

# **Local Development Scheme 2017 - 2020**

**November 2017**

## What is the Local Development Scheme?

1. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires local planning authorities to prepare, maintain and publish a Local Development Scheme (LDS).
2. The LDS sets out the timetable for the production of Development Plan Documents (DPDs), including key production and public consultation stages. This enables the community, businesses, developers, service and infrastructure providers and other interested organisations to know which DPDs are to be prepared for the area and when they will be able to participate<sup>1</sup>.
3. This LDS covers the period from 2017 to 2020, and updates the previous LDSs published by St Albans City and District Council. It provides information about the Local Plan (LP), which will replace the District Local Plan Review 1994.

## Development Plan Documents

4. DPDs are planning strategies that contain policies for the use, protection and/or development of land. These must have regard to government guidance, in particular the National Planning Policy Framework.

- **Local Plans** for a council area (or for more than one council area if working together). Preparation of a Local Plan is a statutory requirement. A Local Plan may be a single document or a suite of documents with some covering specific policy matters or specific geographical areas (for example Area Action Plans). In areas that have County and District Councils, the County Council has the responsibility for producing Minerals and Waste Local Plans.
- **Neighbourhood Plans.** These are not compulsory. However, when duly prepared they are a statutory document that forms part of the development plan. They would be prepared by a relevant (qualifying) body. In parished areas, the relevant body would be a town or parish council or councils, and elsewhere would be a neighbourhood forum. The plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the local plan and are prepared in a timescale that is set by the relevant body, not St Albans Council. More information can be found on the Council's webpage<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Public consultations will continue to be advertised and stakeholders notified when important documents are published for public consultation, in accordance with our published Statement of Community Involvement.

<sup>2</sup> For more information regarding Neighbourhood Planning in the district please see the Council's website: <http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/planning/Planningpolicy/neighbourhoodplanning.aspx>

## **The Current Statutory Development Plan for the District**

5. The statutory development plan is the set of DPDs that together form the statutory basis for determining planning applications for the District.

6. On publication of this LDS in November 2017, the statutory development plan comprises:

- Saved policies of the District Local Plan Review 1994
- The Hertfordshire Minerals Local Plan 2007
- The Hertfordshire Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2012
- The Hertfordshire Waste Site Allocations 2014

7. By the end of 2020 the statutory development plan would comprise:

- The Local Plan
- The Hertfordshire Minerals Local Plan 2007 (or any replacement adopted)
- The Hertfordshire Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies 2012 and Site Allocations Document (or any replacement adopted)
- Any Neighbourhood Development Plans made

## **Future Development Plan Documents**

8. The District Council can set a timetable only for Development Plan Documents it is preparing itself (or jointly with another Local Authority). The timetables for Neighbourhood Plans are set by the relevant body, such as Parish Councils, the timetables for the Minerals and Waste Local Plans are set by the County Council.

<b>St Albans City and District Local Plan 2020 - 2036 (LP)</b>	
<b>Role &amp; Subject</b>	<p>This document will set out the overall development strategy for the period to 2036 for the District.</p> <p>It will include strategic policies as well as broad locations for strategic housing and employment development and infrastructure. It will provide the policy context for potential Neighbourhood Plans.</p> <p>This document will also set out the development management policies and site allocations and it will also include Policies Maps.</p>
<b>Coverage</b>	District-wide
<b>Timetable – Key Stages:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutory Public Consultation on Draft Plan (Regulation 18) – Jan/Feb 2018</li> <li>• Publication / Statutory Public Consultation on Pre-Submission Draft Plan (Regulation 19) – Sept 2018</li> <li>• Submission to Secretary of State (Regulation 22) – March 2019</li> <li>• Examination (Regulation 24) – Summer 2019</li> <li>• Estimated Date for Adoption (Regulation 26) – Spring 2020</li> </ul>	

**Regulations as set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012**

**Table 1: Local Development Scheme 2017 - 2020**

	<b>Main Evidence Completion</b>	<b>Consultation</b>	<b>Pre-submission Publication</b>	<b>Submission</b>	<b>Examination</b>	<b>Adoption</b>
<b>Local Plan</b>	Spring 2019	Jan/Feb 2018	Sept 2018	March 2019	Summer 2019	Spring 2020

Note: The Council intends to adopt the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). CIL timetabling would involve Examination and Adoption of CIL to follow the LP Examination.