

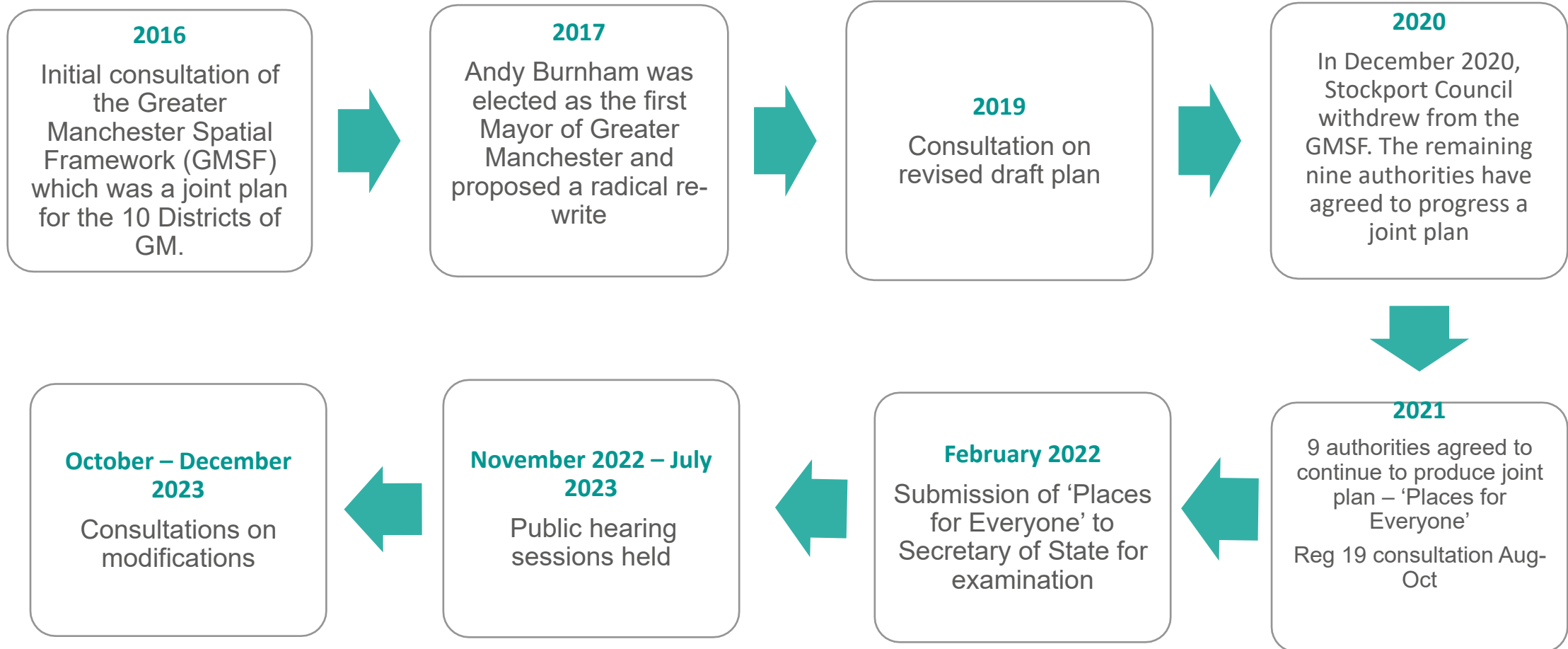
Planning and Housing Commission

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Places for Everyone

Modifications consultation October 2023

A very brief history...



Main modifications

- The examination is the final stage in the plan making process.
- Following submission of a plan, the Inspector(s) take control of the examination process from start to finish.
- The Inspectors' role is to examine whether the submitted plan meets the tests of soundness defined in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
- Normal for the outcome of a local plan examination to be that the Inspector(s) recommend main modifications [MMs] to the plan, where necessary to make the plan sound and legally compliant
- As a matter of law a “main modification” can only be made if it is necessary in order to make the Plan “sound”.
- Therefore, legislation enables the Inspector to recommend a MM only if the plan would otherwise be unsound or legally non-compliant. The Inspector has no power to recommend other changes, even if they would improve the plan
- A schedule has been prepared which sets out the main modifications
- The Inspectors will consider all comments relating to the main modifications

Additional modifications

- Additional modifications (sometimes also referred to as “minor modifications”) are changes which do not materially affect the policies in the Plan.
- A separate schedule of additional modifications has been prepared which sits alongside the Main Modifications’ schedule during the consultation period.
- The Inspectors will not consider responses made in respect of these additional modifications, as they do not fall within the scope of the Examination.
- The PfE districts will consider any comments on the additional modifications

Consultation documents

- MDC1 Main Modifications Schedule
- MDC2 Schedule of Policies Map Changes
- MDC 6-MDC12 Integrated Assessment Reports including the Sustainability Appraisal of the Main Modifications
- MDC13 Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Main Modifications
- MDC14 Additional Modifications Schedule
- An errata document has been published (MDC15) which sets out errors identified in the Main Modifications Schedule (MDC1) and the Places for Everyone Composite Plan (MDC5) since they were published in September 2023. The accessible

- To assist with the consultation, a Composite Plan (MDC5) has been produced
- 'Accessible' versions of the main modifications schedule (MDC1.1), additional modifications schedule (MDC14.1) and the composite plan (MDC5.1) are available
- versions of these documents (MDC1.1 and MDC5.1) incorporate these changes.

Support

There is a range of support available to help to navigate this consultation:-

- **Online Portal** - <https://www.gmconsult.org/pfe/mainmods2023/>
- **Website:** <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning-and-housing/places-for-everyone/>
- **Downloadable form and guidance** – supporting people who don't want to make a digital response
- **Frequently Asked Questions** – to help people to make the most informed response possible
- **Telephone** - phone back system for
- **Mapping GM** – an interactive site for people to engage with different aspects of the plan

Responding to the consultation

- Comments only on the specific changes contained in the Schedule of Main Modifications, the Policy Map changes or the Sustainability Appraisal/Habitats Regulations Assessment of the modifications and the Additional Modifications
- The consultation does not concern those parts of the Local Plan where modifications are not proposed
- Comments received that do not relate to the modifications, will not be considered
- Previously submitted representations to the Local Plan consultation do not need to be re-submitted
- Comments can be submitted via the online portal, by email or by letter

What happens after the consultation?

