

OVER HULTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



With your support we have prepared a draft Neighbourhood Plan. This is an exciting opportunity for the local community to influence future development and make Over Hulton an even better place to live, work and visit.

This is the first document of its kind to have been prepared for Over Hulton and will present policies that will be used to inform and determine planning applications.

It is important to note that the Neighbourhood Plan is not the same as the Bolton Core Strategy. That presents the strategic policy direction and outlines how much new development is planned for across the entire Bolton metropolitan area.

The Neighbourhood Plan expands upon this and provides the opportunity to present more up-to-date and locally specific policies and proposals that will help shape future change in Over Hulton.

This includes policies around the design of any new development in Over Hulton, such that it reflects the best qualities and character of the area - including any proposals for Hulton Hall and Park.

The Neighbourhood Plan also looks at wider matters of importance to the community, including conservation and enhancement of open spaces and the natural environment, historic buildings and features, making it easier for people to get around, protecting and supporting important local services.

Having worked on the Neighbourhood Plan over the last three years we are now asking for your views on the Plan and policies within it. Consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan is open for a period of six weeks.



Please tell us what you think

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THE VISION FOR OVER HULTON

By 2037, the settlement at Over Hulton will maintain sustainable patterns of development through conserving and **enhancing the qualities of the built, natural and historic environment** by promoting green infrastructure connectivity for humans and wildlife and ensuring new development **reflects the areas distinctive qualities, historic characteristics and settlement pattern.**

Opportunities to **support the local economy and meeting the needs of the local community** will have been optimised through the retention of and appropriate expansion of, existing services and community facilities. Support for local enterprise and job creation will be commensurate with the characteristics of the area.

Over Hulton will demonstrate its contribution towards meeting the challenge of climate change through **high-quality design and support for sustainable travel**, and taking fullest possible advantage of opportunities to live work and study.

Over Hulton will respond to meet the changing needs of households by promoting appropriate opportunities to adapt and **make best use of the existing housing stock**, supporting sustainable residential development within the built settlement of Over Hulton.

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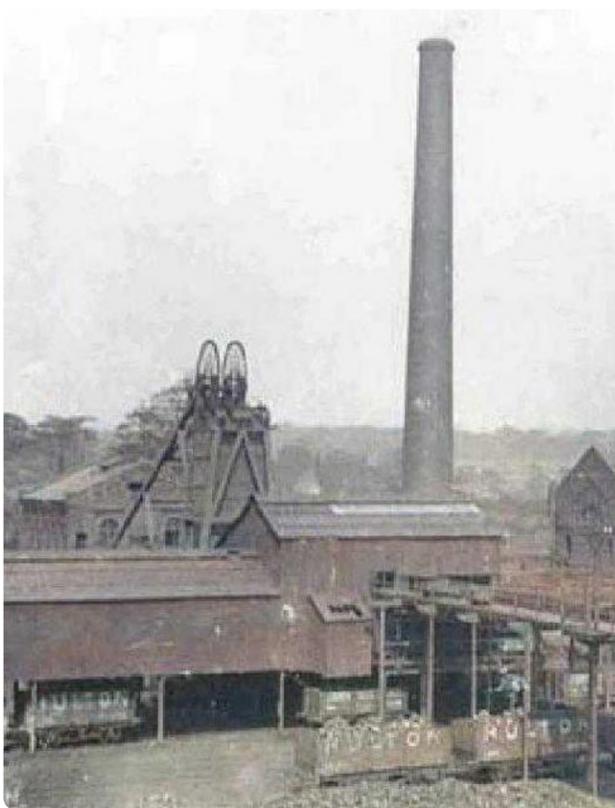
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POLICIES IN THE PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan includes policies that seek to:

- Make **best use of brownfield land** as locations for any new development before greenfield land is considered.
- Influence the delivery of **high quality design in new development** that reflects the key characteristics and qualities that define Over Hulton, including local history. These are presented by way of a series of design guides and codes that applicants should respond to.
- Promote **delivery of a mix of housing types and sizes**, including affordable homes and opportunities for down-sizing, including that which meets the needs of an ageing population.
- Support uses that complement and **sustain the attractiveness of the village centres**.
- Support the retention of important local facilities and provision of new community **facilities that support day-to-day activities**.
- Support improvements to and provision of new **walking and cycle routes**, that make these safe and attractive for use by all, as well as promoting the delivery of infrastructure to support electric vehicles.
- **Protect key views** important to the landscape and setting of Over Hulton.
- Promote opportunities to **strengthen biodiversity and local wildlife corridors**, as well as supporting the planting of new trees.
- **Designate green space** in Over Hulton that will benefit from long term protection from development.
- **Protect and enhance Hulton Park** as a significant heritage asset.



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Thank you for reading this summary of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Please do let us know what you think about the Plan by completing the questionnaire.

We will review all feedback and prepare a revised Plan for submission to Bolton Council later this year.

This will be subject to independent examination and, eventually, a referendum. If you vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan at the referendum it will then be used to guide, shape and determine planning applications and investment opportunities in Over Hulton.

The aim is to put in place policies such that future growth in the area is done in the right way, bringing benefits to the locality and effecting positive change for current and future generations.

Having a Plan in place will also allow us to identify key infrastructure improvements we'd like to see delivered in Over Hulton, either through new development or in partnership with funding organisations, such as infrastructure providers. The Plan identifies a need for improvements to the quality of public space, safer walking and cycling routes for example. These will be kept under review.

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