



**Wyre Council**

**Publication Draft Wyre Local Plan**

**Equality Impact Assessment 2017  
Addendum (Main Modifications)  
August 2018**

## Introduction

The Publication Draft Wyre Local Plan was published in September 2017. As part of the preparation of the Plan, the council undertook an Equality Impact Assessment of the document (dated August 2017) (ED007).

The Publication Draft Wyre Local Plan is currently the subject of an Examination carried out by an independent Inspector. The council has received the Inspector’s Post Hearing Advice – Main Modifications and Related Matters (EL6.003a). As a result of the matters raised, the council has produced a schedule of Main Modifications to the Publication Draft Wyre Local Plan. As with the original document, the council has considered whether or not the modifications policies in the local plan as proposed to be modified have the potential to be discriminatory or have differential impacts on members of our local communities.

## Impact Assessment

This addendum to the Equality Impact Assessment considers whether or not the proposed Main Modifications materially affect the original conclusions drawn up in the original 2017 document. The assessment has been conducted on a policy-by-policy basis where there are Main Modifications. As with the initial EqIA (ED007), the assessment is not concerned with site specific allocations.

Mod Ref	Part of Plan	Equality Impact
<b>Strategic Policies</b>		
MM/005	Policy SP1 Development Strategy	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/006	Policy SP2 Sustainable Development	The proposed modifications remove duplication with national planning policy and clarify the operation of the policy, including the requirement that developments must respond to climate change through appropriate design.  <i>Equality Impact – no material change. It is noted that the modified approach to climate change should have a benefit across the equality characteristics but particularly benefit those who suffer from health inequalities.</i>
MM/008	Policy SP3 Green Belt	The proposed modifications remove duplication with national planning policy and clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>

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MM/009	Policy SP4 (Countryside Areas)	The proposed modifications are largely concerned with bringing a greater degree of consistency with national policy and clarifying the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/010	Policy SP5 Forest of Bowland AONB	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/011	Policy SP6 Viability	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/012	Policy SP7 Infrastructure Provision and Developer Contributions	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/013	Policy SP8 Health and Well-Being	The proposed modifications clarify that developments should not have an unacceptable impact on the health of the borough's population (amended from the original wording which was concerned with avoiding "negative" health impacts).  <i>Equality Impact – no material change. It is noted that the proposed modification takes a more realistic and balanced approach to judging the impact of a development on health in the light of the overall intent of the policy which is to support the development of healthy communities. There are no obviously detrimental impacts on the equality characteristics.</i>
<b>Core Development Management Policies</b>		
MM/014	Policy CDMP1 Environmental Protection	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy by removing strategic elements (inserted into SP2) and addressing air quality.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/015	Policy CDMP2 Flood Risk and Surface Water Management	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/016	Policy CDMP3 Design	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy. Additional wording to "minimise energy consumption" could have a future positive effect on those at risk of falling into fuel poverty.

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		<i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/018	Policy CDMP4 Environmental Assets	Detailed modifications to clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/019	Policy CDMP5 Historic Environment	Detailed modifications to clarify the operation of the policy and bring a greater degree of consistency with national policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/020	Policy CDMP6 Accessibility and Transport	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
<b>Housing</b>		
MM/023	Policy HP1 Housing Land Supply	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/025	Policy HP2 Housing Mix	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/026	Policy HP3 Affordable Housing	The proposed modifications to be consistent with national policy and to clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/027	Policy HP4 Residential Curtilages	The proposed modification clarifies the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/028	Policy HP6 Rural workers accommodation in the countryside	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/030	Policy HP7 Rural Exceptions	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/032	Policy HP8 Accommodation for Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	The proposed modification clarifies the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/034	Policy HP9 Green Infrastructure in new	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.

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	residential developments	<i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/035	Policy HP10 Houses in Multiple Occupation	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
<b>Economy</b>		
MM/037	Policy EP1 Employment Land Supply	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/038	Policy EP2 Existing Employment Areas	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/039	Policy EP3 Existing Employment Sites	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/040	Policy EP5 Main Town Centre Uses	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/041	Policy EP6 Development in defined primary and secondary frontages	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/042	Policy EP7 Local convenience stores	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/043	Policy EP9 Holiday Accommodation	The proposed modification clarifies the intent of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/044	Policy EP9 Holiday Accommodation	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/045	Policy EP10 Equestrian Development	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy.  <i>Equality Impact - no material change.</i>
MM/046	Policy EP11 Protection of community facilities in Rural Areas	The proposed modifications clarify the operation of the policy such that it is proposed to apply to all of the borough.

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		<i>Material change - Potentially beneficial approach to the protection of community facilities which would have positive impacts for local communities.</i>

### **Assessment**

The Main Modifications represent detailed changes designed to clarify policy wording and, in some cases, to provide a greater degree of consistency with national planning policy. There are no obviously detrimental impacts in relation to the protected characteristics arising from the Main Modifications. There are no amendments to the assessment conducted as part of the Equality Impact Assessment (ED007) submitted with the Local Plan.

### **Recommendations**

There are no recommendations additional to those in the Equality Impact Assessment (ED007).