



Sustainable Development

Policy ST4: Sustainable Development

- A. When considering all development proposals, the Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development as set out in national planning policy.
- B. Developments will be shaped by the suite of Development Plan policies to ensure that development and growth are positive, sustainable, and beneficial to residents and businesses, whilst also enhancing the existing physical environment.
- C. The Council will work proactively with applicants to jointly find solutions which mean that proposals can be approved wherever possible without delay.
- D. Development that improve the economic, social and environmental conditions in the area, and that provide sufficient infrastructure to mitigate their impacts, supporting the policies in the Development Plan will be secured on sites that can deliver at pace.
- E. Planning applications that accord with the policies in this Local Plan (and, where relevant, with policies in Places for Everyone, adopted Neighbourhood Plans and Supplementary Planning Documents) when taken as a whole, will be granted permission unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

- 2.36. The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development in terms of economic, social and environmental factors.
- 2.37. There are three dimensions to sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. National policy clarifies that these roles should not be undertaken in isolation, because they are mutually dependent. Therefore, to achieve sustainable development, economic, social and environmental gains should be sought jointly and simultaneously through the planning system.



- 2.38. National policy confirms that there should be a presumption in favour of sustainable development, which all plans should be based upon and reflect this presumption with clear policies to guide how the presumption will be applied locally.
- 2.39. The Trafford Local Plan is a positive strategic plan that seeks to deliver the growth that Trafford needs in a sustainable way up to 2037. It is consistent and in general conformity with national policy. For the avoidance of doubt, this policy sets out the overarching aims for sustainable development.

Consultation Question 2-4

Do you support Policy ST4? Are there any changes required which would improve the policy? Please provide any supporting evidence which you think is relevant.