

IN19 Action Point 36

Proposed modifications to the policy/reasoned justification is shown as black struck through deletions and underlined additions. The green text is modifications previously published in PMM2.1.

M8. Places for Homes

AP36. GMCA to consider whether any main modifications are required to ensure that references to “access”, “accessibility” and “accessible” throughout the Plan are clear and unambiguous with regard to achieving safe and suitable access for all users (including disabled people and others with particular mobility requirements).

*The deadline for response to AP36 is **midday on Thursday 12 January 2023**.*

1.1 To provide clarification and remove any ambiguity in the use of the terms “access”, “accessible” and “accessibility”, it is proposed to add the following to paragraph 4.11 of the Strategy Chapter, under the section “Efficient Use of Land Resources”.

“4.11 Development will need to be undertaken at an appropriate density and with suitable provision for green infrastructure. Securing higher densities in the most accessible locations will help to maximise the ability of people to travel by walking, cycling and public transport, and reduce reliance on the car. Unless specified, the terms “accessible” and “accessibility” refer to being able to reach, approach or enter a location, making the most efficient use of land resources, delivering a sustainable pattern of development, reducing the need to travel by unsustainable modes and increasing the proportion of trips made by walking, cycling and public transport. In relation to places or services, it means accessible to all, inclusive of people with disabilities and particular mobility requirements. The term “access” is used in accordance with the dictionary definition “to enable the means or opportunity to approach or enter a place.”

1.2 To ensure consistency with this definition and remove ambiguity in the use of these terms, there are a number of proposed modifications, as set out below.

Paragraph 1.20 bullet point one

- progress the strategic policies in GMSF 2020, for example net zero carbon development, affordable housing, ~~and space and accessibility~~ ‘accessible and adaptable’ standards as set out in Part M4 (2) of the Building Regulations for new housing

JP-J3 : Office Development

At least ~~1,900,000~~ 2,019,000 sqm of accessible new office floorspace will be provided in the Plan area over the period ~~2021-2037~~ 2022-2039, with a focus on:

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The refurbishment of existing office accommodation will be encouraged including improving standards of accessibility, in accordance with Part M (Volume 2) Building Regulations.

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JP-G6: Urban Green Space

To ensure there is an appropriate scale, type, quality and distribution of accessible urban green space that can support a high quality of life and other important green infrastructure functions:

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- we will work with developers and other stakeholders to deliver new high quality urban green spaces ~~which meet accessibility standards~~.

JP-P1 Sustainable Places

11. Incorporating ~~accessibility~~ inclusive design ~~standards~~ within all spaces with support for tackling inequality and poverty to form part of creating sustainable places

Health

9.32 As a result, the overall strategy and many of the policies and proposals in other parts of the plan will support improvements in health and wellbeing, and reductions in health inequalities, such as by:

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- Increasing the supply of high quality and affordable homes that meet minimum size and ~~accessibility standards~~ 'accessible and adaptable' standards as set out in Part M4 (2) of the Building Regulations for new housing, helping to ensure that everyone has a decent place to live

Sport and Recreation

9.38 Ensuring the continued availability of and easy access to a high-quality range of sport and recreation facilities, ~~meeting accessibility standards for access~~, would therefore help to achieve key objectives such as improving the health of residents, and making Greater Manchester a more attractive place to live and visit. The appropriate level of provision will often depend on local circumstances such as the type and scale of demand, and the availability of suitable land. Consequently, where appropriate standards for access to some recreation facilities such as parks, sports pitches and allotments will be set by individual local authorities and set out in Local Plans.

JP-P 7: Sport & Recreation

A network of high quality and accessible sports and recreation facilities will be protected and enhanced, supporting greater levels of activity for all ages, including by:

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4. Requiring new development to support the achievement of strategic and local plan standards by providing new and/or improving existing facilities commensurate with the demand they would generate, ~~ensuring that they meet accessibility standards.~~

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7. Encouraging the incorporation of sports facilities in all education settings, made available for community use where possible, ~~ensuring that they meet accessibility standards.~~