

Walsall Town Centre Area Action Plan Main Modifications

New text proposed is bold and underlined. Deleted text is bold with strikethrough.

Reference	Submission Document Page Number	Policy Number/ Section Number/ Paragraph	Proposed Modification(s)	Reason for Modification(s)
MM1	Throughout the plan		Amend reference throughout the plan from “ AAP Policies Map ” to the “ <u>Polices Map</u> ”.	To amend wording so it is consistent with the legislation and national policy.
MM2	Throughout the plan		Amend any reference to Community Infrastructure Level (CIL) as a delivery mechanism to planning obligations or other mechanisms for developer contributions.	To ensure the plan is effective by removing references to a mechanism that might not be suitable.
MM3	4	1.4 The Planning Context New appendix to plan – UDP Saved and Superseded Policies.	Include reference to the list of UDP Saved and Superseded Policies that will be appended to the AAP. Add the list to the AAP document as an appendix (see attached for proposed appendix).	For clarity to show the plan and the Council’s approach to plan-making is consistent with the NPPF.

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MM4	44	<p>Policy AAPLE2: Sport and Cultural Facilities</p> <p>5.2.1 Policy Justification</p>	<p>Amend the policy text as follows:</p> <p>“The centre is the most accessible location for key sport, leisure and cultural facilities serving the Borough as a whole. The centre’s role as a key location for such facilities will be supported by the following proposals.</p> <p>a) Gala Baths (TC39) will be protected and invested in as the key location for sports provision in the centre.</p> <p>b) Walsall Library (TC39) will be protected and where possible invested in as a key cultural facility in the centre. <u>The Local History Centre and Archive will relocate from Essex Street and become an enhanced town centre provision as part of the borough’s redesigned library service.</u></p> <p>c) Walsall Leather Museum (TC49) will be protected expanded at its current location. to include Walsall Museum and Walsall Local History Centre d)...”</p> <p>Amend the 5.2.1 Policy Justification text as follows:</p> <p>“Walsall’s current sport and cultural facility offer consists chiefly of the New Art Gallery, Gala Baths, Walsall Museum, the Leather Museum, and the Local History Centre. This needs to be protected and, where possible <u>in the context of public sector resources</u>, enhanced. The historic environment is also recognised as a cultural facility which offers potential for leisure activities.</p> <p>As part of the commitment to get <i>more people, more active, more often</i>, the Council has invested £24m into the building of Bloxwich and Oak Park Active Living</p>	<p>To ensure the plan is effective by removing an undeliverable scheme and to reflect the latest Council plans to manage local facilities.</p>

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		5.2.3 Delivery	<p>Centres. In addition, a further £1m has been committed to improving Walsall Gala Baths. The explicit intent of the Gala Baths scheme is to extend the life of the facility to secure town centre active leisure provision for at least the next 10 years. The project focuses on reconfiguring and renovating the facility to make it capable of meeting modern standards and customer expectations. Key elements of work include: permanently sectioning the old 33.3m pool into a standard sized 25m pool and learner pool, redevelopment of the changing rooms into a modern changing village and the refurbishment of the reception area.</p> <p>The Council is also looking to secure funding to <u>relocate the Local History Centre and archive to Walsall Library as part of the redesigned library service that aims to consolidate the service into key accessible locations.</u> for a consolidated Heritage Centre bringing together Walsall Museum, the Leather Museum and the Local History Centre. Significant work has been done to prepare a Stage One application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop a single Heritage Centre for the Borough on the site of the Leather Museum. This will be the focus for heritage services and provide an integrated, accessible centre for all Walsall's history resources and their display. The Council is committed to such facilities remaining in the centre and this policy looks to encourage this approach.</p> <p>Amend the second paragraph of 5.2.3 Delivery text as follows: "There may also be circumstances where external funding is available to secure improvements to such cultural and leisure facilities and the Council will look to utilise such funding streams where possible. An example of this is the Leather Museum scheme where the Council is submitting a bid to the Heritage Lottery</p>	

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MM5	64	Policy AAPLV5: Protecting and Enhancing Historic Character and Local Distinctiveness	Amend policy wording as follows: “a) New developments in Walsall Town Centre should be designed to strengthen local character and identity, with particular reference to the Characterisation Analysis and Sensitivity Plans featured in the town centre Characterisation Study (Figures 6.2 and 6.3 below).”	To clarify that there is justification for consideration to be given to design because of the local character of Walsall Town Centre.
MM6	66	Policy AAPLV5: Protecting and Enhancing Historic Character and Local Distinctiveness 6.5.1 Policy Justification	Include footnote to last paragraph of 6.5.1 Policy Justification: “ <u>The Drill Hall was Grade II Listed on the 27th April 2017.</u> ”	To ensure the plan is effective by allowing full consideration of the impact on the historic environment.
	97 and 99	Policy AAPT5: Car Parking Table a) and b)	Include footnote to PolicyT5 table a) and b) Site TC34 details: “ <u>The Drill Hall was Grade II Listed on the 27th April 2017.</u> ”	
	153	Policy	Include footnote to Policy AAPINV6 Site TC34 details:	

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		AAPINV6: Secondary Development Sites	<u>"The Drill Hall was Grade II Listed on the 27th April 2017."</u>	
MM7	69	Policy AAPLV6: Securing Good Design	Amend policy wording as follows: "a) New development must should seek to create a positive environment with an identity that relates to the specific character of Walsall Town Centre and its historic context. New buildings should:..."	To clarify that there is justification for consideration to be given to design because of the local character of Walsall Town Centre.