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Report by Helen Leach	Date of report: 11/03/2026	Ref: 71282/CON
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Objections:	Con Area:	Adv Type: N/A
Reason for Delay: N/A		EIA: NA
		Dec Level: DEL
		Stat Class:

Proposal: Article 18 consultation from Rochdale Council (ref. 24/00805/OUT): Outline application with all matters reserved for the development of land within Use Classes E(g)(iii) (industrial processes), B2 (general industrial), B8 (storage and distribution) and removal of existing structures and hard standing and associated works

Location: Plot H4, Heywood Distribution Park, Pilsworth Road, Heywood

Description

The outline application seeks permission for the development of land for Use classes E(g)(iii), B2 and B8.

Relevant Planning History

None relevant.

Publicity

None required.

Statutory/Non-Statutory Consultations

Traffic Section - No response.

Planning Policy Manager - No response.

Cllr Tahir Rafiq - No response.

Cllr Jodie Hook - No response.

Cllr Joan Grimshaw - No response.

Pre-start Conditions - Applicant/Agent [Not relevant/has/has not] agreed with pre-start conditions

Development Plan and Policies

Issues and Analysis

The following report includes analysis of the merits of the application against the relevant policies of both the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the adopted Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document (PfE) and the saved policies within the adopted Bury Unitary Development Plan (UDP), together with other relevant material planning considerations.

The policies of the UDP that have been used to assess this application are considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and as such are material planning considerations. For simplicity, just the UDP and PfE Policies will be referred to in the report, unless there is a particular matter to highlight arising from the NPPF where it would otherwise be specifically mentioned.

Equality Act 2010: All planning applications are considered in light of the Equality Act

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2010 and associated Public Sector Equality Duty, where the Council is required to have due regard for:

The elimination of discrimination, harassment and victimisation;

The advancement of equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and person who do not share it;

The fostering of good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and person who do not share it; which applies to people from the protected equality groups.

Human Rights: All planning applications are considered against the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

Under Article 6 the applicants (and those third parties who have made representations) have the right to a fair hearing and to this end full consideration will be given to their comments.

Article 8 and Protocol 1 of the First Article confer a right to respect private and family life and a right to the protection of property, ie peaceful enjoyment of one's possessions which could include a person's home, and other land and business assets.

In taking account of the Council policy as set out in the Bury Unitary Development Plan 1997 and all material planning considerations, it is concluded on balance that the rights conferred upon the applicant/ objectors/ residents/ other interested party by Article 8 and Article 1 of the First Protocol may be interfered with, since such interference is in accordance with the law and is justified in the public interest. Any restriction of these rights posed by refusal/ approval of the application is legitimate since it is proportionate to the wider benefits of such a decision, is based upon the merits of the proposal, and falls within the margin of discretion afforded to the Council under the Town & Country Planning Acts.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposes (without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it) a duty upon the Council to exercise its functions and have due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of its functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area. In so doing and on making planning decisions under the Town and Country Planning Acts, the material Planning considerations shall have due regard to the provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and its implications in the exercise of its functions.

The proposed development would not have a significant adverse impact upon the economic or environmental areas of the borough. Therefore, there are no objections to the proposed development.

Recommendation: Raise No Objection

Conditions and Reasons:

<u>Case Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sign off Officer</u>	<u>Date</u>
HL - 11/03/2026		DM	12.03.2026