

MANCHESTER LOCAL PLAN (PUBLICATION DRAFT)

STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIONS PROCEDURE

August 2026

Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations
2012 Regulation 19: Manchester Local Plan: Publication Plan
Statement of Representations Procedure (incorporating Availability of
Documents).

Notice is hereby given that Manchester Council has published, and is inviting comments on, the Manchester Local Plan (Publication Draft). Following approval at Council the Manchester Local Plan (Publication Draft) will then be submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, for independent examination.

Subject matter and Geographical Area Covered

The Manchester Local Plan (Publication Draft) covers the whole city.

The Plan will guide development in the city up to 2039. The main purposes of the Plan are to:

- set out the non-strategic policies through which the Council will manage development coming forward and use to determine planning applications;
- identify designations, such as those for the protection of the city's environmental and historical assets, our town centres, and employment areas;
- facilitate the development of supporting infrastructure, such as transport, education and utilities.

Once adopted, the Manchester Local Plan will form part of the statutory Development Plan for the City. It will be used to assess all planning applications across the City alongside:

- Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document;
- Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document;
- Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan Document; and
- any neighbourhood plans that may come into force during the lifetime of the Plan.

Documents available for inspection

The Manchester Local Plan (Publication Draft) and supporting/background evidence documents are published on the Manchester City Council website.

www.manchester.gov.uk/localplan

Copies of the Manchester Local Plan (Publication Draft) documentation will be made available in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the requirements of the Council's [Statement of Community Involvement](#) (SCI).

Period of Publication for Representations

Representations are invited between 00.01 Monday 17 August 2026 and 23.59 Monday 28 September 2026. No representations will be considered after this time / date.

Representations at this stage should only relate to the Manchester Local Plan (Publication Draft) and its supporting documents which have been published alongside.

Comments received to previous stages of consultation on the Manchester Local Plan (Publication Draft) have been summarised in the Statement of Consultation report, which will form part of the submission documentation.

Whilst representations may be made on any point in respect of the Manchester Local Plan (Publication Draft) and its supporting documents, only those pertaining to the legal and procedural requirements, and four tests of soundness, will be considered by the Inspector at the Examination.

Plans are sound if they are:

- positively prepared;
- justified;
- effective; and
- consistent with national policy¹

Please refer to the representation guidance notes when preparing representations.

How to view documents

The Manchester Local Plan (Publication Draft) and supporting documents, including the Integrated Assessment (incorporating the Habitats Regulations Assessment), can be viewed on the council's consultation portal and on the council's website at www.manchester.gov.uk/localplan

Hard copies of the Manchester Local Plan (Publication Draft) and Integrated Assessment (incorporating the Habitats Regulations Assessment) can be found at:
Manchester Central Library
St Peter's Square,
Manchester
M2 5PD

How to make comments

Representations can be made by:

1. Using the online consultation website at:
<https://manchester-consult.objective.co.uk/kse>
2. Emailing your comments to planningstrategy@manchester.gov.uk
3. Sending your comments by post to

Planning and Infrastructure

¹ [National Planning Policy Framework](#)

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What Happens Next

Following the end of the period for making representations, the Council intend to submit the Manchester Local Plan (Publication Draft) to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, (MHCLG) so that it can be assessed through an Examination in Public by an appointed Planning Inspector(s).

It will be the role of the Independent Planning Inspector(s) to examine whether the Plan meets the tests of soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework and all the relevant legislative requirements.

All representations received within the representation period will be submitted electronically to the Secretary of State for consideration by the Planning Inspector(s) as part of the Examination in Public. Comments, name and organisation will be published. Full details of how your information will be shared can be found in the Local Plan Privacy Notice.

How to participate in the Examination

The representation form asks you to confirm whether you wish to participate in the Examination in Public and whether you wish to be notified of any of the following:

- Submission of the Manchester Local Plan for independent examination.
- Publication of the Inspector's Report on the Examination of the Manchester Local Plan
- The Adoption of the Manchester Local Plan.