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## Summer is over – it must be the planning season!

Stockport Council has released the first stage in the development of a new Local Plan for Stockport and the SEMMMS Refresh consultation. The Greater Manchester Combined Authority has announced the next steps in the preparation of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.

### Stockport Borough Local Plan

The Local Plan Issues Paper is the first stage in the preparation of a Local Plan for Stockport. The purpose of the Local Plan is to manage development in the Borough up to the year 2035. It will include policies to guide appropriate, sustainable development through the planning application process and it will identify sites where development should take place, or where land or buildings should be protected. The Council is seeking views on what local people think the topics and scope of the Local Plan should be.

The Issues Paper is a very broad and open document that sets out the background to the current position and has been written for the public as well as professionals. It is important for people and organisations to get involved at this stage to help shape the Local Plan.

The Issues Paper is open for public consultation up to and including 8th October 2017.

There will be a series of workshops around the Borough. **The Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme South Area Workshop will be held on Saturday 16th September from 10.00am to 12.30pm in St Michael's Church hall, St Michael's Avenue, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 2PG.** Further details can be found [here](#).

You may wish to comment on the Stockport Local Plan. We would draw your attention to the para 5.2 under Housing on page 31 of the Issues and Options paper. This states:

**5.2** *The emerging work on the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) will set the overall housing figure for Stockport, and will provide large-scale housing allocations where necessary. At this stage, Stockport's requirement is 19,300 additional new dwellings between 2015 and 2035, although it is subject to change. This works out at 965 dwellings per year. Our current Core Strategy housing target is around 480 dwellings per year and national guidance means that we need to find a way to deliver that revised figure.*

You will recall that the 19,300 overall housing target for Stockport in GMSF was precisely what precipitated the mass Save Stockport Greenbelt demonstration at the Town Hall on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Does Stockport need to double the annual housing supply originally set in the 2011 Core Strategy?



The Local Plan Issues Paper and supporting documents are available to view on the Council website at [www.stockport.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/localplan), at the Council main reception at Fred Perry House on Edward Street (between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Thursday and between 8.30am and 4.30pm Fridays) and at all libraries in Stockport during their regular opening hours. The Council is keen to promote the submission of comments electronically and encourages anyone with appropriate facilities to make their responses in this way. Comments can be submitted online

via the Issues Paper at [www.stockport.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/localplan)

Comments can also be emailed to [local.plan@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:local.plan@stockport.gov.uk) or returned by post to the following address: Local Plan Team, Service to Place, Stockport Council, Stopford House, Piccadilly, Stockport, SK1 3XE, no later than 11:59 pm on 8th October 2017.

## SEMMMS Refresh (Part 1) – Public Consultation on Stockport Transport Issues and Options

The Council has begun a public consultation on the SEMMMS Strategy Refresh (Part 1) Stockport Transport Issues and Options. The consultation is taking place in conjunction with the Stockport Local Plan until Sunday 8th October. You are invited to view the consultation documents and submit your comments [here](#).

### Background to the Consultation

The original [South East Manchester Multi-Modal Strategy](#) (SEMMMS) was first published in 2001 and outlined a 20-year transport plan for the South East Manchester area. The document is in the process of being reviewed by the Council and its partners to refresh the strategy and approach up to 2040. The review of the SEMMMS will take account of what has been achieved since 2001, including delivery of [A6MARR](#), integrated transport corridors and pedestrian and cycling improvements, and also the changing local context based on proposed housing growth in neighbouring areas and the emerging [Greater Manchester Spatial Framework](#) (GMSF).

As an initial stage in the process, Stockport Council is seeking the views of the local community on transport issues in Stockport and potential options that could be delivered to address these. An [Issues and Options paper](#) has been produced that focuses exclusively on transport issues in Stockport and considers how these issues might change over the next 20 years. The paper identifies the emerging vision and priorities for SEMMMS and identifies the potential solutions that could be delivered in Stockport.

### Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) has announced the timeframe for the development and publication of the [second draft](#) of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework.

The process will start in September with the publication of the responses to the initial consultation. This will be followed later in the year by the publication of data and associated sources of information, such as population estimates, which will help them to calculate the requirements for housing and employment. Some of this information is not yet available, for example they are waiting for the government to publish its national methodology for calculating housing need, which is expected to be released in the autumn.

The second draft of the plan will be developed in the new year, with the intention to publish it in June 2018. Following publication of the draft plan, there will be a 12-week period of public consultation..

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