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HYNDBURN BOROUGH COUNCIL

ADOPTION STATEMENT FOR

HYNDBURN 2040: LOCAL PLAN (STRATEGIC POLICIES AND SITE ALLOCATIONS)

DATE OF ADOPTION: 16 JULY 2026

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

In accordance with Regulations 17, 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), notice is hereby given that on 16 July 2026 Hyndburn Borough Council resolved to adopt its new Local Plan, entitled the Hyndburn 2040: Local Plan (Strategic Policies and Site Allocations)

Status of the Local Plan

The Hyndburn 2040: Local Plan (Strategic Policies and Site Allocations) replaces the existing development plan documents, including:

- The Saved Policies in the 1996 Adopted Local Plan
- The Hyndburn Core Strategy (2012)

The Development Plan for Hyndburn Borough now comprises:

- The Hyndburn 2040: Local Plan (Strategic Policies and Site Allocations)
- Development Management Development Plan Document (DM DPD) adopted in 2018

- Accrington Area Action Plan adopted in 2012.
 - The Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan
 - Made Neighbourhood Plans (where applicable)
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Purpose and Content

The Hyndburn 2040: Local Plan (Strategic Policies and Site Allocations) sets out the strategic framework for development across the Borough. It includes:

- A spatial vision and strategic objectives
- A borough-wide spatial strategy directing growth to sustainable locations
- Strategic and non-strategic planning policies
- Site allocations for housing, employment and other uses

The Plan covers the period 2021 to 2040 and takes a positive approach to meeting development needs, supporting sustainable growth, regenerating key urban areas, and protecting the Borough's environmental assets.

Examination

The Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State on 10th March 2025 and was subject to independent examination conducted by Helen Hockenhull BA(Hons) B.PI MRTPI, Planning Inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State.

Public hearing sessions were held on

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 16-18 September 2025

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 23-25 September 2025

Following the Inspector's post-hearing letter dated 27 November 2025, Main Modifications were published for consultation between 6 March and 1 May 2026.

Inspector's Report

The Inspector's Report, dated 6 July 2026, concluded that the Hyndburn 2040: Local Plan (Strategic Policies and Site Allocations) subject to the recommended Main Modifications:

- Is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy
- Has met the Duty to Co-operate

- Satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
 - Meets the criteria for soundness set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2023.
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Adoption

Pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the adopted Hyndburn 2040: Local Plan (Strategic Policies and Site Allocations) incorporates the Main Modifications as recommended in the Inspector's Report.

The Local Plan now carries full weight in the determination of planning applications within the Borough.

Availability of Documents

In accordance with Regulations 26 and 35, the following documents are available on the Council's website:

- The Hyndburn 2040: Local Plan (Strategic Policies and Site Allocations) (incorporating Main Modifications)
- Adoption Statement (this document)
- Sustainability Appraisal / Integrated Impact Assessment and Addendum
- Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement
- Inspector's Report (with Appendix of Main Modifications)
- Policies Map
- Schedule of Additional Modifications

Paper copies are available for public inspection at:

- Hyndburn Borough Council Offices, Scaitcliffe House, Accrington
 - Local libraries within the Borough
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Legal Challenge

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Hyndburn 2040: Local Plan (Strategic Policies and Site Allocations) may make an application to the High Court under Section 113(3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- The Plan is not within the powers conferred by Part 2 of the Act; or
- A procedural requirement has not been complied with

Any such application must be made promptly and, in any event, no later than the end of the period of six weeks from the date of adoption.

Further Information

For further information please contact:

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In accordance with the Regulations, a copy of this Adoption Statement has been sent to the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.
