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**SPATIAL VISION**

**The plan sets out a spatial vision for Tameside that hopes to support in the vision and priorities within the Council's Corporate Plan. The proposed vision for the plan is set out below.**

**Tameside in 2042 will be:**

- **Homes: A place where people are proud to live, with a range of attractive and affordable homes that meet local needs.**
- **Jobs: A place with a strong local economy where businesses choose to remain, invest and grow, and where residents can learn and earn.**
- **Centres: A place with a range of strong, vibrant and diverse centres which serve their local communities and where people want to spend time.**
- **Travel: A well-connected place, where active travel is the first and natural choice, with high quality public transport connections, where people can travel safely and conveniently to destinations both within and beyond the borough.**
- **Places: A place where our cultural and built heritage are cherished, and where good design creates sustainable, safe, inclusive and accessible places.**
- **Environment: A greener place with a thriving natural environment and clean air, where communities and infrastructure are sustainable and climate resilient.**
- **People: A place where children are given the best start in life, are able to exceed expectations and where everyone is able to live a healthy, happy and active life within thriving supportive communities, supported by the services they need.**

**To what extent do you agree with the Homes, Spaces, Places Vision for Tameside?**

Agree

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

It is important to have a vision that everyone can access, understand and judge our democratically elected representatives and the Council by.

**If you think there should be alternative wording for the Vision, please detail your proposed wording below.**

The entire document is very verbose and steps should be taken to keep it as simple and as accessible to as many people as possible.

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## **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES**

**To what extent do you agree with the Homes, Spaces, Places strategic objectives?**

**Homes: To ensure that new housing provides a range of suitable and affordable homes to meet residents' needs, whilst making efficient use of land.**

Agree

**Jobs: To enable all residents to share in the benefits of economic growth**

Agree

**Centres: To support the borough's centres to thrive, be vibrant and attractive and safe spaces where people choose to spend time.**

Agree

**Travel: To enable everyone to travel safely, conveniently and reduce congestion.**

Agree

**Places: To deliver development that makes a positive contribution to the character, heritage and identity of Tameside.**

Agree

**Environment: To ensure that new development responds positively to climate change and ecologically sensitive locations.**

Agree

**People: To reduce health inequalities, improve health outcomes and enable the provision of services and infrastructure to support new and existing communities.**

Agree

**Please give a reason for the choices you provided above.**

I have not had the time to read the entire document in any detail however the broad themes and proposals seem sensible.

**If you think there should be alternative strategic objectives to those suggested, please detail these below.**

500 years ago, what was Tameside was a green and pleasant land. The Industrial Revolution changed that. It brought prosperity to some and social deprivation to others. Now in the 21st century there is much decay that needs to be tackled. The borough needs to let go of the industrial past and look to a new future.

A walk along the canal from Mossley to Ashton provides a unique illustration of the point. There is the site of a power station that was demolished 35 years ago and has been left as rubble. There are various mills that provided employment for thousands of people that have been left unloved and support perhaps a couple of hundred jobs.

An additional strategic objective should be the river Tame (and Etherow) and the canal network throughout the borough. If direct and special attention were given to the borough's waterways it would galvanise public support. Action could be taken to provide more housing alongside the waterways by clearing the largely derelict industrial legacy we are left with. The waterways would provide a strong focal point for leisure activities if people didn't feel intimidated by the decay and vandalism and litter that are currently visible,

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## **SPATIAL FRAMEWORK**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP S1: Overall Spatial Strategy?**

Agree

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**If you think there are any reasonable alternatives to Policy approach HSP S1, please detail these below.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP S2: Neighbourhood Spatial Policies?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**If you think there are any reasonable alternatives to Policy approach HSP S2, please detail these below.**

**If you have any further comments on the Spatial Framework, please provide them below.**

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## **CENTRES**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP C1: Network, Hierarchy and Designation of Centres?**

Agree

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

The borough cannot support multiple town centres. What worked 100 years ago when there were very few vehicles and no internet is no longer the case. It makes sense to make Ashton the primary town centre for Tameside.

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP C2: Primary Shopping Areas?**

Agree

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

See above

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP C3: Local Shopping Areas and Parades?**

Agree

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP C4: Development Involving Retail and Leisure Uses?**

Agree

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP C5: Markets?**

Agree

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP C6: Healthier Food Environments**

Agree

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**If you have any further comments on the Centres chapter of the plan, please provide them below.**

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**ENVIRONMENT**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP E1: Renewable Energy Opportunities?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP E2: Critical Drainage and Water Demand?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

It would be good if large swathes of the moorland above Stalybridge were to become wooded. Currently they provide grazing for a few sheep. With more trees and other measures to catch and hold heavy rainfall the chances of there being flooding in Stalybridge could be reduced.

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP E3: Biodiversity?**

Agree

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**If you have any further comments on the Environment chapter of the plan, please provide them below.**

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**HOMES**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP H1: Housing Type, Mix, Tenure and Affordability?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP H2: Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO)?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

HMOs appear to be little more than dormitories that best serve the needs of landlords. People deserve better.

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP H3: Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show-People?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP H4: Back Land and Garden Development?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**If you have any further comments on the Homes chapter of the plan, please provide them below.**

More could be done to convert decaying and derelict mills into housing developments.

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## **JOBS**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP J1: Existing Employment Areas?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP J2: New Employment Development?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP J3: Assessing the Loss of Employment Land or Accommodation?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP J4: The Visitor Economy?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**If you have any further comments on the Jobs chapter of the plan, please provide them below.**

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## **PEOPLE**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PE1: Development and Healthier Environments?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PE2: Publicly Accessible Green Spaces?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

More could be done to make the rivers and the canals places that people could safely enjoy.

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PE3: Green Space Standards?**

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PE4: Strategic Recreation and Countryside Access?**

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PE5: Outdoor Sport and Recreational Facilities?**

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PE6: Peak District National Park?**

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**If you have any further comments on the People chapter of the plan, please provide them below.**

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## **TRAVEL**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP T1: General Approach?**

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP T2: Trunk Road Developments?**

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP T3: Rail Infrastructure?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

The last time I looked, the people from Dewsbury had a greater of trains to Manchester than the people of Stalybridge. More could be done to improve the train services from Stalybridge including the full reinstatement of the Stockport line.

Tameside should have better rail access to Manchester Airport.

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP T4: Rapid Transit?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP T5: Facilities for Buses?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP T6: Walking, Wheeling and Cycling?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

Improve the canal towpaths.

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP T7: Freight Movement and Deliveries?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

Keep freight and distribution hubs close to the motorway junctions.

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP T8: Parking?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP T9: EV Charging Infrastructure?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**If you have any further comments on the Travel chapter of the plan, please provide them below.**

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## **PLACES**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL1: Archaeology and Scheduled Monuments?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL2: Listed Buildings - Alternative Uses, Additions, Demolition and Development Within Their Setting?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

If the industrial past cannot be preserved, then let it go.

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL3: Conservation Areas - Managing Development Within or Adjoining?**

Do not know

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL4: Historic Parks and Gardens - Managing Development?**

Do not know

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL5: Designated Heritage Assets - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Generation?**

Do not know

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL6: Designated Heritage Assets and Enabling Development?**

Do not know

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL7: Non-Designated Heritage Assets?**

Do not know

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL8: Landscapes, Townscape and Urban Form?**

Do not know

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL9: Design and Amenity?**

Do not know

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL10: Design of All Types of New Residential Development?**

Do not know

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL11: Design of Residential Additions, Alterations and Extensions?**

Do not know

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL12: Design of Employment Sites?**

Do not know

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL13: Design within Centres, Retail and Leisure Developments?**

Do not know

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL14: Design of Commercial Frontages?**

Do not know

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL15: Outdoor Sports, Recreation and Play Space?**

Do not know

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

Make more use of the waterways

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL16: Design and Enhancement of the Waterside?**

Neutral

**Please give a reason for your answer.**

more focus should be given to the waterways

**To what extent do you agree with Policy approach HSP PL17: Design of Public Realm and Urban Spaces?**

Do not know

**Please give a reason for your answer. If there are any amendments or alternative policy approaches you would like to propose, please detail these in your response.**

**If you have any further comments on the Places chapter of the plan, please provide them below.**

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## **POLICIES MAP AND INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT**

**A policies map has been published which shows the areas of land that relate to specific policies in this plan at this stage in the process. Future versions of Homes, Spaces, Places will have specific allocations and further designations of land linked to policies. An updated policies map will be produced at that time to identify these.**

**If you have any comments on the Policies Map, please provide these below.**

**An Integrated Assessment Report has been produced to accompany this plan. The Integrated Assessment identifies the potential sustainability impacts of implementing the Homes, Spaces, Places Plan.**

**Do you consider that the Integrated Assessment has adequately assessed the potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of the proposed policy approaches and strategies within the Plan?**

**Are there any sections of the Integrated Assessment that require further explanation or clarification?**