

**ROSSENDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and  
Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations**

In accordance with the Regulations, Rossendale Borough Council submitted the Rossendale Local Plan 2019-2034 to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for examination on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Examination Hearings were then held by independent Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State between the 24<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2019. During the hearings, the Inspector requested that an alternative Gypsy and Traveller Transit Site (as referred to in proposed Local Plan policy HS18) should be identified and consulted upon separately.

The 6 week period of public consultation on the proposed alternative Transit Site will commence on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and end on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Representations received after this time will not be accepted.

This Statement of Fact notice outlines the documents which are available for inspection, their subject matter and the locations where they can be inspected. Please refer to the 'Statement of Representation Procedure' for information regarding the process of submitting representations.

**The consultation documents include:**

- Background report on the proposed alternative Gypsy and Traveller Transit Site, including site plan and summary technical assessment;
- Extract from the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2018);
- Technical Note on the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment

**Places and Times Available for Inspection of the Consultation Documents**

On the Council's website at <a href="http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/localplan">www.rossendale.gov.uk/localplan</a>	
<b>The One Stop Shop, Futures Park, Bacup, OL13 0BB</b> Monday to Friday between 8.45am and 5.15pm (9.15am – 5.15pm on Tuesdays)	
And at the following libraries in Rossendale during opening hours:	
<b>Bacup</b> St James' Square	<b>Haslingden</b> Deardengate
<b>Rawtenstall</b> Queens Square	<b>Whitworth</b> Lloyd Street

**Next Steps**

Following the consultation, the responses will be sent to the Local Plan Inspectors who will make final recommendations.

**A Programme Officer** has been appointed who is independent, and who works directly on behalf of the Inspectors to organise administrative and procedural matters. His details are:

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Further details of the Examination can be found on the Council's website [www.rossendale.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/localplan)

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