

# London Borough of Lambeth

## Local Development Scheme

October 2017

## **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, 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 document sets out:
  - The context for plan preparation in Lambeth, including national and regional planning policy, Lambeth's Community Strategy and Lambeth's Statement of Community Involvement
  - The current position with neighbourhood plans (Table 1)
  - The timetable for future plan preparation work (Table 2)
  - The timetable for preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents (Table 3)
- 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 23 September 2015. 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 2016 (consolidated with alterations since 2011). The Lambeth Local Plan covers the fifteen year period from adoption (2015 to 2030).
- 2.2 The Inspector for the Local Plan examination found it sound subject to early review to take account of the higher borough-level housing target in the Further Alterations to the London Plan 2015, which had been published too late to be included in Lambeth's Plan.
- 2.3 A timetable for the partial review of the Lambeth Local Plan 2015 was set out in the previous Lambeth LDS published alongside adoption of the Local Plan in September 2015. Preparatory work on the partial review has been underway since early 2016. However, changes to the national and regional policy context for plan-making in Lambeth have affected the original timetable for the review of the Local Plan, so a new LDS is required. These national and regional changes and their anticipated timescales are set out below.

### *National planning policy*

- 2.4 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets the national policy context for preparation of local plans. Local plans 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. During 2016 and

2017 government consulted on proposed changes to the NPPF (originally published in 2012). Publication of the final revised NPPF is expected in Spring 2018.

- 2.5 National Planning Policy for Waste was published in October 2014 and National Planning Policy for Traveller Sites was published in August 2015. The reviewed Lambeth Local Plan will need to be consistent with these national policy documents as well as with the revised NPPF.
- 2.6 Government published a Housing White Paper in February 2017 and the new government elected in June 2017 has announced its intention to continue to implement many of the White Paper's proposals. One of the proposals, to be delivered through a revision to the NPPF, was that local planning authorities should be required to plan for allocations needed to deliver the area's housing requirement. The implication of this proposal is that a site allocation policy would be required for every site that is expected to contribute to delivery against the agreed housing supply target for the area.
- 2.7 It is not yet known whether this proposal will be carried forward into the revised NPPF, expected Spring 2018. If it is, this is likely to have significant implications for Lambeth's Local Plan review timetable, because it would involve the introduction of approximately 50 site allocation policies (compared to 18 currently within the Local Plan 2015). In this circumstance, Lambeth may consider bringing forward a separate Site Allocations Development Plan Document (SADPD). This scenario, and the timetable for the preparation of an SADPD, would be dealt with through a revision to this LDS.

#### *Regional planning policy*

- 2.8 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 2016 (consolidated with alterations since 2011).
- 2.9 The new Mayor of London, elected in May 2016, has launched a full review of the London Plan. The Mayor consulted on a new vision for London – 'A City for all Londoners' - between October and December 2016. A full new Draft London Plan is anticipated in autumn 2017, with examination in public (EiP) during summer 2018 and final publication of the new London Plan in autumn 2019.
- 2.10 The intention with the partial review of the Lambeth Local Plan is that it will be in general conformity with the new London Plan. The timetable for the partial review of the Lambeth Local Plan set out in this Local Development Scheme allows for this by following closely behind the timetable for preparation of the new London Plan.
- 2.11 The Mayor is also bringing forward a new Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy (MCIL2). Consultation on the preliminary draft charging schedule took place between June and August 2017. The Mayor intends to consult on the MCIL2 Draft Charging Schedule later in 2017 and to hold an MCIL2 EiP in 2018, which may form part of the EiP to be held into the Mayor's new London Plan. The Mayor intends to commence levying MCIL2 charges from April 2019. MCIL2 charges will supersede the current MCIL1 levies and the

associated planning obligations/section 106 charge scheme applicable in central London.

- 2.12 Lambeth intends to review its CIL charging schedule in parallel with the partial review of the Lambeth Local Plan. Both documents will therefore be prepared in light of the MCIL2 proposals.

#### *Lambeth Community Strategy*

- 2.13 In addition to these national and regional policy changes, Lambeth Council has agreed an updated Community Strategy known as 'Future Lambeth – our Borough Plan 2016-2021'. This identifies three equally important priorities for Lambeth over the five year period of the strategy: inclusive growth, reducing inequality, and strong and sustainable neighbourhoods. The partial review of the Lambeth Local Plan must contribute to achieving these priority objectives.

#### *Statement of Community Involvement*

- 2.14 Lambeth adopted its current Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in September 2015 and this will guide the approach to community involvement in planning policy preparation work set out in this Local Development Scheme. The Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 requires local planning authorities to set out in their SCI their policies for giving advice and assistance to groups wishing to bring forward a neighbourhood plan in their area. Commencement regulations are required before this provision comes into force. The timetable for amending the Lambeth SCI will be prepared once these commencement regulations have been issued.

#### *Neighbourhood plans*

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

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

- 2.16 The following SPDs are already adopted: Vauxhall Area SPD January 2013; Waterloo Area SPD April 2013; Brixton Area SPD June 2013; Building Alterations and Extensions SPD September 2015. Table 4 below sets out the timetable for preparation of new SPDs. Some of the existing and emerging SPDs may be superseded once the reviewed Local Plan is adopted, if their content has been subsumed within the revised Plan and/or it is no longer up-to-date. The position on each SPD will be confirmed at pre-submission publication of the reviewed Local Plan, so it is clear at that point which are intended to remain in place and which will be superseded.

**Table 1: Neighbourhood planning in Lambeth October 2017**

<b>Forum/Area</b>	<b>Current position</b>
South Bank and Waterloo Neighbours (SoWN)	Neighbourhood forum and area designated February 2014. Area crosses the borough boundary into Southwark. Pre-submission consultation on a draft neighbourhood plan ended in January 2017.
Kennington Oval Vauxhall Forum (KOVF)	Neighbourhood forum and area designated July 2015.
Tulse Hill Neighbourhood Forum	Neighbourhood forum and area designated January 2016.
Norwood Planning Assembly	Neighbourhood forum and area designated July 2017.
Herne Hill Forum	Application for neighbourhood forum and area designation received by the Lambeth and Southwark July 2017 (the proposed area crosses the borough boundary). Application published for consultation July-September 2017. Decision on designation anticipated December 2017.

**Table 2 – Timetable for partial review of the Lambeth Local Plan**

<b>Document title</b>	<b>Role and content</b>	<b>Geographical coverage</b>	<b>Draft Local Plan</b>	<b>Pre-submission publication</b>	<b>Submission</b>	<b>Adoption</b>
A Better Lambeth – Lambeth Local Plan 2020 to 2035	Partial review of the Lambeth Local Plan 2015 plus updated Policies Map	Borough wide	Quarter 3 2018	Quarter 1 2019	Quarter 2 2019	Quarter 1 2020

**Table 3 – Preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)**

<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>
Development Viability SPD	To provide guidance on the approach to assessing development viability in planning applications	Borough-wide	Quarter 4 2016	Quarter 2 2017	Quarter 4 2017
Employment and Skills SPD	To provide guidance on the approach to securing planning obligations for employment and skills	Borough-wide	Quarter 4 2016	Quarter 4 2017	Quarter 1 2018
Basements SPD	To provide guidance on assessing applications that involve a proposed basement	Borough-wide	Quarter 3 2017	Quarter 1 2018	Quarter 3 2018
Local Views SPD	To provide guidance on assessing applications that may affect local views in Lambeth	Borough-wide	Quarter 1 2018	Quarter 3 2018	Quarter 4 2018