

Rossendale Local Plan (2019-2036)

Explanatory Notes for the Consultation of the Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications

Rossendale Borough Council has now issued its Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications for comment. The consultation will end on **Friday 15th October 2021**.

This consultation is inviting representations on the following documents:

- Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan
- Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment of the Proposed Main Modifications
- Proposed Additional Modifications
- Proposed Policy Map Modifications.

In addition two other papers have been published, as Evidence Documents, which may help to inform your response to the Main Modifications.

- Housing Update to 31 March 2021
- Implications of the Updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF21) on the Local Plan

DOCUMENT DETAILS

All of the documents listed can be viewed on the Council's website and also can be viewed in hard copy by making a prior appointment with the Council's One Stop Shop at: [One Stop Shop | Council offices | Rossendale Borough Council](#)

The key document is the **Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to the Publication (Regulation 19) Draft Plan**, which are proposed amendments needed to make the Local Plan sound. The Inspectors can only recommend MMs to ensure that the Plan is sound and legally compliant.

In addition the Main Modifications proposed require that policies are subject to **Sustainability Appraisal** and **Habitats Regulations Assessment** to be legally compliant. You can also comment on these updated documents.

An accompanying schedule details minor **Additional Modifications** which include factual updates, corrections and formatting changes. You can comment on minor

changes but these are not considered by the Inspectors as they do not affect the soundness of the plan.

Information regarding what 'soundness' and 'legally compliant' are defined as is explained in paragraphs 35 and 36 of the National Planning Policy Framework, found here at the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1005759/NPPF_July_2021.pdf

A schedule of changes to the **Policies Map** is also provided should the Inspectors recommend certain changes to the Plan.

In addition the Council has updated the Housing Update to 31 March 2021. The Housing Update Paper incorporates permission and completion data at 31 March 2021, plus recommendations made by the Inspectors in the Local Plan Post Hearing Letter dated 30 June 2021. The Inspectors have also requested that the Council explains how the recent changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) will affect the Local Plan.

HOW TO RESPOND

Responses must include your name, full postal address and clearly state the Reference Number for any comments you are making on the Main (MM Ref), Additional (AM Ref) or Policy Map (PM Ref) Modifications.

One response on behalf of a number of respondents will also be accepted so long as the names and full postal addresses of all the respondents are detailed.

Responses will be passed to the Inspectors for their consideration as to whether the Local Plan is legally compliant or sound (i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy). The Inspectors have to be satisfied the changes proposed will address the soundness issues they have identified.

Responses received will be published in full on the Examination webpage and this will include your name but other personal details will be redacted in line with the [Planning Privacy Notice](#).

Please return responses via **email** to forwardplanning@rossendalebc.gov.uk.

If you are unable to access email then you can **post** your response to:

**Forward Planning Team, Rossendale Borough Council, Business Centre,
Futures Park, OL13 0BB**