

Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

Local Enterprise Partnership
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Status

- Statutory plan of GM Mayor – unanimous support of Cabinet

The Purpose

- Clear understanding of the role of places and relationships between them
- Identify and evidence the level, type and infrastructure requirements of growth
- Provide a basis for districts to progress local plans
- Meet legal requirements – duty to co-operate

The Scope

- Housing and employment land supply, infrastructure to deliver them
- Balance between strategic and local issues
- Time period extends to 2035

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Background

- Challenge is to articulate what devolution/Northern Powerhouse means for Greater Manchester strategically
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- Spatial Framework will set out the spatial priorities **but** success underpinned by range of strategies
- Critically needs to identify land to meet development aspirations
- Policy framework to influence quality and location of development

Current Position

- Consultation launched 9 November
- Produced 4 background papers
- Brought together into a growth options paper
- Supported by high level Integrated Assessment of the effects of each of the options
- Need to seek further land –“call for development sites”

Options Paper

- Scope of the plan
- Vision
- Strategy / Strategic Objectives
- Growth Options
- Implications for land supply

Scope

- Focus on housing and employment land and infrastructure necessary to deliver these
- Strategic 'allocations'
- Extend scope to include strategic policies around environment, green infrastructure, development management
- Impact of the government proposals to have plans in place by 2017 may drive further changes
- Balance between what we do at GM level and what is dealt with locally still under discussion

Vision

- Based on GMS but building on devolution/Northern Powerhouse narrative
- Necessarily high level and not spatial
- Same vision will underpin all other GM strategies

Strategic Approach

What the vision means spatially and the principles which will underpin the GMSF, for example,

- focus on key economic drivers but recognising the need to raise economic performance across the whole of GM
- maximise ability to use sustainable modes of transport
- protect and enhance 'important' green infrastructure

Will lead to development of 'Strategic Objectives' against which the GMSF will be measured

Strategic Growth Options

- Modelled a range of economic (Oxford Economics) growth and demographic (POPGROUP) scenarios
- Developed Accelerated Growth Scenario – to meet Government long term economic plan ambitions for the North West
- Population modelling – assumptions around migration/household formation/Unattributable Population Change
- Different population scenarios run through AGS – range of options

Strategic Growth Options

3 options outlined, loosely characterised as:

- Option 1 – current ‘policy on’ option – utilise existing land supply
- Option 2 – Accelerated Growth Scenario
- Option 3 – ‘Higher’ growth scenario – higher population growth drives further economic growth

Assessed broadly against extent to which they meet economic, social objectives and also implications for existing land supply:

- Option 1 will not fully deliver GM economic ambitions or meet housing need but would protect open land
- Options 2 - significant land supply gap for industry/warehousing and housing
- Option 3 significant shortfall industry/warehousing and housing, small shortfall for offices

Role of the Integrated Assessment

- Supporting plan preparation by challenging and testing iterations of the options and then policies so that a more robust final document is produced.
- August 2015 – Consultation on the scope of the assessment and baseline evidence
- initial assessment of the growth options and emerging strategic objectives
- Will be used to both inform and appraise the future development of the Framework

Land Supply: Call for Development Sites

- Supply of available and deliverable sites necessary for us to deliver sound GMSF
- ‘Brownfield first’ approach
 - exploring ways to increase densities on existing sites
 - GM Place colleagues looking at public sector land/HIF
 - re-allocation of obsolete employment sites
- Discussions with Government around mechanisms to bring forward brownfield land
- Land supply gap still likely
- Alongside the consultation on the options will be asking for landowners, developers, residents to identify further sources of supply

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Finding Additional Sites

- Align with strategic principles
- Respond to market requirements
- Understand opportunities, constraints and risks

- Link to Infrastructure Open Data Map
<http://www.mappinggm.org.uk/gmodin/>

Consultation

- Runs from 9 November – 11 January
- Undertaken through consultation ‘portal’
- Report back to AGMA/GMCA in March/April

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