

Rochdale Borough Draft Local Plan November 2025

Accessibility Criteria

11.24 This policy sets out the Council's ambition for local development proposals to be accessible by active and sustainable travel modes providing competitive journey times compared with motorised travel.

Policy T5 - Accessibility Criteria

Development allocations and submitted proposals will as far as possible be accessible for all, applying Accessibility Criteria set out in Appendix 4 or any future thresholds agreed by Greater Manchester Local Authorities. Developers are expected to work in partnership with the Council from proposal conception to implementation and monitoring to achieve this. Measures to access their proposals should where possible enhance convenience of access between communities and jobs, shops, schools and colleges, leisure and health facilities.

Places for Everyone Links

Policy JP-C3 Public Transport Policy JP-C6 Walking and Cycling

Reasoned Justification

All developments generate new trips. As part of the Borough's contribution to the Greater Manchester "Right Mix" targets for 50% of all journeys in the sub-region to be made by active travel or public transport by 2040. Proposals in locations with an environment that offers safe walking, wheeling and cycling options for short trips and / or are well served by public transport (bus, Metrolink or rail) should reduce the number of parking spaces they provide. They should also offer travel planning and familiarity information to end users informing them of the travel choices available to them to access employment, education, shopping and local amenities.

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