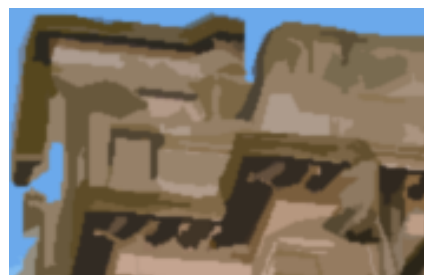
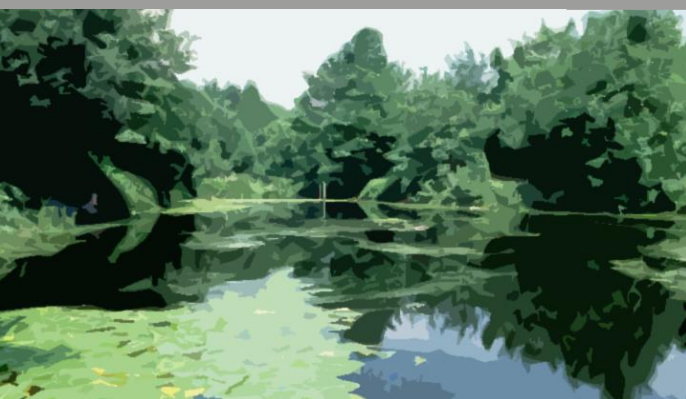




Draft Supplementary Planning Document 18  
Development Frameworks for Strategic  
Site Allocations at Elton Reservoir and  
Walshaw – Consultation Statement

April 2025



# 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Draft SPD18: Development Frameworks for Strategic Site Allocations at Elton Reservoir and Walshaw has been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 1.2. Regulation 12(a) requires the Council to produce a consultation statement before adoption of the SPD. This statement must set out who was consulted, a summary of the issues raised, and how these issues were incorporated into the SPD.
- 1.3. Regulation 12(b) requires the Council to publish the documents (including a 'consultation statement') for a minimum 4-week consultation, specify the date when responses should be received, and identify the address to which responses should be sent.
- 1.4. Regulation 13 stipulates that any person may make representations about the SPD and that the representations must be made by the end of the consultation date referred to in Regulation 12.
- 1.5. Regulation 12 states that when seeking representations on an SPD, documents must be made available in accordance with Regulation 35. This requires the Council to make documents available by taking the following steps:
  - Make the document available at the principal office and other places within the area that the Council considers appropriate; and
  - Publish the document on the Council's website.
- 1.6. This Consultation Statement sets out the extent of consultation and engagement undertaken on draft SPD18, highlights the issues raised and how the document was amended to reflect the issues raised.

## 2. Engagement during the preparation of the draft SPD

- 2.1 Draft SPD18 sets out more detailed guidance on what the Council will expect to see within future masterplans and phasing strategies for the Elton Reservoir and Walshaw sites, highlighting the relevant development plan policies and key requirements for each site.
- 2.2 As such, the draft SPD was largely developed within the Strategic Planning and Infrastructure team but with specialist input from the Council's Development Management, Education and Operations teams, the NHS and the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit.
- 2.3 The following table sets out the key issues raised during the internal engagement and how these have been addressed in the draft SPD.

Issue	How was this incorporated into the draft SPD
The need for an Environmental Impact Assessment	Specific section on EIA incorporated into the draft SPD.
The need for on-going engagement with Education Services to determine the specific requirements for education provision.	Reflected in draft SPD.
The need for on-going engagement with the Council's Operations department to determine the specific requirements for open space and recreation provision.	Reflected in draft SPD.
More detail on the requirements for healthcare provision should be included within the draft SPD.	Detail on health provision developed in collaboration with NHS and included within the draft SPD.
More detail needed on ecological considerations.	Detail on ecological considerations developed in collaboration with the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit and included within the draft SPD.

## 3. Screening Assessments

### Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening

- 3.1 A Screening Statement has been prepared to determine whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) would be required for the draft SPD18. The Council consulted Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency over a four-week period (14 August to 18 September 2024) in order to seek their views on the conclusions of the SEA Screening Assessment.
- 3.2 Responses were received from all three bodies, all of whom agreed with the Council that the above assessments would not be required to accompany the SPD.

### Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening

- 3.3 The Greater Manchester Ecology Unit (GMEU) were consulted on 14 August 2024. GMEU agreed with the Council's conclusion that the SPD would not require a full HRA and, in responding to their consultation on the SEA screening, Natural England also agreed that the proposed SPD would not require a full HRA.

## 4. Consultation

- 4.1 Draft SPD18 was approved for consultation by the Council's Cabinet on 25 September June 2024. A six-week period of consultation subsequently commenced on **Friday 18 October**, running to **Friday 29 November 2024**.
- 4.2 During this consultation, all relevant documentation could be found on the Council's web site copies of the documents were available for inspection electronically at Bury Town Hall between the hours of 8.45am and 5.00pm (Monday-Friday) and at local libraries and the Tottington Centre during their normal opening hours (see [www.bury.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.bury.gov.uk/libraries) and [www.tottingtoncentre.co.uk](http://www.tottingtoncentre.co.uk) for details).
- 4.3 Around 2,500 contacts on the Council's development plans consultation database were also notified directly of the consultation.
- 4.4 The Council also hosted a Microsoft Teams-based webinar on Thursday 7 November 2024 which involved a short presentation on the draft SPD and where Planning Officers were available to answer questions.
- 4.5 The consultation was also promoted on several occasions via social media (see example below).





- 4.6 In total, consultation on the draft SPD generated 166 responses. The issues raised and the Council's response to these are set out in a separate Consultation Analysis document.

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