

## WNF Response to Stockport Local Plan Consultation

### Key Principles

We heard from many people across Stockport as we developed the Borough Plan. We have taken the feedback which related to land-use and have used it to develop some high level principles. These golden threads are the key elements which will form our plan and inform our approach to our places and our neighbourhoods.

1. We will **build our plan around our neighbourhoods**, celebrating and reflecting what makes our communities unique.
2. We will take a **Brownfield first approach** to development, protecting our greenspaces as much as possible.
3. We will be **design-led**, aiming to achieve the highest quality of design for Stockport.
4. We will put **local infrastructure and communities at the heart of our approach**, recognising the needs of our neighbourhoods and areas.
5. We will ensure everything we do **contributes to Stockport's response and resilience to the Climate Emergency**.
6. We will contribute to the good **health and wellbeing** of our communities.

We want to hear more from our communities about whether these principles are right for Stockport.

We will then use this feedback to turn those principles into draft planning policies which, if adopted, will be used to decide whether to approve planning applications for new developments in the future.

We have begun to set out in more detail how these principles might translate into planning policies relating to different topics. Read more [here](#).

Everyone will have a chance to review and comment on these draft policies during a formal consultation at the end of this year.

We want to hear from you

We want to hear from you about whether you think the key principles are right for Stockport:

What do you think about the principles?

We support the principles, but have the following comments:

The climate emergency is the most pressing issue.

Health and well-being of residents should be very high on the list of priorities.

Adequate infrastructure to support new development is vital in order to create sustainable communities.

Estates of large executive homes in out of town locations tend to be reliant on car travel for work, education and recreation. We have an example here in Woodford with the aerodrome development.

A brownfield first policy would be difficult to enforce if Green Belt is released at the start of the plan.

Green Belt should not be released at the beginning of the Plan period, but only if shown to be needed at 5 year review stages.

How far do you agree or disagree with the principles?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Is there anything else you think should be included?

Neighbourhood Forums are statutory plan making authorities within the Stockport plan area. As such, should they have a different involvement in consultation than individuals, civic societies, residents associations etc. and be directly involved in the plan making process?

Which of these do you think is most important?

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Remember, there will be a formal public consultation later in the year where you will be able to give your views on the draft plan and planning policies, alongside where we think new development could take place and sites where we think new homes could be built.

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