

London Borough of Lambeth

# Local Development Scheme

March 2025

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is the programme for preparation of Lambeth's Local Plan and associated planning policy documents, such as supplementary planning documents (SPDs). Along with the London Plan and neighbourhood development plans, the Local Plan is the statutory development plan for the borough.
- 1.2 The procedure for preparation and review of Local Plans is set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 1.3 This LDS document sets out:
  - The current position with neighbourhood plans (Table 1)
  - The timetable for preparation of a Site Allocations Development Plan Document (Table 2)
  - Existing Supplementary Planning Documents (Table 3)
  - The timetable for preparation of new Supplementary Planning Documents (Table 4)
  - The timetable for preparation of the revised Local Plan (Table 5)
  - The timetable for preparation of the revised Statement of Community Involvement (Table 6)
- 1.4 Progress with implementation of the LDS will be reported annually in the Authority's Monitoring Report.

## **2. Context**

- 2.1 The current Lambeth Local Plan was adopted on 22 September 2021. The Local Plan sets the vision and objectives for the spatial development of the borough within the context of London's regional development strategy, which is currently the London Plan 2021. The Lambeth Local Plan covers the fifteen-year period 2020 to 2035.

### *National planning policy*

- 2.2 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets the national policy context for preparation of local plans. Local plans and other development plan documents must be consistent with national policy and should enable the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the Framework. This is enshrined in the 'tests of soundness' against which local plans are examined. The current version of the NPPF dates from December 2024.

### *Regional planning policy*

- 2.3 Under the legislation establishing the Greater London Authority (Greater London Authority Act 1999), the Mayor has to produce a spatial development strategy - which has become known as 'the London Plan' - and keep it under review. London borough local development documents (such as local plans)

must be 'in general conformity' with the London Plan. The current version is the London Plan 2021.

- 2.4 The Mayor adopted a new Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy (MCIL2) and commenced levying MCIL2 charges from April 2019. MCIL2 charges supersede the previous MCIL1 levies and the associated planning obligations/section 106 charge scheme applicable in central London.
- 2.5 Lambeth adopted a revised CIL Charging Schedule in September 2021, which came into effect on 1 January 2022. The revised Lambeth CIL Charging Schedule takes account of MCIL2.

#### *Lambeth Borough Plan*

- 2.6 In 2023 the council approved a new Borough Plan, 'Lambeth 2030: Our Future, Our Lambeth' which is the Community Strategy for Lambeth. This includes three key ambitions for Lambeth by 2030:
  - Making Lambeth Neighbourhoods Fit for the Future
  - Making Lambeth One of the Safest Boroughs in London
  - Making Lambeth A Place We Can All Call Home

#### *Statement of Community Involvement*

- 2.7 Lambeth adopted its current Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in October 2020. Government Planning Practice Guidance states that the SCI should be reviewed within five years of the date of adoption.

#### *Neighbourhood plans*

- 2.8 Table 1 below sets out the current status of neighbourhood plan preparation in Lambeth.

#### *Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)*

- 2.9 Lambeth currently has four adopted supplementary planning documents, of which three remain relevant as supplementary guidance to the Lambeth Local Plan 2021. The Development Viability SPD is considered to be no longer relevant due to its age and being superseded by the guidance in the draft Development Viability London Plan Guidance (LPG). These SPDs are listed in Table 3 below.
- 2.10 In addition, two new SPDs will be prepared to support implementation of the Lambeth Local Plan 2021. Table 4 sets out the anticipated timetable for preparation of new SPDs.

**Table 1: Neighbourhood planning in Lambeth March 2025**

<b>Forum/Area</b>	<b>Current position</b>
South Bank and Waterloo Neighbours (SoWN)	Neighbourhood forum and area designated February 2014; area designated as a business area. The area is partly in Lambeth and partly in Southwark. The neighbourhood forum was re-designated in February 2019, and expired in February 2024. The SoWN Neighbourhood Plan was made by Lambeth Council's Cabinet on 16 December 2019. The Neighbourhood Plan was published on 15 January 2020.
Kennington Oval Vauxhall Forum (KOVF)	Neighbourhood forum and area designated July 2015. Pre-submission consultation on a draft neighbourhood development plan ended in May 2018. The forum was re-designated in June 2021, with an expiry date of June 2026. The KOV Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to the council for Regulation 16 publication and examination in December 2024.
Tulse Hill Neighbourhood Forum	Neighbourhood forum and area designated January 2016. Forum designation now expired.
Norwood Planning Assembly	Neighbourhood forum and area designated July 2017. Forum designation now expired.
Herne Hill Forum	Neighbourhood area designated December 2017. The area is partly in Lambeth and partly in Southwark. No forum designated.

**Table 2: Timetable for preparation of the Site Allocations Development Plan Document**

<b>Document title</b>	<b>Role and content</b>	<b>Geographical coverage</b>	<b>Regulation 18 consultation</b>	<b>Regulation 19 Pre-submission publication</b>	<b>Regulation 22 Submission</b>	<b>Adoption</b>
Site Allocations Development Plan Document (SADPD)	Site allocations associated with the adopted Lambeth Local Plan 2021	Borough-wide	Quarter 4 2021/22	Quarter 4 2023/24	Quarter 3 2024/25	Quarter 2/3 2025/26

**Table 3: Position with current Supplementary Planning Documents March 2025**

<b>Current Supplementary Planning Document</b>	<b>Date of adoption</b>	<b>Position at March 2025</b>
Vauxhall Area SPD	January 2013	Remains relevant
Design Guide SPD	August 2023	Remains relevant
Lambeth Development Viability SPD	October 2017	No longer relevant
Lambeth Affordable Workspace SPD	April 2022	Remains relevant

**Table 4: Timetable for preparation of new Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)**

<b>Title of document</b>	<b>Role and content</b>	<b>Geographical coverage</b>	<b>Consultation on draft SPD</b>	<b>Publication of revised draft SPD and consultation statement</b>	<b>Adoption</b>
Local Views SPD	To provide guidance on assessing applications that affect local views in Lambeth.	Borough-wide	Quarter 4 2020/21	Quarter 4 2023/24	Quarter 2 2025/26
Waterloo SPD	To provide area specific planning guidance	Waterloo Station and its environs	Quarter 1 2026/27	Quarter 3 2026/27	Quarter 4 2026/27

**Table 5: Timetable for preparation of the Revised Lambeth Local Plan**

<b>Document title</b>	<b>Role and content</b>	<b>Geographical coverage</b>	<b>Initial scoping, engagement and preparatory work</b>	<b>Gateway 1</b>	<b>Gateway 2</b>	<b>Gateway 3</b>	<b>Examination</b>	<b>Adoption</b>
Revised Lambeth Local Plan	Review of the Lambeth Local Plan 2021	Borough-wide	Q3/Q4 2025/26	Q2 2026/27	Q1/Q2 2027/28	Q1/Q2 2028/29	Q3/Q4 2028/29	Q4 2028/29
Revised Lambeth Local Plan Policies Map	Policies Map associated with the Revised Lambeth Local Plan	Borough-wide	Q3/Q4 2025/26	Q2 2026/27	Q1/Q2 2027/28	Q1/Q2 2028/29	Q3/Q4 2028/29	Q4 2028/29

Note: The timetable for Revised Lambeth Local Plan should be taken as indicative, and is based on the assumption that regulations relating to the operation of the plan-making system under the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2022 are published by the end of 2025.

**Table 6: Timetable for preparation of Revised Statement of Community Involvement**

<b>Document title</b>	<b>Role and content</b>	<b>Geographical coverage</b>	<b>Publication</b>
Revised Statement of Community Involvement	To provide updated guidance on how the council will engage with others on planning matters.	Borough-wide	Q3 2025/26