

London Borough of Lambeth

# Local Development Scheme

September 2015

## **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) and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule. 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
  - The timetable for future plan preparation work (Table 1)
  - The timetable for preparation of the CIL charging schedule (Table 2)
  - A timetable for the production and updating of Supplementary Planning Documents to support the Local Plan (Table 3)
- 1.4 Progress with the implementation of the LDS will be reported in the Authority's Monitoring Report.

## **2. Context**

- 2.1 Lambeth adopted its Local Development Framework Core Strategy in January 2011. The Core Strategy set the vision for the spatial development of the borough and, along with the London Plan 2011 and the remaining saved, non-superseded policies in the Lambeth Unitary Development Plan 2007, contained policies for the determination of planning applications in Lambeth . .
- 2.2 In March 2012, the coalition government published the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which replaced almost all existing national planning policy and guidance. The principles of the Local Development Framework (LDF) system remain, but the emphasis in the NPPF is now on each local planning authority (LPA) producing an up-to-date Local Plan for its area. This can comprise existing adopted development plan documents under the LDF system, or can involve the production of new Local Plan documents, depending on the local context. Existing development plan documents can be reviewed in whole or in part to respond flexibly to changing circumstances.
- 2.3 The NPPF requires Local Plan policies to be up-to-date to ensure that local planning authorities are well placed in relation to the new presumption in favour of local development. Where policies are out of date or silent on an issue, it may be difficult for the council to use its planning powers to secure the best outcome from proposed development schemes. Whilst in 2012 the Lambeth Core Strategy was still recently adopted, the remaining saved UDP policies were more than five years old and required updating.
- 2.4 The NPPF also introduced a number of changes in approach to national planning policy, reflecting changing government priorities in relation to the delivery of housing and economic growth. Whilst Lambeth's Core Strategy

remained consistent with the majority of national planning policy in the NPPF, there were a small number of areas of strategic policy that needed to be reviewed or updated to ensure compliance.

- 2.5 In order to address these requirements, and those of the more recent National Planning Practice Guidance (March 2014 and subsequent updates), Lambeth has brought forward a new Local Plan for Lambeth. The overarching vision, strategic objectives and spatial strategy set out in the Core Strategy 2011 have not undergone review as part of this exercise, as they are recently developed and adopted by the Council and remain valid (subject to factual updating). A limited number of areas of strategic policy have undergone a review of approach, but all aspects of the plan have been updated to reflect factual changes. In addition, many areas of strategic policy have been supplemented by further policy guidance in the form of detailed development management policies and/or site allocations, to replace the remaining saved UDP policies.
- 2.6 The Local Plan was submitted for examination in March 2014. The examination hearing was held in July 2014 and consultation on main modifications arising from the examination took place between November 2014 and January 2015. The Lambeth Local Plan was adopted in September 2015.
- 2.7 The Local Plan covers a fifteen year period from adoption (2015 to 2030). The Local Plan plus the London Plan form the new statutory development plan for the borough.
- 2.8 The emerging Local Plan underwent sustainability appraisal to assess it against social, economic and environmental objectives during the preparation process. This included assessment of equalities and health and well-being impacts.
- 2.9 The council will address the requirement to allocate additional sites and or areas for waste in accordance with the National Planning Policy for Waste and associated planning practice guidance published in October 2014, and to meet the London Plan waste apportionment, through a separate waste DPD, the timetable for which is set out in Table 1 below.
- 2.10 There is a new requirement in national planning policy issued in March 2012 to identify and update annually a five year supply of specific deliverable sites for travellers against locally set targets. The locally- set target should be based on a robust evidence base to establish accommodation needs. Evidence of need for traveller accommodation is being updated, as the most recent information dates from 2008. Therefore, it is proposed that the requirements of national policy on this issue be addressed in a separate development plan document (DPD) on gypsies and travellers. The preparation of this DPD would follow the timetable set out in Table 1 below.
- 2.11 The Greater London Authority published draft Further Alterations to the London Plan 2011 (FALP) for public consultation in January 2014. The FALP underwent Examination in Public in September 2014 and was published (adopted) in March 2015. The FALP introduced new London-wide and borough-level minimum housing targets and new borough-level waste apportionments. In order to address the implications of this for Lambeth, the

council will undertake an early review of the Lambeth Local Plan following its adoption in 2015. The timetable is set out in Table 1 below.

- 2.12 If it is considered appropriate, the council may incorporate the production of the waste DPD and/or gypsy and traveller DPD into the early review of the Lambeth Local Plan.

**Table 1 - Plan preparation timetable**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Role and content</b>	<b>Geographical coverage</b>	<b>Publication (Reg 19)</b>	<b>Submission (Reg 22)</b>	<b>Adoption</b>
Statement of Community Involvement update	Statement of how the Council will consult the community, statutory consultees and other stakeholders during plan preparation. To be updated from 2008 version.	Borough wide	Consultation January 2015	n/a as SCI does not undergo examination	September 2015
Lambeth Core Strategy	Sets out the spatial strategy, vision, strategic objectives, strategic policies and policies for places and neighbourhoods for the borough of Lambeth.	Borough wide	n/a	n/a	January 2011
Local Development Framework Proposals Map 2011	Map of Lambeth illustrating geographically the application of the policies in the Core Strategy 2011.	Borough wide	n/a	n/a	January 2011
Lambeth Unitary Development Plan (UDP) 2007 – remaining saved policies	Detailed development management policies that supplement the Core Strategy 2011. The majority of policies in the UDP were saved in August 2010 for a three year period. Some were superseded by the Core Strategy in January 2011.	Borough wide	n/a	n/a	August 2007. Saved August 2010.

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Lambeth Local Plan	New statutory development plan for Lambeth to comprise a partial review of the Core Strategy 2011 plus new development management policies and site allocations. Once adopted, this will supersede the Core Strategy 2011 and remaining saved UDP policies.	Borough wide	December 2013	March 2014	September 2015
Local Plan Policies Map	Map of Lambeth illustrating geographically the application of the policies in the Lambeth Local Plan. Initially this will be published as changes to the 2011 Proposals Map. A full version will be printed as soon as possible after adoption of the Local Plan.	Borough wide	December 2013	March 2014	September 2015
Lambeth Local Plan Review	To address the implications of the Further Alterations to the London Plan and other emerging policy issues.	Borough wide	June 2016	October 2016	October 2017
Waste Development Plan Document	To address the requirement to allocate additional land to meet the London Plan waste apportionment.	Borough wide	June 2016	October 2016	October 2017
Gypsy and traveller Development Plan	Statutory development plan document to address the requirements in Lambeth of national Planning Policy	Borough wide	June 2016	October 2016	October 2017

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Document	for Travellers March 2012, based on updated assessment of need and supply of sites				

**Table 2 – Community Infrastructure Levy charging schedule preparation**

<b>Stage of preparation</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Preliminary draft charging schedule	September 2012
Draft charging schedule	June 2013
Submission	October 2013
Agreement for CIL charging schedule to 'go live' 1 October 2014	July 2014

At present, there are no plans to review the Lambeth CIL charging schedule.

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

<b>Title of document</b>	<b>Role and content</b>	<b>Date of adoption where already exists</b>	<b>Consultation on draft or revised draft</b>	<b>Adoption</b>
Waterloo Area SPD	Detailed guidance to support implementation of development plan policy for Waterloo	April 2013	n/a	n/a
Vauxhall Area SPD	Detailed guidance to support implementation development plan policy for Vauxhall	January 2013	n/a	n/a
Brixton Area SPD	Detailed guidance to support implementation of development plan policy for Brixton	June 2013	n/a	n/a
Planning obligations SPD	<p>Sets out the Council’s approach to seeking planning obligations.</p> <p>The approach is under review in light of national planning practice guidance (NPPG March 2014 and subsequent updates) and the outcome of the Local Plan examination.</p>	July 2008	August-October 2013	To be confirmed
Extensions SPD	Provides detailed guidance to applicants on the design of residential alterations and extensions.	April 2008	February 2015	September 2015
Lambeth local view management SPD	Will provide guidance on assessing applications that may affect local views in Lambeth	n/a	April 2016	July 2016

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Guidance and Standards for Housing Development and House Conversions SPD	Provides detailed guidance on internal and external space standards for housing development house conversions. This SPD will be superseded by the Local Plan on adoption, as future relevant standards will be included in Local Plan policy (with reference to the London Plan).	July 2008	n/a	n/a
Safer Built Environments SPD	Provides detailed guidance to applicants on the design of safe, secure and accessible developments. This SPD will be superseded by the Local Plan on adoption and will not be updated.	April 2008	n/a	n/a
Shop fronts and signage SPD	Provides detailed guidance on the design of well considered and executed shop-fronts.	April 2008	n/a	n/a
Sustainable design and construction SPD	Provides guidance to applicants in relation to the sustainable design and construction of buildings. This SPD will be superseded by the Local Plan on adoption and will not be updated.	July 2008	n/a	n/a