix 1 lists the rejected housing sites which were subject to a detailed assessment. It includes 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 \(ELR\) 2017](#)
- [Strategic Flood Risk Assessment \(SFRA\) 2016](#)
- [Environmental Network Study 2017](#)
- [Landscape Study \(Lives and Landscapes Assessment\)](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal \(SA\) of the Local Plan 2017- Reasonable Alternatives](#)

10.3 Appendix 2 lists the sites rejected after a quick desktop assessment (stage 1 of the SHLAA). The table includes a brief conclusion setting out the reason for rejecting the site.

10.4 Individual maps of the rejected sites are displayed in the Appendix E – Site assessment (2018) of the SHLAA and overview maps were also provided in [Appendix 4a, 4b](#) and [4c](#) of the Response to Programme Officer on 21.06.19 re Q10 of Pre-Hearing Note 1.

10.5 Appendix 3 lists the rejected employment sites. The findings of the studies listed above were also used with the addition of the [Employment Sites Access Study \(2019\)](#). For sites that were assessed both in the SHLAA and the ELR, the sites' reference and conclusions are being referred to Appendix 1. The sites proposed to be allocated for New Employment sites or as Existing Employment sites area excluded from this list.

10.6 Individual maps of the rejected sites are shown in Appendix 5 of the ELR and overview maps were also provided in [Appendix 5a, 5b](#) and [5c](#) of the Response to Programme Officer on 21.06.19 re Q10 of Pre-Hearing Note 1.