



**October 2018**

### **Woodford Neighbourhood Plan Consultation**

Woodford Neighbourhood Forum has reached a key stage with the Woodford Neighbourhood Plan, which has been submitted to Stockport Council who will run the final stages of the legislative process. The formal consultation by Stockport Council is now open until 5 pm on 7 December 2018. You can have your say [here](#). This consultation is open to everyone, whether or not you are a Woodford resident.

### **Have your say**

Stockport Council will organise a review by an independent examine. If any changes are required they will be made. Residents in the neighbourhood area will then have the opportunity to vote in a referendum, to be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, at the same time as the local elections. A simple majority vote in favour will allow the Woodford Neighbourhood Plan to be “made”. It then becomes part of planning policy applied to planning applications in the Neighbourhood area

### **Woodford Neighbourhood Forum Designation Extended**

Stockport Council has approved extension of the designation of Woodford Neighbourhood Forum for another 5 years until 17 October 2023.

### **Greater Manchester Spatial Framework**

Consultation on the revised Greater Manchester’s Spatial Framework has been further delayed because Greater Manchester’s Mayor, Andy Burnham, was not satisfied with the proposed level of Green Belt land release for development in the redraft and revised Government methodology for predicting housing needs was awaited.

The Government has just opened a consultation on changes to planning policy and guidance including the standard method for assessing local housing need. The latest ONS data produced lower predictions for household formation and therefore housing needs. Contrary to all the previous advice to use up to date figures, the Government is now specifying use of the previous (2014) ONS data for assessing housing need. At present, we don’t how GMCA will respond to that directive.

You can respond to the Government’s consultation [here](#).

**Woodford Community Council AGM; Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm Small Hall Woodford War Memorial Community Centre**

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