

SALFORD CITY COUNCIL SALFORD

**CLAREMONT WEASTE NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLAN**

SUSTAINABILITY AUDIT DECEMBER 2007

1. BACKGROUND

1.1. The Claremont Weaste Neighbourhood Plan sets out the vision for the Claremont Weaste area for the next 15-20 years setting out what the area looks like now and where it will be in the future. This means that it;

- translates a range of city-wide policies and initiatives to the local level;
- influences future actions of Salford City Council and its partners;
- provides guidance for planning decisions;
- reflects local ambitions of the community; and
- highlights areas for potential investment.

1.2. The objectives for the plan are based on feedback from local people, the Baseline and Issues Report, the Community Action Plan for Claremont Weaste, and other relevant strategies including the Salford Agreement and the Vision and Regeneration Framework for Central Salford. The overarching objectives are for Claremont Weaste to be a place with;

- a distinctive and attractive series of neighbourhoods, each with a strong sense of place, blending the area's urban character with high standards for new design;
- safe, pleasant neighbourhoods where local shops and other facilities are easily reached on foot or by bike and traffic is managed;
- an active, health oriented culture where people have improved access to open space, educational and leisure facilities, sports pitches and other outdoor facilities;
- sustainable prosperous businesses;
- excellent educational attainment, skills levels and raised aspirations, enabling local residents to access existing and new job opportunities, as well as further education and training;
- a community where people feel safe;
- good access to community facilities and activities in order to build stronger, more cohesive and engaged communities;
- a good range of housing to ensure the area can accommodate families and other household types, attracting and retaining new workers; and
- high environmental sustainability, encouraging development that has a minimal impact on non-renewable resources and is adaptable to climate change.

1.3. The Guidance does not form part of Salford's Local Development Framework but instead forms guidance as to the future development

and strategies within the Claremont Weaste area, and establishes the Council and communities vision for the development of the area. The intention is that the document will be used to guide future decision making within the Council in Planning, Highways and other related fields in the Claremont Weaste area and provide a vehicle for community views.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1. The purpose of sustainability appraisal is to promote sustainable development through the integration of social, environmental and economic considerations into the revisions of Regional Spatial Strategies (RSS) and for new or revised Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and planning guidance. Under Section 39(2) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, a sustainability appraisal is mandatory for RSS revisions and for new or revised DPDs and SPDs.
- 2.2. The Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared as a non-statutory document and will not form part of Salford City Council's Local Development Framework. Whilst the requirements of Section 39(2) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 therefore do not apply to the Neighbourhood Plan, it is considered to be of value to undertake a basic sustainability audit of the emerging Neighbourhood Plan in order to assess the impact of the proposals against a broad range of social, economic and environmental objectives to ensure the best option is taken forward for the good of the community.

3. APPRAISAL METHODOLOGY

3.1. Whilst the approach taken in this sustainability audit does not comply with the approach identified in the Communities and Local Government guidance document ‘Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents’, the approach has been derived from the emerging sustainability objectives that Salford City Council will adopt as the basis for the future sustainability appraisal of its Core Strategy DPD and subsequent DPDs and SPDs, and therefore is substantially in line with the requirements of the DCLG guidance.

3.2. The establishment of sustainability objectives and criteria is central to the sustainability appraisal process and provides a way in which sustainability effects can be described, assessed and compared. Twenty two objectives are being used in total, which reflect the three dimensions of sustainability; social, economic and environmental objectives. These are listed in Table 1 below:

Table 1 – Sustainability Objectives

| No. | Theme | Sustainability Objective |
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| 1 | Population | To secure a self-sustaining and balanced population sufficient to support a full range of local services |
| 2 | Health | To improve physical and mental health |
| 3 | Biodiversity, flora and fauna | To protect and enhance biodiversity |
| 4 | Soil and land | To protect and improve soil and land resources |
| 5 | Water | To protect and enhance water resources |
| 6 | Water | To minimise the risk and impacts of flooding |
| 7 | Air | To improve air quality |
| 8 | Climatic factors | To reduce contributions to climate change |
| 9 | Material assets | To minimise the use of non-renewable resources |
| 10 | Cultural heritage | To protect and enable the appreciation of the city’s heritage |
| 11 | Landscape and townscape | To maintain and enhance the quality and character of the landscape and townscape |
| 12 | Amenity | To protect and enhance amenity |
| 13 | Crime | To reduce crime and the fear of crime |
| 14 | Economic health | To maximise economic growth that can be sustained in the long-term |
| 15 | Prosperity | To enhance economic inclusion |
| 16 | Education | To improve the city’s knowledge base |
| 17 | Housing | To ensure that everyone has access to a good home that meets their needs |

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| 18 | Accessibility | To improve accessibility to facilities and opportunities |
| 19 | Accessibility | To reduce the need to travel |
| 20 | Community cohesion | To improve community cohesion |
| 21 | Decision-making | To increase involvement in decision-making |
| 22 | Image | To improve perceptions of the city |

3.3. The sustainability audit considers two options:

- Option 1 – ‘Neighbourhood Plan not applied’ option, where the guidance of the Neighbourhood Plan is not applied.
- Option 2 – The guidance set out within the Neighbourhood Plan is applied, facilitating the strategic regeneration and community involvement in the development of Claremont and Weaste.

3.4. Each option has been assessed on the basis of a five-point scale, with an additional ‘uncertain’ category where the impact is not known:

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| + | MINOR POSITIVE |
| 0 | NEUTRAL |
| - | MINOR NEGATIVE |
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3.5. In addition, a broad description has been provided together with an assessment of the potential future outcomes of each option within the wider area. The full assessment is set out in Appendix 1.

3.6. The production of this sustainability audit represents the first stage in the wider sustainability audit process. As the Neighbourhood Plan is not subject to Section 39(2) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, no sustainability scoping has been undertaken prior to the production of this document.

3.7. This sustainability audit will be subject to consultation alongside the Draft Claremont Weaste Neighbourhood Plan during the period 21st of January 2008 to 29th of February 2008. Following the period of public consultation, the sustainability audit will be amended where necessary and finalised for publication together with the adopted Neighbourhood Plan. The timing of key sustainability audit stages is set out in Table 2 below:

Table 2 - Timetable

| Stage | Timing |
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| Preparation of Sustainability Audit report | November 2007 |
| Period of consultation alongside | 28 th of January 2008 to 7 th of March |

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| Claremont Weaste Neighbourhood Plan | 2008 |
| Preparation of final Sustainability Audit | Spring 2008 |
| Adoption of Neighbourhood Plan | Summer 2008 |

4. SUMMARY ASSESSMENT OF FINDINGS

4.1. Appendix 1 sets out the detailed option assessment against the sustainability objectives.

4.2. In summary, the application of the Claremont Weaste Neighbourhood Plan guidance will realise positive impacts across a broad range of social, economic and environmental objectives. In all instances, the application of the Neighbourhood Plan would result in impacts that are either the same as, or more positive than, those that would be realised under the 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option.

4.3. Option 1 – Neighbourhood Plan not applied

4.4. Whilst the majority of the impacts under the 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option are neutral, the sustainability audit identifies a number of negative impacts which are currently being realised, and are likely to continue to be realised or potentially exacerbated if no policies are introduced to mitigate these impacts. These negative impacts include the impact on the sustainability of the community, and the image of the city. The sustainability audit notes two instances where the 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option will result in a continuation of the enhancement of the area. However, the assessment notes that these areas are continuing to improve under existing strategies, and not applying the Neighbourhood Plan will not prevent their enhancement.

4.5. Option 2 – Neighbourhood Plan guidance is applied

4.6. The application of the Neighbourhood Plan guidance would result in positive impacts across a broad range of social, economic and environmental objectives. Major positive impacts would be derived in terms of the image of the city, the balance of the community, reductions in contributions to climate change, and improvements in the amenity, landscape and townscape of the area. There are two objectives where the application of the guidance is likely to have a neutral impact on the development of Claremont Weaste. However as noted in the assessment, in all cases this is either the same as, or more positive than, the impact that would be derived under the 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option.

4.7. Conclusion

4.8. In conclusion, the sustainability audit indicates that the application of the Neighbourhood Plan guidance will result in positive impacts across a broad range of social, economic and environmental objectives, where the 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option will present a negative impact on the future development of the Claremont Weaste area.

Appendix 1

| No. | Sustainability Objective | Option 1 – ‘Neighbourhood Plan not applied’ | Option 2 – Neighbourhood Plan applied | Comments and mitigation |
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| 1 | To secure a self-sustaining and balanced population sufficient to support a full range of local services | - | ++ | <p>The ‘Neighbourhood Plan not applied’ option would have a neutral impact on this objective. The Claremont and Waste areas, and the wider Salford city area suffered from significant population loss from the 1960s onwards which undermined the area’s ability to support local services. Whilst population decline appears to be ending, some areas still require replacement facilities to create a sustainable community. Areas within Claremont and Weaste also suffer from above average levels of deprivation which serves to undermine its ability to sustain viable local services.</p> <p>The adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan guidance would strongly support the goals of securing a self sustaining population, supported by local services, by laying out the communities aspirations and needs to enable the establishment of a vision for the sustainable future of the Claremont and Weaste area. Key to this, in terms of it’s impact on the population sustainability of the area, is that the Neighbourhood Plan establishes clear goals in relation to community engagement, allowing residents views to be known, in relation to increasing community facilities to ensure the community is well served, and by improving the housing on offer and giving guidance on matching the tenure and development types to those required by the community. In</p> |

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| | | | | concert, these objectives work together to ensure that the future development of the area will provide the resources and facilities needed for a self sustaining development of the area. |
| 2 | To improve physical and mental health | - | + | <p>Whilst it is difficult to quantify, the 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option is most likely have a negative impact on physical and mental health. The area currently suffers from high levels of deprivation, and research demonstrates that people living within areas of deprivation are more likely to suffer from poor health. Many recreation facilities are currently of poor quality, and this situation is unlikely to improve under the 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option. Derelict and vacant buildings within the area undermine its appearance and an unattractive environment will have an impact on local perceptions of the area and quality of life. There is evidence that a poor quality local environment can have a negative impact on mental health.</p> <p>The adoption and implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan can be expected to have a reasonable and reliable contribution to improving people's physical and mental health. Key to achieving this is the Neighbourhood Plan's establishment of clear targets and goals on improving community health and access to community health facilities, improving and establishing access to public open green space, and by improving community education and skills to ensure the engagement and all round improvement of residents health. The comprehensive regeneration of the area will seek to address levels of deprivation through providing new employment opportunities, better quality housing choices</p> |

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| | | | | for all, and a series of environmental improvements that will create an attractive environment with high quality public realm and areas of greenspace. This comprehensive approach to regeneration and neighbourhood development will bring derelict and empty sites back into use and positively raise aspirations across the area resulting in an overall improvement in the quality of life for residents. |
| 3 | To protect and enhance biodiversity | 0 | + | <p>The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option would result in little impact on the current green space and biodiversity on offer within the Claremont and Waste area. Whilst the area offers a high level of open space provision for residents, the space on offer is often in poor condition and poorly accessed close to major roads and physical barriers. The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option would continue this, resulting in no planned improvement of the facilities on offer, in particular no planned establishment of local natural greenspace, but would also result in no overall reduction in the nature or size of the space available resulting in no overall change.</p> <p>Implementing the goals of the Neighbourhood Plan would result in a significant improvement of the local green space on offer. By establishing green links and improving open space provision, particularly local natural greenspace provision, which will result in an increase of the availability of land for the development of bio-diversity and ecological sustainability. The increase in facilities and land would have a positive impact on biodiversity in the area, taking a positive step to achieving this goal.</p> |

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| 4 | To protect and improve soil and land resources | 0 | 0 | <p>The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option presents no significant alterations to the soil and land resources within the area, besides piecemeal improvements to contaminated land which may be remediated by development, which will result in minor alterations to particular sites, but no overall improvement.</p> <p>The implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan presents no significant alterations to the soil and land resources within contaminated sites, aside from remediation of contaminated land within development sites. Such a small scale remediation will represent no significant alteration or improvement to the land quality of the area on any wider scale and therefore no overall improvement.</p> |
| 5 | To protect and enhance water resources | 0 | + | <p>The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option presents no significant alterations to the protection or enhancement of the water resources within the area aside from piecemeal alterations resulting from developments.</p> <p>The implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan creates an emphasis on sustainable development, including measures such as sustainable drainage systems (SUDs), which will result in an overall improvement in the protection and enhancement of the water resources in Salford and beyond where appropriate.</p> |
| 6 | To minimise the risk | 0 | + | The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option will not have a |

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| | and impacts of flooding | | | <p>significant impact on the consideration of the risks or impact of flooding within the area, by continuing to allow piecemeal development of housing and employment land, without a wider strategy. Therefore, whilst the considerations of PPS25 Development and Flood Risk and the emerging Flood Risk planning guidance for Salford City Council will be taken into account in individual developments, there will be little overall co-ordination in flood risk assessment beyond the assessment of individual developments, resulting in no overall change in the flooding situation.</p> <p>Adoption and implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan will result in a vision for development of the Claremont and Weaste area, allowing a more holistic view of developments to be taken into account, not only through private development sites, but also through Council proposals such as green space, allowing a more active stance to be taken in regards to flooding risks and impacts, improving the situation and ability to plan for flooding as a whole. The adoption of the sustainability emphasis within the Neighbourhood Plan would result in the sustainable management of water resources, helping protect against flooding from such sources as surface water run off.</p> |
| 7 | To improve air quality | - | + | <p>The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option presents no significant alteration to the development of industrial and employment sites, or changes to transportation patterns beyond that currently foreseen, resulting in a continuation of efforts to reach the Council's Air Quality Action Plan goals without any direct assistance or hindrance, resulting in no</p> |

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| | | | | <p>overall change.</p> <p>The adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan goals will strive to reduce reliance on cars, increase public transport usage, and enhance cycle and pedestrian routes. The plan also encourages the use of sustainable building methods, with the overall impact being an improvement in the air quality of the area, and a reduction of the sources for such pollution.</p> |
| 8 | To reduce contributions to climate change | 0 | ++ | <p>The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option presents no significant alteration to the overall contribution to climate change presented by the residents, businesses and travellers through Claremont Waste beyond the overall goals of sustainable development within the councils Unitary Development Plan. Therefore no active positive and negative changes will be made, resulting in no overall impact on reducing contributions to climate change.</p> <p>The implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan goals aims to ensure the adoption of sustainable development principals, to reduce reliance on cars, to increase the use of "green" methods of transport, to create and enhance green space, and ensure that development is sustainable, creating an overall reduction in the contribution Claremont Waste makes to climate change on a recognisable and tangible scale.</p> |
| 9 | To minimise the use of non-renewable resources | 0 | + | <p>The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option will result in no alteration to the overall goals of the council in terms of minimising the use of non-renewable resources, relying</p> |

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| | | | | <p>instead on developers and residents own contributions to reduce their reliance on non-renewable resources. This will result in no overall improvement or decline in such reliance, creating no net alteration.</p> <p>The principals of the Neighbourhood Plan and their implementation will result in a new emphasis being placed on sustainable development, including strategies for promoting sustainable development through renewable resources and source materials, the development of housing with built in sustainable management methods, and ensuring new development creates a reliance on renewable sources of consumption. The net result will be an overall movement towards the minimisation of the use of non-renewable resources.</p> |
| 10 | To protect and enable the appreciation of the city's heritage | 0 | + | <p>The option presented for 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' will result in the continuing piecemeal development and alteration of the heritage of this area of Salford, with each case viewed individually, and not in it's wider context. Whilst there are a number of existing strategies and policies in place for the wider review of the city's heritage resources, the 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option will not supplement or enhance the strategies in place, creating no greater appreciation of the city's heritage within the Claremont Weaste area than is currently felt.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan sets out a comprehensive vision for the "feel and character" of the Claremont Weaste area, and identifies the need to ensure the heritage and design values of</p> |

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| | | | | the area are not lost in future development and regeneration. The end result is a more comprehensive view taken to encourage the retention and development of heritage within Claremont Weaste, and an improvement of people's understanding of the area's evolution and history. |
| 11 | To maintain and enhance the quality and character of the landscape and townscape | 0 | ++ | <p>The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option presents little to no alteration to the existing quality or character of the area, relying on individual improvements to have a wider impact, without any co-ordinated strategy or development. Therefore, whilst individual sites may improve their appearance, others will lack such investment, and the continued poor standard of green space on offer will continue, resulting in no overall improvement to the quality and character of the landscape or the townscape.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan aims to take a comprehensive view of the townscape and landscape within the area, laying out strategies for the comprehensive redevelopment of areas of change, creating usable and sustainable housing and employment that will improve the townscape of the area, removing "grot spot" problems, creating a visually enhanced and diverse townscape, with strong landscape features and facilities, creating a significant overall improvement in the area.</p> |
| 12 | To protect and enhance amenity | - | ++ | The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option will create a reliance on the continued development of the Claremont Weaste area, and significantly limit the Councils ability to |

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| | | | | <p>protect and improve the amenities of the area. Taking a passive stance, without taking any further action, will continue the existing situation within the area, neither protecting or enhancing the amenities of Claremont Weaste.</p> <p>The implementation of the strategies and goals of the Neighbourhood Plan will result in an overall significant improvement of the amenities of the people of Claremont Weaste, with strategies to improve the nature, design and offer of housing available, to improve the nature and quality of green space for the residents, to improve the community facilities available, and as an overall result to significantly protect and enhance the amenities of the area.</p> |
| 13 | To reduce crime and the fear of crime | 0 | + | <p>Currently, overall levels of crime and disorder are declining in the Claremont Weaste Area in line with the current trend for the wider area. The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option presents no overall alteration to this decline, neither enhancing or detracting from the steady change in crime levels.</p> <p>The implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan will result in a more co-ordination of the implementation of strategies to reduce crime and the fear of crime, presenting plans to reduce problems such as anti-social behaviour and fly tipping beyond the current levels, with a chance for direct community engagement through the plan and assist in the continued implementation of the provision of Salford City Council's Design and Crime Supplementary Planning Document. Therefore, the implementation of the plan would result in an</p> |

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| | | | | overall decline, beyond the current trend, for the reduction in levels of crime and fear of crime. |
| 14 | To maximise economic growth that can be sustained in the long-term | + | ++ | <p>Whilst some areas of Claremont Weaste suffer from a poor physical environment in shopping areas, overall the wider area is seeing a current improvement of its economic growth, with the creation of new business parks and facilities providing a number of new jobs and an attractive space for business development. Therefore, the overall option for 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' would allow this improvement to continue, and whilst not directly enhancing this growth in the economy, it would allow it's significant expansion to continue.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan sets out a number of goals and targets for the improvement and alteration of the economic growth of Claremont Weaste, to create sustainable employment levels, in a manner which best suits local residents needs and skills. Therefore, whilst the economy will still continue it's growth, the implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan will result in an enhancement and refinement of the development of the market place to ensure it's long term sustainability by directly addressing the needs of local residents.</p> |
| 15 | To enhance economic inclusion | - | ++ | The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option presents a continuation of the current levels of economic inclusion. Whilst certain locations within the Claremont Weaste area are economically stable, a large proportion of the area has above average levels of residents claiming benefits and low levels of |

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| | | | | <p>educational attainment, which result in poor economic inclusion for the residents of the area. Taking no action to change this will result in a continuing economic exclusion by residents.</p> <p>The Claremont Weaste Neighbourhood Plan presents a guide and vision for enhancing the educational provision, reducing reliance on benefits, and increasing suitable jobs on offer, which will result in a significant increase in the economic inclusion of local residents, increasing their ability to become involved in the enhancement and growth of the economic development of the area.</p> |
| 16 | To improve the city's knowledge base | - | + | <p>Currently, the skills base in large proportions of the Claremont Weaste area is at a lower level than the national average. The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option would result in a continuation of this trend, and whilst a number of different strategies are aiming to enhance the education on offer to the residents within the area, would not result in any significant enhancement of the knowledge base, resulting in an overall decrease in line with the current trend.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Plan specifically notes the need for the comprehensive enhancement and development of the knowledge base within Claremont Weaste, and sets out a number of priority areas to improve the education on offer and the attainment within education of the residents of the area. Therefore, the Neighbourhood Plan will result in an overall improvement of the city's knowledge base, and increase in skill levels within Claremont Weaste.</p> |

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| 17 | To ensure that everyone has access to a good home that meets their needs | - | ++ | <p>The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option envisages a continuation of the current provision for housing development in line with the Unitary Development Plan and national housing trends. Therefore, the 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option would result in a piecemeal development of land within Claremont Weaste, with no consideration for the wider development of the area, or the capitalisation of the assets that Claremont Weaste can bring to the wider Salford area. The development of housing and the better use of the current supply may not meet the needs of local residents for affordable housing and non housing facilities.</p> <p>The Claremont Weaste Neighbourhood Plan identifies the key role the area can serve in providing family housing for both the local residents and Salford as a whole, and identifies the requirements of future housing developments within Claremont Weaste to guide potential developers and Council decisions. The plan also lays out the principals for sustainable housing design for the area, establishing the need for housing that meets the needs of the residents of Claremont Weaste as well as the rest of the city. The overall result is that the plan sets out a direct pathway to providing residents with access to good homes and new and improved facilities' that meet their needs.</p> |
| 18 | To improve accessibility to facilities and opportunities | 0 | ++ | The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option presents a continuation of the development of Claremont Weaste, allowing the enhancement of individual sites and facilities |

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| | | | | <p>where possible and relevant, for example in private developments, but with no comprehensive view to the wider enabling of access to facilities and opportunities for enhancement of the area, resulting in some locations falling by the wayside or becoming unmanaged. The end result is that the 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option will present no benefit or drawback to the accessibility of facilities or opportunities within Salford.</p> <p>The implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan presents a widescale vision for the creation and improvement of facilities and opportunities across the Claremont Weaste area, and therefore, the Neighbourhood Plan will significantly enhance the accessibility to both facilities and opportunities for local residents.</p> |
| 19 | To reduce the need to travel | 0 | ++ | <p>Within Claremont Weaste, the existing orientation and layout means that the neighbourhoods are bisected by physical barriers in the form of major roads, distancing residents from the facilities available, allowing easy movement into and out of the area, but not within it's boundaries. This is exacerbated by few pedestrian and bike routes between neighbourhoods, and poorly served facilities. The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option will continue this approach, with little alteration to the existing emphasis on through traffic, resulting in an expectation of residents to travel outside the area. The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option will not enhance or detract from this flow of traffic, and any new facilities will be provided on an ad hoc basis based on financial benefit, and not by need or desire. Therefore, the accessibility of the area</p> |

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| | | | | <p>will not be improved, nor the need to travel reduced, having no overall impact on the need to travel in the area.</p> <p>The Claremont Weaste Neighbourhood Plan aims to create a permeable network of bikeways and pathways, and reduce the emphasis on car travel within the area. The plan also aims to improve the offer of community facilities and housing, creating a self sustaining neighbourhood that can provide for it's residents needs. As a result, the implementation of the plan could significantly reduce the need to travel, and the distances travelled by residents.</p> |
| 20 | To improve community cohesion | - | + | <p>The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option presents no alteration to the current situation in Claremont Weaste. Because of the diverse social and economic makeup of the area, Claremont Weaste has suffered from problems with community cohesion. The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option would continue with this level of disparity, and result in problems with community cohesion within the area.</p> <p>The Claremont Weaste plan sets out a series of plans and visions to enhance community facilities, create new resources for the community, and sets out a clear path for engaging the community in the future of Claremont Weaste. As a result, the plan will present significant opportunities for enhancing and improving community cohesion within the area.</p> |
| 21 | To increase involvement in | + | ++ | <p>Claremont Weaste has well established ways for the local community to become involved in the decision making</p> |

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| | decision-making | | | <p>process, including neighbourhood teams and devolved budgets. This enables those wanting to be involved to have the opportunity to have their say. Therefore, where the opportunities are taken, community involvement in decision making is on the increase, and the 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option will not benefit or hinder the growth of this decision making process.</p> <p>The preparation and implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan encourages the growth of the existing participatory network and Advisory Group beyond that already defined, and sets out the process for facilitating a more comprehensive community engagement and involvement in the decision making process including the development of participatory budgets, strengthening links with community groups and the creation of a Neighbourhood Partnership Board. Therefore, the Neighbourhood Plan will also have a significantly beneficial impact on enhancing and developing further the communities involvement in the decision making process.</p> |
| 22 | To improve perceptions of the city | -- | ++ | <p>Whilst some areas of Claremont Waste present an attractive image along major routes, the conditions within parts of the area result in a poor overall image for this area of the city, and detracting from the city's vibrant image. The 'Neighbourhood Plan not applied' option would represent a continuation of this image, masking the individual successes within the area behind the shadow of significant unaddressed problems. The result would be that the image of the area, and the city as a whole, would continue to decline alongside people's perceptions of the area and the future it has to offer it's</p> |

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| | | | | <p>residents.</p> <p>The Claremont Weaste Neighbourhood Plan offers a vision for a brighter future for this area of Salford, with enhanced facilities, an engaged community, with well designed self-sustaining communities, resulting in an overall enhancement of the area, and as a result the image of the city as a whole. The plan creates a vision and an identity for the area, and an opportunity to engage its community, creating significant improvements in the perceptions of the Claremont Weaste area and the wider Salford city.</p> |
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