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
Background

• Challenge is to articulate what devolution/Northern Powerhouse means for Greater Manchester strategically.

• 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

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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
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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