



## **HAVE YOUR SAY**

## on the re-designation of the Over Hulton Neighbourhood Forum and the Neighbourhood Plan Your Opinion Matters

Bolton Council have now published two Planning Consultations for future planning policy for the Over Hulton area : Over Hulton Neighbourhood forum (Redesignation) and the Over Hulton Neighbourhood Plan

During the 6 week consultation period, you will have the opportunity to make representations on whether the submitted plan meets the basic conditions which can be found here <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2#basic-conditions-for-neighbourhood--2#basic-conditions-for-neighbourhood--2#basic-conditions-for-neighbourhood--2#basic-conditions-for-neighbourhood--2#basic-condit

The Plan and its supporting documents are available to view at https://www.bolton.gov.uk/directory/13/consultations/category/195

To take part in the consultation, please email the **Consultation and Research Team at <u>consultation@bolton.gov.uk</u> with your feedback. Alternatively please write to:** 

FREEPOST RTTT-YTEL-YSXS, Consultation & Engagement Team 2nd Floor, Town Hall, Victoria Square, Bolton, BL1 1RU Closing date is Friday 5th January 2024

## Westhoughton Library and One Stop Shop Bolton Town Hall

Paper copies of the Plan are also available to inspect at Westhoughton Library and in the One Stop Shop at Bolton Town Hall. Comments on the Plan must be made on the form that is on the website, and available at Westhoughton Library and the One Stop Shop. The forms must be returned by 5pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Once the publicity period has finished, Bolton Council will send all the representations to an independent examiner who will consider whether the Plan:

- Meets the basic conditions, i.e. it conforms with national planning policy and local strategic policies; would result in sustainable development; and meets the requirements of European regulations for protecting the environment and for Human Rights.
- Satisfies the legal requirements for neighbourhood plans, and
- Identifies an appropriate area for the referendum.

As part of this process, the Examiner will decide if the Plan should proceed to the Referendum stage. At this stage, local residents who live within the forum area will have the opportunity to vote on whether the plan should be 'made', and used by Bolton Council when deciding planning applications in the area that it covers.

If you have any questions about either of the two consultations please contact the Strategy Team at Idfconsultation@bolton.gov.uk or by phone on 01204 333218 or alternatively email overhulton.np@gmail.com

Your opinion matters at this very important stage of the process.

**Over Hulton Neighbourhood Forum**