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# 1. Introduction

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The Greater Manchester Archaeological Advisory Service (GMAAS) was commissioned by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) to provide an understanding of the Historic Environment across the 47 land allocations in the Greater Manchester area, excluding Salford, as part of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) Revised Draft (published January 2019). This was primarily a screening exercise that was intended to provide an initial identification of the potential impacts, both direct and indirect, on designated heritage assets (Grade I, Grade II\*, Grade II, Scheduled Monuments and Conservation Areas) and non-designated heritage assets (standing buildings and buried remains of archaeological interest). This work was required to assess which land allocations would require further assessment in order to comply with the National Planning Policy Framework (July 2018, revised February 2019). Specifically:

- that the allocations have been informed by the proper assessment of the significance of the designated and non-designated heritage asset in the area including their setting, where appropriate (NPPF paragraphs 189, 193-96, 199);
- there has been a proper assessment to identify the potential for finding new sites of archaeological or historic interest (NPPF paragraph 189);
- there has been a proper assessment to identify land where development would be inappropriate because of historic significance (NPPF paragraphs 189).

This work follows on from the screening exercise and detailed assessment of the land allocations identified within the Salford region, undertaken by Salford Archaeology. This document provides a summary of the results of the screening exercise, which are organised under separate reports according to their District. The three cross-boundary Sites have been assessed in separate, standalone reports.

The text has been prepared by Rachael Reader and Norman Redhead. The Tameside allocations GMA42 and GMA43, plus Trafford allocation GMA46, were prepared by Ashley Brogan.

## 2. Methodology

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### 2.1 Introduction

A screening exercise was applied to 47 land allocations sites across the Greater Manchester district (except Salford), to identify which of the Sites had potential heritage significance that might be impacted upon by development.

The assessment comprised:

- a review of the Greater Manchester Historic Environment Record (HER) and local archives to identify and map non-designated and designated heritage assets;
- a historic map regression exercise to identify previously unrecognised heritage assets with archaeological interest;
- a review of the findings of previous archaeological investigations carried out on or near the sites, along with any relevant published and secondary sources;
- analysis of historic and current aerial photography and available lidar data;
- collation of all non-designated and designated heritage assets, as identified by the above research within each Site, into a Gazetteer accompanied by a map showing their positions. A buffer zone of 250m was applied to each land allocation to identify heritage assets 'further afield' (*ie* not within the land allocation);
- site visits and walkover surveys to identify any further potential heritage assets, and assess the potential for the survival of below-ground archaeological remains as identified from the desk-based research. The Sites were visited over a period of three months between March and June 2019 and were limited to publicly accessible land and footpaths. Designated heritage assets that were visible from the Site and located further afield (beyond 250m) were also flagged up in the assessments.

### 2.2 Screening Categories

Each Site was categorised using a traffic-light system according to the level of work anticipated to investigate the heritage potential and to satisfy requirements of the NPPF.

- **Red Sites** are recommended for 'screening in'. Designated heritage assets have been identified within the boundary or very close to it. Identified non-designated heritage assets may also be of high significance and the recommendations are for further assessment pre-planning. This has been split into two different categories:
  - *Category 1* (Chapter 3) The Sites that both have concerns over the impact on designated heritage assets within the boundary and also non-designated heritage assets which have the potential to be of high significance. These should be dealt with pre-planning and treated as the highest priority. Five sites have been identified within this category.
  - *Category 2* (Chapter 4) The second category outline the Sites that have concerns over the impact on designated heritage assets within the boundary, although the non-designated heritage assets can be dealt with through the planning process. Seven sites have been identified within this category.

- **Amber Sites** are recommended for 'screening in'. Designated heritage assets identified further afield may be impacted upon visually or through their setting and/or non-designated heritage assets may be impacted on directly. It is suggested that much of this work can be carried out as part of the planning process, or with further assessment be 'screened out' altogether. This has been split into three categories:
  - *Category 3* (Chapter 5) Sites where the development could affect the setting of, or have a visual impact on, designated heritage assets and there is the potential for a direct impact upon non-designated heritage assets. A total of 14 sites have been identified in this category.
  - *Category 4* (Chapter 6) Sites where the development could affect the setting of, or have a visual impact on, designated heritage assets. Five sites have been identified in this category.
  - *Category 5* (Chapter 7) Sites where only non-designated heritage assets are likely to be impacted. Six sites have been identified in this category.
- **Green Sites** are recommended for 'screening out'.
  - *Category 6* (Chapter 8) Sites where there is thought to be no impact on designated heritage assets and with no or very low archaeological potential. Two sites have been identified in this category.

## 3. Sites Screened In (Red) – Category 1

### 3.1 Introduction

This section outlines the summary results of the screening exercise for the Sites ‘screened in’ that both have concerns over the impact on designated heritage assets within the boundary and also non-designated heritage assets which have the potential to be of high significance. These have been identified as the highest priority Sites with regards to further work. Five sites have been identified within this category.

| Site Code            | Site Name        | Local Authority                  |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| GMA1 (1.1; 1.2; 1.3) | Northern Gateway | Cross Boundary (Bury/Rochdale)   |
| GMA3                 | Kingsway South   | Cross Boundary (Oldham/Rochdale) |
| GMA7                 | Elton Reservoir  | Bury                             |
| GMA45                | New Carrington   | Trafford                         |
| GMA46                | Timperley Wedge  | Trafford                         |

*Table 3.1.1 List of five Sites ‘screened in’ (red) with concerns over designated and non-designated heritage assets*

### 3.2 GMA1 Northern Gateway (BU/RO)

#### 3.2.1 Location

The Northern Gateway Land Allocation (centred at NGR 383479, 407399) covers a total area of approximately 881ha, lies broadly near the M60/M62/M66 junction at Simister Island and across two separate local authorities: Bury and Rochdale. It is split into three separate allocations.

#### 3.2.2 Summary of Screening Assessment

Three designated heritage assets lie within the land allocations, as well as a number further afield. The medieval remains at Meadowcroft Fold have the potential to be of high significance. The land allocations contain, and have potential for, non-designated heritage assets particularly from the prehistoric, medieval, post-medieval and industrial periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified within and outside the land allocations.
- an archaeological assessment of Meadowcroft Fold against Annex 1 Scheduling criteria.
- a programme of historic building assessments for the post-medieval / 19<sup>th</sup>-century farmsteads.
- Further non-intrusive work involving walkover surveys and geophysics, targeting the potential prehistoric sites such as the smaller mounds, the sand and gravel ‘islands’ as well as potential early coal-mining sites.

- The surviving areas of peat should also be assessed for their potential to retain palaeo-environmental evidence.
- Other sites such as the smelting site at Whittle Brook and the possible moated farmstead should also be targeted for detailed archaeological assessment.
- A programme of intrusive work is recommended following on from the initial assessment work outlined above. In addition, intrusive investigation of sites such as the undated cropmarks and earthworks and the undeveloped post-medieval farmsteads, especially Mizzey and Moss which has previously produced evidence for activity dating to this period, would be beneficial.
- An assessment of potential historic hedgerows.

### 3.3 *GMA3 Kingsway South (OL/RO)*

#### 3.3.1 *Location*

The Kingsway South land allocation (centred at NGR 392772, 411038) lies between Shaw and Milnrow, across the boundary of the Oldham and Rochdale Local Authority Areas and 4km south-east of Rochdale and 5.5km north of Oldham town centres. The Site is 278.7ha in size and is bounded by the M62 and Newhey to the north, Milnrow Road to the east, Lower Rushcroft to the south and Rochdale road to the west.

#### 3.3.2 *Summary of Screening Assessment*

Six designated heritage assets lie within the land allocation, as well as a number further afield. There are potential medieval sites (Dig Gate and Whitefield) that have the potential to be of high significance. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets particularly from the prehistoric, medieval and post-medieval periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified within and outside the land allocations.
- an archaeological assessment of Dig Gate, Whitefield and Whitefield Hall against Annex 1 Scheduling Criteria. This should be accompanied by further historical research and non-intrusive works, including walkover and geophysical survey to ascertain the extent of any medieval settlement.
- an assessment of potential historic hedgerows.
- walkover survey of the higher ground to identify potentially favourable areas of prehistoric settlement, followed by targeted geophysical survey.
- historic building assessments of the 18<sup>th</sup>- / 19<sup>th</sup>-century farmsteads and settlements.
- intrusive archaeological investigation of areas of potential prehistoric settlement, as well as the medieval settlements and now-demolished farmsteads.

### 3.4 *GMA7 Elton Reservoir (BU)*

#### 3.4.1 *Location*

The Elton Reservoir Land Allocation (centred at NGR 378626, 408664) lies to the north of Radcliffe and c.2km south-west of Bury town centre. The Site is 251.7ha in size and is bounded by Bolton Road to the north, Bury Road to the east, Ainsworth Road to the west and Spring Lane to the south.

#### 3.4.2 *Summary of Screening Assessment*

Two designated heritage assets lie within the land allocation, together with several further afield. There is a possible prehistoric hengiform monument with associated finds in the vicinity, and the line of the Manchester-Ribchester Roman road is known to cross the Site. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from all periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified within and outside the land allocation.
- a programme of non-intrusive work, including walkover and geophysical survey, targeting the area of known prehistoric activity with targeted intrusive work. This should inform an assessment against Annex 1 Scheduling Criteria.
- a programme of non-intrusive work, including walkover and geophysical survey, targeting other geologically favourable areas for prehistoric potential. The line of the Roman road should also be targeted, as well as the site at the Hams to assess the potential for medieval activity.
- historic building assessments of the farmsteads identified above, plus a survey of the infrastructure related to the canal.
- further research and targeted intrusive work at undeveloped farmstead sites such as the Hams, the workers' housing at Colliers Row and the collieries.
- an assessment for potential historic hedgerows.

### 3.5 *GMA45: New Carrington (TR)*

#### 3.5.1 *Location*

The New Carrington Land Allocation (centred at NGR 373869, 391162) lies to the east of Partington. The Site is 1137.7ha and is bounded by the River Mersey to the north, Ashton upon Mersey to the east, countryside to the south and Partington to the west.

#### 3.5.2 *Summary of Screening Assessment*

Four designated heritage assets lie within the land allocations and a number have been identified further afield. The land allocations contain, and have potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric, medieval, post-medieval and industrial periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified within and outside the land allocation.



- a programme of non-intrusive work, incorporating a detailed walkover and topographic survey as well as fieldwalking over arable fields. This should be aimed at identifying the potential areas of prehistoric/Romano-British settlement that have not been subject to intense development and/or tipping. This should be followed by targeted geophysical survey.
- targeted geophysical survey and intrusive work on the possible industrial activity identified from tithe mapping field names, as well as the suggested site of the water mill.
- further assessment of the surviving peat on Carrington Moss to determine any changes and loss since the previous survey, using the data from this as a base to identify the potential for palaeo-environmental remains.
- more detailed desk-based research, survey and targeted evaluation on Carrington Hall.
- assess the potential for survival of palaeo-environmental remains within the former course of the River Mersey.
- historic building assessments of the farmsteads identified and, where appropriate, targeted intrusive work.
- targeted intrusive work on demolished farmsteads.
- survey and assessment of the ancient/semi-natural woodland at Coroner's Wood.
- further assessment on the village of Carrington, including the Windmill Inn.

### 3.6 *GMA46: Timperley Wedge (TR)*

#### 3.6.1 *Location*

The Timperley Wedge Land Allocation (centred at NGR 380057 387378) is centred around Davenport Green and lies 4km to the south-east of Altrincham. The site is 225ha in size and is bounded by the M56 to the south-east, Shay Lane to the south-west, Ash Lane, Clay Lane and Timperley Brook to the west, Green Lane to the north-west, Ridgeway Road and Alder Drive to the north and Fairy Well Brook to the east.

#### 3.6.2 *Summary of Screening Assessment*

Three designated heritage assets lie within the land allocation and a number have been identified further afield. The moated site at Buttery House farm has the potential to be of high significance. The land allocations contain, and have potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric, medieval and post-medieval periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets.
- further desk-based research, targeted non-intrusive survey and intrusive works on the medieval landscape including Buttery House Farm, Sunderland Park and the possible moated site, building on the previous work. The former should be subject to the Annex 1 Scheduling criteria.
- non-intrusive work including walkover and geophysical survey to identify any potential prehistoric remains, particularly around the water easement route where remains were identified previously.

- historic building assessments of the standing buildings and if appropriate, targeted intrusive work.
- targeted intrusive work on demolished farmsteads and cottages.
- an assessment for potential historic hedgerows.

## 4. Sites Screened In (Red) – Category 2

### 4.1 Introduction

This section outlines the summary results of the screening exercise for the Sites ‘screened in’ that have concerns over the impact on designated heritage assets within the land allocation boundary, although the non-designated heritage assets can be dealt with through the planning process. Seven sites have been identified within this category.

| Site Code | Site Name                     | Local Authority                  |
|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| GMA2      | Stakehill                     | Cross Boundary (Oldham/Rochdale) |
| GMA11     | Roundthorn Medipark Extension | Manchester                       |
| GMA18     | Robert Fletchers              | Oldham                           |
| GMA25     | Crimble Mill                  | Rochdale                         |
| GMA44     | South of Hyde                 | Tameside                         |
| GMA47     | Land South of Pennington      | Wigan                            |
| GMA50     | Pocket Nook                   | Wigan                            |

*Table 4.1.1 List of seven Sites ‘screened in’ (red) with concerns over designated and non-designated heritage assets*

### 4.2 GMA2 Stakehill (OL/RO)

#### 4.2.1 Location

The Stakehill land allocation (centred at NGR 389149, 408642) lies between Royton and Middleton, across the boundary of the Oldham and Rochdale Local Authority Areas and 5km south-west of Rochdale and 5km north-west of Oldham. The Site is 200 ha in size, and is split into two separate allocations north and south of the A627(M) Junction 2.

#### 4.2.2 Summary of Screening Assessment

Two designated heritage assets lie within the land allocations and several have been identified further afield. The land allocations contain, and have potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric, post-medieval and industrial periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified within and outside the land allocations.
- walkover survey of the northern part to identify potentially favourable areas of prehistoric settlement, followed by targeted geophysical survey.
- further assessment for palaeo-environmental potential at Slattocks Peat.
- historic building assessments of the farmsteads, school and vicarage.
- intrusive works within areas of potential prehistoric settlement, as well as now-demolished farmsteads.
- an assessment for potential historic hedgerows.

### 4.3 *GMA11 Roundthorn Medipark Extension (MA)*

#### 4.3.1 *Location*

The Site (centred at NGR 380422, 387522) covers an area of approximately 21.5ha and is bounded by Wythenshawe Hospital Staff Car Park to the north, Barnacre Avenue to the east, Whitecarr Lane and Fairywell Brook to the south and Dobbinetts Lane to the west. It lies to the south-west of Newall Green.

#### 4.3.2 *Summary of Screening Assessment*

Three designated heritage assets lie within the land allocation. The land allocations contain, and have potential for non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric and medieval periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets at the former Newall Green farm complex.
- targeted geophysical survey to help define further areas of prehistoric and Medieval activity, followed by targeted intrusive work.
- an assessment for potential historic hedgerows.

### 4.4 *GMA18 Robert Fletchers (OL)*

#### 4.4.1 *Location*

The Site (centred at NGR 400612, 403752) covers an area of approximately 32.27ha and is bounded by an unnamed track to the north, unnamed track to the east, open countryside and Bradbury's Lane to the south and Waterside to the west. It lies to the east of Greenfield.

#### 4.4.2 *Summary of Screening Assessment*

One designated heritage asset lies within the land allocation and a number have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has the potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the post-medieval and industrial periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of Greenfield Mill House and its gardens, together with the designated heritage assets identified further afield.
- further assessment as to whether Greenfield Farm can be considered to fall within the curtilage listing of Greenfield House.
- a detailed desk-based assessment on the development and potential at Greenfield, latterly Fletchers, Mill is recommended, encompassing a historic building assessment together with a consideration of below-ground archaeological remains, followed by targeted intrusive works.

## 4.5 *GMA25 Crimble Mill (RO)*

### 4.5.1 *Location*

The Crimble Mill land allocation (centred at NGR 386395, 411324) lies at the north-east edge of Heywood and 3.9km south-west of Rochdale. The Site is 16.8ha in size and is bounded by the Rivers Roch and Crimble to the north and Murual Street and Woodland Road to the south. Rural land defines the eastern and western sides.

### 4.5.2 *Summary of Screening Assessment*

One designated heritage asset lies within the land allocation and a number have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has the potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric and industrial periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified within the Site and further afield.
- a historic building assessment of Crimble Mill, which is likely to lead on to a programme of archaeological building survey.
- geophysical survey is recommended across the site to identify prehistoric settlement as well as the remains of the colliery and farmstead. This would likely lead on to a programme of targeted intrusive work.

## 4.6 *GMA44: South of Hyde (TA)*

### 4.6.1 *Location*

The South of Hyde Land Allocation (centred at NGR 396714, 394193) lies at the south of the south Tameside Local Authority area, approximately 6km south of Ashton-under-Lyne and measures at 32.36ha in total. The Site is split into two separate allocations, which are separated by the A560 Stockport Road.

### 4.6.2 *Summary of Screening Assessment*

One designated heritage asset lies within the land allocation and a number have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has the potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the Roman, medieval, post-medieval and industrial periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified within and outside the land allocation.
- non-intrusive work including walkover survey and targeted geophysical survey, particularly over the possible kiln site and to confirm if the Roman road is present.
- a programme of historic building assessments.
- targeted intrusive work, based on the results of the non-intrusive work.
- further assessment for historic hedgerows and ancient woodland.

## 4.7 *GMA47 Land South of Pennington (WI)*

### 4.7.1 *Location*

The Land South of Pennington Land Allocation (centred at NGR 365122, 397787) lies to the south of Leigh and 11km south-east of Wigan town centre. The Site is 53.1ha in size and is bounded by the A579 to the west and the A580 East Lancashire Road to the south. Open countryside defines the northern and eastern sides.

### 4.7.2 *Summary of Screening Statement*

One designated heritage asset lies within the land allocation. The land allocation contains, and has the potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric and post-medieval periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage asset within the land allocation.
- historic building assessments on the farmsteads.
- assessment of the potential mossland.
- targeted intrusive work and sampling based on the results of the above work.

## 4.8 *GMA50 Pocket Nook (WI)*

### 4.8.1 *Location*

The Pocket Nook Land Allocation (centred at NGR 363897, 397268) lies to the east of Golborne and 9.5km south-east of Wigan town centre. The Site is 52ha in size and is bounded by the A580 East Lancashire Road to the south, Lowton to the west and north and the A579 to the east.

### 4.8.2 *Summary of Screening Assessment*

One designated heritage asset lies within the land allocation. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the post-medieval period.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage asset within the land allocation.
- historic building assessments of Pocket Nook House, Pocket Nook Farm and Pocket Nook.
- targeted intrusive work at the farmsteads.

## 5. Sites Screened In (Amber) – Category 3

### 5.1 Introduction

This section outlines the summary results of the screening exercise for the Sites ‘screened in’ where the development could affect the setting of, or have a visual impact on, designated heritage assets and there is the potential for a direct impact upon non-designated heritage assets. In total, 14 sites have been identified within this category.

| Site Code | Site Name                   | Local Authority |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| GMA5      | Chequerbent North           | Bolton          |
| GMA9      | Walshaw                     | Bury            |
| GMA10     | Global Logistics            | Manchester      |
| GMA13     | Ashton Road Corridor        | Oldham          |
| GMA14     | Beal Valley                 | Oldham          |
| GMA15     | Broadbent Moss              | Oldham          |
| GMA16     | Cowlishaw                   | Oldham          |
| GMA17     | Hanging Chadder             | Oldham          |
| GMA21     | Thornham Old Road           | Oldham          |
| GMA22     | Woodhouses Cluster          | Oldham          |
| GMA23     | Bamford/Norden              | Rochdale        |
| GMA26     | Land North of Smithy Bridge | Rochdale        |
| GMA42     | Ashton Moss                 | Tameside        |
| GMA43     | Godley Green Garden Village | Tameside        |

*Table 5.1.1 List of 14 Sites ‘screened in’ (amber) with concerns over nearby designated heritage assets and non-designated heritage assets within the LA*

### 5.2 GMA 5 Chequerbent North (BO)

#### 5.2.1 Location

The Chequerbent North allocation (centred at NGR 367479, 406362) lies north-east of Chequerbent and c. 5km south-west of Bolton town centre. The site is 15.8ha in size and bounded by Syndale Way to the west, M61 to the north, the former Bolton and Leigh Railway to the east and Manchester road to the south.

#### 5.2.2 Summary of Screening Assessment

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although one has been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the industrial period.

- further assessment of the potential impact on Hulton Park.
- historic building assessment of Old Taylor’s.
- detailed research and walkover survey of the former Bolton and Leigh railway line, including the bridge and associated station and goods yard at Chequerbent followed by targeted intrusive work.

### **5.3 GMA9 Walshaw (BU)**

#### **5.3.1 Location**

The Walshaw Land Allocation (centred at NGR 378115, 411580) lies to the south-east of Walshaw and c. 2km north-west of Bury town centre. The site is 64.1ha in size and is bounded by Scobell Street to the north, Tottington Road to the east, Dow Lane to the south and Lowercroft Road/High Street to the west.

#### **5.3.2 Summary of Screening Assessment**

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although one has been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric, post-medieval and industrial periods.

- further assessment of the designated heritage asset identified outside the land allocation.
- non-intrusive work including walkover and geophysical survey to identify any areas of prehistoric potential.
- historic building assessments of the farmsteads, hotel and print works remains
- targeted intrusive work, depending on the results of the non-intrusive works, and also across the site of the former Boholt Print Works.

### **5.4 GMA10 Global Logistics (MA)**

#### **5.4.1 Location**

The Global Logistics land allocation (centred at 380200, 384154) lies to the south-west of Manchester Airport and 14km south-west of Manchester City Centre. The Site is 20ha in size and is bounded by Sunbank Wood on its western and southern side, Coteril Clough on its eastern side and Manchester Airport to the north.

#### **5.4.2 Summary of Screening Assessment**

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although one has been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the Prehistoric period.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of the identified designated heritage asset.
- geophysical survey and targeted intrusive work to identify any prehistoric remains.

### **5.5 GMA13 Ashton Road Corridor (OL)**

#### **5.5.1 Location**

The Ashton Road Corridor Land Allocations (centred at NGR 392774, 402106 and 393124, 401553) and lies broadly at the southern end of the Oldham Local Authority area, near Bardsley. It is split into two separate allocations, which lie east and west of Ashton Road.



### *5.5.2 Summary of Screening Assessment*

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although several have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric and industrial periods.

Further work is recommended including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified outside the land allocations.
- further assessment for historic hedgerows.
- further work is recommended at the colliery site, including further historical research and a programme of intrusive work targeting the former colliery buildings and tramway.
- a programme of geophysical survey is also recommended for the eastern land allocation, with a programme of intrusive work likely to follow on from this.

## *5.6 GMA14 Beal Valley (OL)*

### *5.6.1 Location*

The Beal Valley land allocation (centred at NGR 394039, 408229) lies 3.5km to the north-east of Oldham and at the south side of Shaw. The Site is 51.2ha in size and is bound by the East Didsbury – Rochdale tram line to the east, Bullcote Lane to the south, Shaw Edge to the west and Moss Hey to the north.

### *5.6.2 Summary of Screening Assessment*

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, however a number have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric, post-medieval and industrial periods.

Further work is recommended including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified outside the land allocations.
- further assessment of the potential for palaeo-environmental evidence from Shaw Moss and other low lying areas is recommended.
- targeted walkover and geophysical surveys to identify topographically favourable locations for prehistoric settlement, with targeted intrusive work.
- further research and a programme of intrusive works on the cotton mills and demolished farmsteads such as Intacks.
- a historic building assessment is also recommended for Duke Mill.

## 5.7 *GMA15 Broadbent Moss (OL)*

### 5.7.1 *Location*

The Broadbent Moss land allocation (centred at NGR 394039, 408229) and lies to the north-east of Oldham and at the west side of Moorside. The Site is 81.63ha in total and is bounded by Sholver and GMA14: Beal Valley to the north, Heyside and Royton Moss to the west, Acre to the south and Moorside to the east. The allocation is split into three separate plots, separated east-west by the East Didsbury-Rochdale tram line.

### 5.7.2 *Summary of Screening Assessment*

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although several have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric, post-medieval and industrial period.

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified outside the land allocations.
- a programme of work to assess the extent and survival of the peat at Royton and Broadbent Moss is recommended.
- a historic building assessment is recommended for the farmstead at Hodge Clough.
- detailed desk-based assessment and intrusive work targeting the areas around the River Beal, the former collieries at Hodge Clough and Barrowshaw, as well as at the former settlement at Broadbent are also recommended.

## 5.8 *GMA16 Cowlshaw (OL)*

### 5.8.1 *Location*

The Cowlshaw land allocation lies between Shaw and Royton (centred at NGR 392901 408608). The site is bounded by Shaw to the east, Luzley Brook to the south, Crompton and Royton Golf Club to the west and Higher Crompton to the north.

### 5.8.2 *Summary of Screening Assessment*

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although a number have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric and post-medieval period.

Further work is recommended including:

- Further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified outside the land allocations.
- A programme of non-intrusive work involving walkover survey and geophysics is also recommended, with targeted intrusive work.
- Further research into the settlement at Cowlshaw as well as the early 19<sup>th</sup> century farms and targeted intrusive work.

## 5.9 GMA17 Hanging Chadder (OL)

### 5.9.1 Location

The Hanging Chadder Land Allocation is situated to the west of Shaw (centred at NGR 391579 409234). It is 22.66 ha in size and is bounded by Springfield Lane and Castleton Road to the north, Narrowgate Brow to the east, Rochdale Road to the west and Grassmere Road to the south.

### 5.9.2 Summary of Screening Assessment

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although several have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric and medieval period.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified outside the land allocations.
- further research on the settlement at Hanging Chadder and geophysical survey of the area to the south
- target topographic and geophysical survey to identify potential prehistoric activity.
- targeted intrusive work based on the work above.

## 5.10 GMA21 Thornham Old Road (OL)

### 5.10.1 Location

The Thornham Old Road Land Allocation (centred at NGR 390799, 409432) lies close to the northern border of the Oldham Local Authority, 4.5km north-west of Oldham town centre. The Site is 34.7ha in size and is bounded by the Oldham/Rochdale Local Authority boundary to the north, Rochdale road to the east and Tandle Hill Road to the south. Open countryside defines its western side.

### 5.10.2 Summary of Screening Assessment

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although a number have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the Industrial period.

Further work is recommended, including:

- Further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified outside the land allocations.
- Further research and targeted intrusive work on the site of Hathershaw Moor colliery.

## *5.11 GMA22 Woodhouses Cluster (OL)*

### *5.11.1 Location*

The Woodhouses Cluster land allocations (centred at NGR 391111, 400877) lies broadly at the south-western end of the Oldham Local Authority, 4.4km south-west of Oldham town centre. The Site measures 9ha in total and is split into three separate allocations (for purposes of the report, they are split in relation to where they lie geographically in relation to the village of Woodhouses).

### *5.11.2 Summary of Screening Assessment*

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, however a number have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the Industrial period.

Further work is recommended including:

- Further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified outside the land allocations.
- A historic building assessment of Bottom Field Farm is recommended.

## *5.12 GMA23 Bamford/Norden (RO)*

### *5.12.1 Location*

The Bamford/Norden Land Allocation (centred at NGR 386068, 413173) lies at the western side of Bamford. It is 35.6ha in size and is bounded by Norden road to the east, Norford Way and Greenvale to the north and Jowkin Way to the west.

### *5.12.2 Summary of Screening Assessment*

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although several have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric and post-medieval periods.

Further work is recommended including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified outside the land allocations.
- further work is recommended including a programme of intrusive works around the sands and gravels, however this may be restricted due to the presence of electric pylons.
- intrusive works should also target Lower Jowkin.
- a historic building assessment is recommended at Hopwood Farm.
- further assessment for historic hedgerows.

## **5.13 GMA26 Land North of Smithy Bridge (RO)**

### **5.13.1 Location**

The Land North of Smithy Bridge land allocation lies 4km north-east of Rochdale (centred at NGR 393400, 415424). It is 20.4ha in size and is bounded by Lake Bank to the south, Hollingworth road to the east, Rochdale Canal to the north and Smithy Bridge to the west.

### **5.13.2 Summary of Screening Assessment**

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although several have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the industrial period.

Further work is recommended including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified outside the land allocations.
- a historic building assessment is recommended for Lower Cleggs Wood.
- further research and targeted intrusive work on Heald.

## **5.14 GMA42 Ashton Moss (TA)**

### **5.14.1 Location**

The Ashton Moss West Land Allocation (centred at NGR 391972, 399022) lies at the eastern side of the Tameside Local Authority area, 1km west of Ashton-Under-Lyne town centre and measures at 58.23ha. It is bounded by the Manchester-Ashton tram line to the south, M60 to the east, Ashton Branch railway line to the north and Droylsden to the west.

### **5.14.2 Summary of Screening Assessment**

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although several have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric and industrial periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- Further assessment of the designated heritage assets identified outside the land allocation.
- An assessment of the surviving peat at the moss to determine any changes and loss since the previous survey.
- A programme of non-intrusive work involving walkover survey targeting local prehistoric findspots.
- For the Moss Side/Oak Fold farm, a historic building assessment is recommended.
- A programme of archaeological evaluation on the undisturbed areas.

## 5.15 *Godley Green Garden Village (TA)*

### 5.15.1 *Location*

The Godley Green Garden Village Land Allocation (centred at NGR 396714, 394193) lies at the south western side of the Tameside Local Authority area, approximately 6km south-east of Ashton-under-Lyne town centre and measures 124ha. The site is bounded by the railway line to the east, Mottram Old Road to the south, Werneth Brook to the west and a cycling track to the north which was once part of the Cheshire Lines Railway.

### 5.15.2 *Summary of Screening Assessment*

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although several have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from all periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- further assessment of the designated heritage asset identified outside the land allocation.
- a programme of non-intrusive work including walkover survey and geophysical survey, especially on areas of sands and gravels and at Greenside.
- an assessment of the hedgerows for their potential historic value.
- an assessment of Brookfold Wood.
- a programme of historic building assessments.

## 6. Sites Screened In (Amber) – Category 4

### 6.1 Introduction

This section outlines the summary results of the screening exercise for the Sites ‘screened in’ where the development could affect the setting of, or have a visual impact on, designated heritage assets. Five sites have been identified within this category.

| Site Code | Site Name                  | Local Authority |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| GMA19     | South of Rosary Road       | Oldham          |
| GMA20     | Spinners Way/Alderney Farm | Oldham          |
| GMA24     | Castleton Sidings          | Rochdale        |
| GMA27     | Newhey Quarry              | Rochdale        |
| GMA28     | Roch Valley                | Rochdale        |

Table 6.1.1 List of five Sites screened in (amber) with concerns over designated heritage assets only

### 6.2 GMA19 South of Rosary Road (OL)

#### 6.2.1 Location

The South of Rosary Road land allocation (centred at NGR 393380, 402227) lies broadly at the southern end of the Oldham Local Authority area, north-east of Bardsley. It measures 2.66ha in size and is bounded by the southern edge of Fitton Hill on its north and western sides and land belonging to Bank Top Farm to the south.

#### 6.2.2 Summary of Screening Assessment

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although one has been identified further afield. The potential for non-designated heritage assets within the land allocation has been assessed as low.

Further work is recommended, in the form of further assessment of the identified designated heritage asset. No further archaeological work is anticipated.

### 6.3 GMA20 Spinners Way/Alderney Farm (OL)

#### 6.3.1 Location

The Spinners Way Land Allocation (centred at NGR 395634, 408004) lies at the north-east end of Sholver and Moorside. The Site is 2ha in size and is bounded by Besom Hill to the north and east, Peak Close and Spring Hall Rise to the south and Ripponden Road to the west.

#### 6.3.2 Summary of Screening Assessment

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although several have been identified further afield. The potential for non-designated heritage assets within the land allocation has been assessed as low.

Further work is recommended in the form of further assessment of the identified designated heritage assets. No further archaeological work is anticipated.

## **6.4 GMA24 Castleton Sidings (RO)**

### **6.4.1 Location**

The Castleton Sidings land allocation (centred at NGR 387861, 410106) lies 3.5km south-west of Rochdale and at the south-west side of Castleton. The Site is 11.5ha in size and is bounded by the Manchester-Leeds railway line on its eastern and southern sides, a golf course on its western side and Fairway on its northern side.

### **6.4.2 Summary of Screening Assessment**

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although a number have been identified further afield. The potential for non-designated heritage assets within the land allocation has been assessed as low.

Further work is recommended in the form of further assessment of the identified designated heritage assets. No further archaeological investigation is anticipated.

## **6.5 GMA27 Newhey Quarry (RO)**

### **6.5.1 Location**

The Newhey Quarry land allocation is situated to the north of Newhey and 4km south-east of Rochdale. It is 13.6 ha in size and is bounded by Huddersfield Road to the south and open countryside on its other sides.

### **6.5.2 Summary of Screening Assessment**

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, however a number have been identified further afield. The potential for non-designated heritage assets within the land allocation has been assessed as low.

Further work is recommended in the form of further assessment of the identified designated heritage assets. No further archaeological investigation is anticipated.

## **6.6 GMA28 Roch Valley (RO)**

### **6.6.1 Location**

The Roch Valley land allocation (centred at NGR 392058, 415383) lies between Smallbridge and Smithy Bridge, approximately 3km north-east of Rochdale town centre. The Site measures 14ha in size and is bounded by Greengate and Wuerdle to the north, Smithy Bridge road to the east and the River Roch to the south. Open fields define its western side.

### **6.6.2 Summary of Screening Assessment**

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation, although a number have been identified further afield. The potential for non-designated heritage assets within the land allocation has been assessed as low.

Further work is recommended in the form of further assessment of the identified designated heritage assets. No further archaeological work is anticipated.



## 7. Sites Screened In (Amber) – Category 5

### 7.1 Introduction

This section outlines the summary results of the screening exercise for the Sites where only non-designated heritage assets are likely to be impacted. A total of six sites have been identified within this category.

| Site Code | Site Name                       | Local Authority |
|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| GMA4      | Bewshill Farm                   | Bolton          |
| GMA6      | West of Wingates/M61 Junction 6 | Bolton          |
| GMA29     | Trows Farm                      | Rochdale        |
| GMA48     | M6 J25                          | Wigan           |
| GMA49     | North of Mosley Common          | Wigan           |
| GMA51     | West of Gibfield                | Wigan           |

*Table 7.1.1 List of six Sites ‘screened in’ (amber) with concerns over non-designated heritage assets only*

### 7.2 GMA4 Bewshill Farm (BO)

#### 7.2.1 Location

The Bewshill Farm land allocation (centred at NGR 370194, 405033) lies between Walkden and Over Hulton and c.4km south-west of Bolton town centre. The Site is 5.6ha in size and is bounded by Salford Road to the north and an industrial estate on its other sides.

#### 7.2.2 Summary of Screening Assessment

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation and none have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric and post-medieval / industrial periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- Geophysical survey and targeted intrusive work to assess the potential for prehistoric remains.
- Historic building assessment of the Bewshill Farm complex.

### 7.3 GMA6 West of Wingates/M61 Junction 6 (BO)

#### 7.3.1 Location

The West of Wingates land allocation (centred at NGR 364089, 407028) lies to the west of Westhoughton and c.8km south-west of Bolton town centre. The site is 183.7ha in size and is bounded by Dicconson Lane to the north, Chorley Road and Wingates to the east, Westhoughton Golf Club to the south and the former Hilton House branch line to the west.

### *7.3.2 Summary of Screening Assessment*

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation and none have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric, post-medieval and industrial periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- Walkover survey and assessment of potential paleoenvironmental deposits.
- Further assessment for historic hedgerows.
- Historic building assessments of the farmsteads.
- Targeted intrusive work on the possible bell pits and surrounding areas.
- Further assessment on whether Holden Wood can be designated as ancient woodland.

## *7.4 GMA29 Trows Farm (RO)*

### *7.4.1 Location*

The Site (centred at NGR 389205, 410277) covers an area of approximately 21.18ha and is bounded by Cripple Gate Lane to the north, A627(M) to the east, reservoirs, ponds and Grange Mill to the south and Leander Drive to the west. It lies to the south-west of Castleton.

### *7.4.2 Summary of Screening Assessment*

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation and none have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric, medieval and post-medieval periods.

Further work is recommended including:

- A walkover survey to identify topographically favourable locations for prehistoric and medieval activity.
- A programme of geophysical survey and intrusive archaeological works for any areas identified.
- Historic building assessment and if appropriate, targeted intrusive work at Trows Farm.

## *7.5 GMA37 Heald Green (ST)*

### *7.5.1 Location*

The Heald Green Land Allocation (centred at NGR 384374 385397), which is 27.28 ha in size, lies to the south of Heald Green railway station, being bounded on the west by the Manchester to Crewe railway line. On the east, the Site takes in two playing fields off Outwood Lane and runs up against housing estates, whilst the southern boundary is demarcated by Outwood (Nixon's) Farm and associated fields. Apart from the playing fields, the Site is used as pasture land with several mature field boundaries and a few footpaths

### *7.5.2 Summary of Screening Assessment*

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation and none have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric, medieval and post-medieval periods.

- A more detailed archaeological assessment including historical research for the farm site followed by evaluation through geophysical survey and trial trenching.
- Further assessment for historic hedgerows.
- A programme of evaluation through geophysical survey and trial trenching is also recommended for the known heritage sites together with topographically favourable locations for prehistoric, medieval and post medieval settlement activity.

## *7.6 GMA48 M6 J25 (WI)*

### *7.6.1 Location*

The M6, Junction 25 Land Allocation (centred at NGR 356099, 401906) lies to the north of Bryn and 4km south-west of Wigan town centre. The site is 73.7ha in size and is bounded by the M6 along its western, southern and most of its eastern side, the A49 along the rest of its eastern side and Marus Bridge to the north.

### *7.6.2 Summary of Screening Assessment*

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation and none have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric and industrial periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- Historic building assessments and further research of Cranberry Lea Farm and Low Brooks Farm, with targeted intrusive works.
- Targeted archaeological watching brief on areas previously undisturbed by open-cast mining.

## *7.7 GMA49 North of Mosley Common (WI)*

### *7.7.1 Location*

The North of Mosley Common Land Allocation (centred at NGR 371687, 401961) lies to the north of Mosley Common and north-east of Parr Brow and 14km south-east of Wigan, close to the eastern boundary with the Salford District. The Site is 64.6ha in size and bounded by City Road and New City Road to the east, Bridgewater Road to the south, Parr Brow to the west and countryside to the north.

### *7.7.2 Summary of Screening Assessment*

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation and none have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric, Roman and post-medieval periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- Targeted geophysical and walkover survey to identify any potential prehistoric potential around Honksford Brook, as well as the Roman road.
- Further assessment for historic hedgerows.
- Historic building assessments and further research of the farmstead complexes.
- Targeted intrusive work, including demolished farmsteads.

## **7.8 GMA51 West of Gibfield (WI)**

### **7.8.1 Location**

The West of Gibfield Land Allocation (centred at NGR 366142, 403993) lies to the west of Atherton and 8km south-east of Wigan town centre. The Site is 53.9ha in size and is bounded by Manchester – Wigan railway line to the north, Hag Fold to the east, Wigan Road to the south and open countryside to the west.

### **7.8.2 Summary of Screening Assessment**

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation and none have been identified further afield. The land allocation contains, and has potential for, non-designated heritage assets from the prehistoric, Roman and industrial periods.

Further work is recommended, including:

- Targeted survey and, depending on the results, intrusive work to the south of Colliery Lane, focusing on the early 19<sup>th</sup>-century coal mining activity and associated cottages, Moons and an earthwork.

## 8. Sites Screened Out (Green) – Category 6

### 8.1 Introduction

This section outlines the summary results of the screening exercise for the Sites recommended for ‘screening out’. Sites where there is thought to be no impact, direct or indirect, on designated heritage assets and with no or very low archaeological potential. Two sites have been identified within this category.

| Site Code | Site Name      | Local Authority |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| GMA8      | Seedfield      | Bury            |
| GMA12     | Southwick Park | Manchester      |

Table 8.1.1 List of two Sites to be screened out

### 8.2 GMA8 Seedfield (BU)

#### 8.2.1 Location

The Site (centred at NGR 380433, 412382) covers an area of approximately 5.15ha and is bounded by Arley Avenue to the north, Woodend Close to the east, The Drive to the south and woodland to the west. It lies approximately 1.5km north of Bury.

#### 8.2.2 Summary of Screening Assessment

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation and none have been identified further afield. The potential for non-designated heritage assets within the land allocation has been assessed as low. No further work is anticipated.

### 8.3 GMA12 Southwick Park (MA)

#### 8.3.1 Location

The Southwick Park land allocation (centred at NGR 381311, 391004) lies to the north of Northern Moor and 7km south-west of Manchester city centre. The Site is 1ha in size and is bounded by the M60 to the north and Southwick road to the south.

#### 8.3.2 Summary of Screening Assessment

There are no designated heritage assets within the land allocation and none have been identified further afield. The potential for non-designated heritage assets within the land allocation has been assessed as low. No further work is anticipated.

## 9. Next Steps

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### 9.1 Further Work

The Centre for Applied Archaeology consider that Category 1 sites are the priority for the next stage of work as identified within the recommendations section for the site allocations. These tend to be the larger land allocations and contain key heritage sites that should themselves be prioritised for further, more detailed assessment. The Category 2 sites are also considered a priority regarding designated heritage assets. We would welcome further discussion on how this work can be implemented within the tight timescale available.

It should be noted that some of the recommendations relate to specialist skill areas of a more ecological nature, such as historic hedgerows species identification and ancient woodland designation.

For the other Site allocations with heritage interests, there are a range of recommendations some of which should be addressed in the short term. For instance, for the amber sites, small pieces of more detailed analysis may result in some allocations being recommended for 'screening out'. Other pieces of work could narrow down the specific areas or sites of heritage sensitivity so that master planning can recognise, protect and enhance these, whilst identifying other heritage sites whose interests can be addressed through planning conditions.

It is recommended that for the Site allocations that have been 'screened in', a Heritage Assessment report is prepared to the same level as that previously published for Salford's three Site allocations with heritage interests (GMSFs 22, 31 and 33). The reports should include the following section headings set out in the Salford model:

- **Heritage asset(s) affected and the relationship between the site and heritage asset**
- **Relevant or useful information relating to the heritage asset**
- **Archaeological assessment of the site**
- **Assessment of the contribution that the site makes to those elements which contribute to the significance of the heritage asset**
- **Impact the proposed allocation may have upon the significance of the heritage assets**
- **If the development of this site would harm elements which contribute to the significance of the heritage assets, does the development plan set out sufficient measures to remove or reduce this harm?**
- **If development presents an opportunity to enhance heritage assets, does the development plan set out sufficient measures to ensure this?**

This work will provide consistency across the GMSF Site allocations. It will comply with a number of requirements under Section 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework. In relation to NPPF paragraph 185, GMCA will be able to show it is adopting a positive strategy for conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment including appropriate policies. It will ensure the GMSF uses the contribution of the historic environment to the character of the area in future development, helping to provide a sense of local distinctiveness. For NPPF paragraph 193, it will enable GMCA to demonstrate that it has given appropriate weight to maximising the enhancement of the historic environment whilst avoiding harm.

The heritage identified in this study should be seen as an opportunity and not just a risk. History plays a central role in the way a place is experienced, but often this is overlooked in new developments. The GM Spatial Framework provides an opportunity for heritage to play a central role in place-making. A sense of local identity can help with social cohesion and heritage should play a key role in this through its integration in masterplanning. A sense of place for the new developments can be achieved through the integration of tangible historic features such as old field boundaries, hedgerows, mature trees, building/foundation remains, and earthworks, but the intangible should also be referenced such as in new neighbourhood or street names informed by historical research. A strategy for heritage information dissemination such as interpretation boards, heritage trails, community events, publications and internet material should be considered. These positive, enhancing aspects of local heritage can be embedded through policies set out within the Heritage Assessments and development plans.

The Centre for Applied Archaeology would be happy to discuss any of the above in more detail.

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