The consultation on the GMSF ended on the 16th, January, 2017. The consultation gave the residents of Greater Manchester the opportunity to respond to the proposals.

The proposal included, in the main, most of the greenbelt and greenspace, throughout Bury, Radcliffe and Whitefield.

Bury Folk Against Manchester Spatial Framework are opposed to this. This is why the group was formed by James Mason in November 2016.

The plans and consultation documents can still be viewed on line at:

<http://gmsf-consult.objective.co.uk>

A Facebook page has been set up to support the residents, search Bury Folk Against Manchester Spatial Framework.

There is also a website available which has useful information to view:

[www.saveburysgreenbelt.co.uk](http://www.saveburysgreenbelt.co.uk)

The groups next steps are to raise awareness of why the green belt needs saving, this will involve getting all members of the community involved.

The group currently have a petition raised with Bury Council. The petition is to suspend the consultation process until an independent review has taken place of Burys Housing need. The closing date for this petition is the 12th February, 2017. Please sign it at: http://www.bury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=10483

Throughout Greater Manchester there have been numerous groups set up to save the green belt in their towns. On the 1st April, 2017 a gathering has been arranged for all groups to show the powers that be Greater Manchester residents must be listened to. The gathering will be outside Manchester Town Hall on Albert Square at 1pm. Please support Bury at the gathering, numbers count.

On Good Friday, 14th April, 2017, Elton Sailing Club has offered the group the use of the club. We will be arranging an event there to highlight the groups aim. Details will be announced soon.

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) is now in a process of reviewing all comments made about the framework. The 2nd round of the consultation starts in the Autumn 2017. In the mean time, us, as a group need to carry on the good work highlighting the reasons why greenbelt should not be built on.

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