

# ROSSENDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 as amended Regulation 17, 19, 20, 35

### STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIONS PROCEDURE

**Title:** Rossendale Local Plan – consultation on the Proposed Gypsy and Traveller Transit Site

#### **Subject Matter and area covered by the Plan**

Rossendale Borough Council has published a Local Plan and this has been submitted to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government for independent examination. Following the hearings that were carried out as part of the examination, the Council is consulting on an alternative Gypsy and Traveller Transit Site to the one referred to in proposed policy HS18.

#### **Period for Representations**

The Rossendale Local Plan has been consulted on previously. This is your opportunity to make representations on the alternative Gypsy and Traveller Transit Site which is being proposed. Any comments made will be forwarded on for consideration to the appointed Planning Inspectors as part of the on-going examination process.

Representations on this document can be made over a 6 week period starting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and must be received by **5pm on or before Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

**Comments arriving after this time will not be accepted.**

#### **Representations must be sent to:**

Online Form: <https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/localplan>

Electronically: [forwardplanning@rossendalebc.gov.uk](mailto:forwardplanning@rossendalebc.gov.uk)

By post / hand to: **Forward Planning  
Rossendale Borough Council  
One Stop Shop  
Futures Park  
Bacup OL13 0BB**

We would prefer comments to be submitted using the online form as this is the speediest and most accurate way to submit representations and will enable us to manage the comments for the Inspector most efficiently.

Paper copies of the Comments Form can be obtained from the One Stop Shop in Bacup or by phoning 01706 217777.

For comments to be accepted (considered 'duly made') they must:

- be received within the timescales set out;
- relate to the document, its content, or its preparation;
- not be anonymous (you must give your name and postal address); and
- not be offensive, libellous, racist or otherwise breach the law (i.e. inadmissible)

Representations received cannot be treated as confidential and will be publicly available and published on the Council's website. Telephone and email details will not be published.

All 'duly made' comments will be forwarded on to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration during the Examination.

### **Locations Where Documents Can Be Inspected**

The current consultation document and all relevant supporting documents can be viewed online at <https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/localplan>

This information is also available to view at **One Stop Shop, Futures Park, Bacup, OL13 0BB**, Monday to Friday between 8.45am and 5.00pm (except Tuesdays from 09.15pm to 5.00pm).

Copies of relevant documents can be viewed at these libraries during normal opening hours:

<b>LIBRARIES</b>
<b>Bacup</b> , St James' Square
<b>Haslingden</b> , Deardengate
<b>Rawtenstall</b> , Queens Square
<b>Whitworth</b> , Lloyd Street

### **Request for Further Notification of Local Plan Progress**

In your representation you can ask to be notified at a specific address of the following:

- Publication of the recommendations of the person appointed to carry out the independent examination of the Rossendale Local Plan
- Adoption of the Rossendale Local Plan

If you submit the online form you will be asked to confirm this.

### **Content and Structure of Your Representations**

The Local Plan for Rossendale was submitted in March 2019 for examination by independent Planning Inspectors, appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspectors' role is to assess that the Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, the legal and procedural requirements and whether it is sound.

Further guidance on preparing a response to this consultation on the Local Plan can be found in guidance issued by the Planning Inspectorate, which is available to view at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/examining-local-plans-procedural-practice>

The Planning Inspector will consider representations made in relation to the legal tests that underpin the Examination. Any comments on the Local Plan should specify the matters to which they relate and the grounds on which they are made.

Only the following matters will be of concern to the independent Planning Inspector:

- **Legal Compliance** – does the plan meet the legal requirements made under various statutes?
- **Soundness** – has the plan been positively prepared, justified, effective, and consistent with national policy?
- **Meets Duty to Cooperate** – has the Council engaged and worked effectively with neighbouring authorities and statutory bodies?