

Further proposed main modification to Strat12 and PfE Chapter 9: Places for People

Policy JP-Strat12: Main Town Centres

Modify paragraphs 4.74 and 4.77:

4.74 We have ~~seven~~ eight main town centres: Altrincham, Ashton-under-Lyne, Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Rochdale, ~~and Wigan~~ and Salford Quays¹. They are immensely important to their host districts, and Greater Manchester as a whole, as a source of local identity and pride, the prime location for shops and services, and a major supply of employment and leisure opportunities. They are complemented by a diverse collection of smaller town centres and local centres across the nine districts.

4.77 The main town centres offer the opportunity to provide a more affordable alternative to the City Centre ~~and the Quays~~, both for businesses to locate and skilled workers to live, whilst providing excellent access to services and facilities. The public transport corridors into the main town centres will also have an important function, especially as a location for new housing, further increasing the number of people with easy access to town centre facilities by sustainable modes of transport.

Modify the 4th paragraph of Policy JP-Strat12:

~~A new town centre is proposed for designation at Salford Quays in the Publication Draft Salford Local Plan: Development Management Policies and Designations. Should that designation become part of Salford's Adopted Local Plan, development in that location will be subject to this policy.~~

Policy JP-P1 Sustainable Places

Modify by moving paragraphs 5.24-5.28 (Chapter 5) to after paragraph 9.9 (Chapter 9):

~~5.24~~ Greater Manchester aims to be one of the most resilient places in the world.

~~5.25~~ A key part of achieving sustainable development is ensuring resilience, making sure that our places maintain capacity to function, so that the people living and working here survive and thrive no matter what stresses or shocks they encounter. A significant challenge within this is the ability to respond to future impacts from climate change.

¹ This is contingent on Salford Quays being identified as a main town centre in Salford's Local Plan once it is adopted (adoption anticipated in January 2023)

- 5.26 Greater Manchester is part of the Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities programme (100RC)², which aims to help cities become more resilient to potential challenges. Greater Manchester has produced a Resilience Strategy as part of this programme. The ten districts have also signed up to the United Nations' Making Cities Resilient Campaign, which aims to reduce disaster risk.
- 5.27 The need to plan to reduce chronic stresses as well as minimise the impact of acute shocks means that planning for resilience has to be all-embracing, and so many elements of this plan have a role to play.
- 5.28 The Greater Manchester Community Risk Register³ and work under the 100RC programme identify that river and surface water flooding, hazardous materials accidents, terrorism, and disease outbreaks are some of the most significant resilience challenges faced. The way in which Greater Manchester develops will have a significant impact on future levels of risk and vulnerability, and the ability of people and places to recover from acute shocks.

Modify policy JP-P1 criterion 4 and 8:

4. **Resilient, capable of dealing with major environmental ~~and economic~~ events**
8. **Safe, including by designing out crime and terrorism, ~~and reducing opportunities for anti-social behaviour~~ and by ensuring that developments make appropriate provision for response and evacuation in the case of an emergency or disaster.**

Policy JP-P3: Cultural Facilities

Modify the first paragraph:

² <https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/100-resilient-cities/>

³ <https://www.gmemergencyplanning.org.uk/risks/how-we-assess-risk/community-risk-register/>

Through this Plan we will proactively develop and support cultural businesses and attractions in our cities and towns through a range of measures, where appropriate, including:

Policy JP-P4: New Retail and Leisure Uses in Town Centres

Modify criterion B and the last paragraph:

B. Main town centres:

- 1. Altrincham (Trafford)**
- 2. Ashton-under-Lyne (Tameside)**
- 3. Bolton (Bolton)**
- 4. Bury (Bury)**
- 5. Oldham (Oldham)**
- 6. Rochdale (Rochdale)**
- 7. Wigan (Wigan)**
- 8. Salford Quays⁴**

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Policy JP-P7: Sport and Recreation

Modify criterion 2:

- 2. Developing a ~~common~~ standard for the provision of designated play areas to meet the needs of the population**

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