

AMENDMENT

Government planning proposals and the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

Delete everything after “This council meeting notes”

And replace with

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This Council Meeting further notes

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