

SCRUTINY REPORT

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Overview and Scrutiny

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SUBJECT:
Bury West Transport
Framework Document

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1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Places for Everyone Joint Plan (PfE) (adopted in March 2024) includes strategic housing allocations at Elton Reservoir and Walshaw under Policies JPA7 and JPA9 respectively. Both policies specify that any proposals on these sites must be in accordance with a comprehensive masterplan that has been approved by the Local Planning Authority and that this shall include a clear phasing strategy as part of an integrated approach to the delivery of infrastructure.
- 1.2 In order to comply with this policy requirement Development Frameworks have been drafted for both the Elton Reservoir and Walshaw sites, and these are on the agenda for Cabinet approval on the 30th June. Following consultation and potential amendments to the draft Development Frameworks, it is the intention that these will be adopted as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) which will be material considerations in the determination of any planning applications that should come forward on these sites.
- 1.3 To further support and inform the Development Frameworks for these sites as well as subsequent decision-making through the planning process for future applications, a Bury West Transport Framework (see Appendix A) has been developed to set out a transport vision and plan for delivering the transport infrastructure and services needed to unlock the full potential of the Elton Reservoir and Walshaw sites. This report outlines the detail of the Bury West Transport Framework.
- 1.4 The Bury West Transport Framework is also a critical tool in making the case for and securing the investment from a range of sources needed to deliver the required transport infrastructure.

- 1.5 It has been previously endorsed by Cabinet on the 11th February 2026 (see Appendix B) and is being presented at Overview and Scrutiny for information only.
- 1.6 The Framework aligns with the Bury Local Transport Strategy and with the transport aspirations of the Greater Manchester 2040 Transport Strategy (GM2040) which have both previously been considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2.0 ISSUES

- 2.1 The Bury West Transport Framework highlights key transport challenges and opportunities associated with the developments and establishes the principles that will shape how people move within, to and from the new residential developments at Elton Reservoir and Walshaw.
- 2.2 It identifies a programme of transport interventions which prioritises sustainable transport to facilitate the development and ensure that new homes and associated supporting infrastructure are accessible, well-connected, and environmentally responsible.

3.0 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The Bury West Transport Framework sets out the transport vision for the Bury West area, and its endorsement supports sound decision making through the planning process alongside the Supplementary Planning Documents.
- 3.2 The Framework aligns with existing local and sub-regional transport strategies and will be a critical tool in making the case for and securing the investment needed to deliver the required transport infrastructure, from a number of funding sources, including financial and non-financial contributions from the private sector.

List of Background Papers: -

Appendix A - Bury West Transport Framework
Appendix B – Bury West Transport Framework Cabinet Report

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