

## **North Dorset District Council**

## **Local Development Scheme**

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a timetable for the preparation of local planning policies.
- 1.2 The abbreviations and definitions used in the LDS are explained in Appendix A.

### The Development Plan

- 1.3 The Development Plan for North Dorset currently includes:
- **North Dorset Local Plan Part 1.** This was adopted in January 2016 and the policies set out within this Plan replace a large number, but not all, of the policies within the North Dorset District-Wide Local Plan (First Revision) (January 2003).
  - **North Dorset District-Wide Local Plan (First Revision) (January 2003).** Some saved policies within the 2003 Local Plan have not been replaced by policies in the Local Plan Part 1 and thus still form part of the development plan. The saved policies from the 2003 Local Plan that are still extant are set out in Appendix A of the Local Plan Part 1.
  - **The Waste Local Plan (June 2006).** This Local Plan contains policies relating only to waste and waste management across Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole. All but six of its policies were saved in June 2009 and they continue to provide the basis for development management decisions relating to waste and waste management.
  - **The Minerals Strategy (May 2014).** This plan sets out the strategy for quarrying stone, sand and gravel, ball clay and other minerals across Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole. The plan contains the policies and criteria used for considering planning applications for mineral developments.
  - **The Minerals and Waste Local Plan (April 1999).** The policies relating to waste in this document have been replaced by those in the Waste Local Plan and many of those relating to minerals have been replaced by the Minerals Strategy. However, five policies in this document relating to minerals remain saved and continue to be used for development management decisions.

## 2. The Review of the North Dorset Local Plan and Other Planning Policy Documents

### Local Development Scheme (LDS)

- 2.1 This LDS:

- Specifies the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that the Council will prepare;
  - Specifies the DPDs to be prepared jointly with other local authorities;
  - Describes the content and geographical coverage of each DPD; and
  - Sets out the timetables for the preparation of each DPD, including specific milestones.
- 2.2 The review of the North Dorset Local Plan will involve reviewing policies in the existing development plan and will also take into account policies that would have been contained in the North Dorset Local Plan Part 2. The DPD will be all encompassing in respect of its content and therefore will set out the overall spatial strategy for North Dorset, strategic policies, including in respect of housing numbers, and detailed development management policies.
- 2.3 In addition, the Council may prepare:
- Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) to provide additional guidance on policies contained within the North Dorset Local Plan Part 1;
  - a revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The current SCI (adopted in 2006), describes the Council's approach to consultation on planning policy documents and may be revised to take account of changes in legislation; and
  - monitoring reports, which will assess progress on the LDS and the implementation of policies. The Council has published an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) in December each year since 2005.
- 2.4 The Council will expand and update its evidence base to support the review of the Local Plan and details of the completed studies will be found on the planning policy pages of the Council's website.

## 3. The Development Plan

### Development Plan Documents

- 3.1 The following documents will be prepared as DPDs:
- **North Dorset Local Plan.** The document will be all encompassing in respect of its content and therefore will set out the overall spatial strategy for North Dorset, strategic policies, including in respect of housing numbers, and detailed development management policies.
  - **Dorset-wide Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Joint DPD.** This DPD will be jointly prepared by Local Planning Authorities in the Dorset sub-region (i.e. Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole). It will allocate sufficient specific sites to meet the identified accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the sub-region.
- 3.2 The adopted Proposals Map will be revised as required to illustrate geographically the application of policies in a new DPD.

- 3.3 All documents will state when they were adopted and the period of time they cover. All DPDs will be subject to Sustainability Appraisal (SA). A SA scoping report will be produced for each DPD to provide the basis for preparing each SA report. DPDs will also be subject to a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) if required.

## Neighbourhood Development Plans

- 3.4 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations came into force in April 2012. Neighbourhood Development Plans (usually known as Neighbourhood Plans) are prepared by local communities. They are not DPDs, but when adopted will form part of the statutory development plan. In addition to an independent examination, these plans will also be subject to a local referendum.

## 4. Saved Policies

- 4.1 Policies from the North Dorset District-wide Local Plan 2003 which remain relevant are 'saved' until replaced. The list of 'saved policies' can be found on the 'saved policies' page of the Council's planning policy web pages. This list will be updated on an on-going basis so that it is clear, at any stage in the Local Plan process, which policies continue to be saved, and which are under review, replaced, merged or deleted.
- 4.2 Some policies from the Waste Local Plan (waste policies) or the Minerals and Waste Local Plan (minerals policies) remain saved.

## 5. Supplementary Planning Policies

### Supplementary Planning Guidance

- 5.1 The Council adopted a number of documents as Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) prior to the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act. Details of SPGs can be found on the planning policy pages of the Council's website. SPGs continue to be material considerations in planning decisions.

### Supplementary Planning Documents

- 5.2 The Council has adopted a number of SPDs since the 2004 Act. Details of SPDs can be found on the planning policy pages of the Council's website.

## 6. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

- 6.1 The Council consulted on a Preliminary Draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule between July and September 2015. It will shortly be formally consulting on the Draft CIL Charging Schedule which it aims to submit for Examination in the Summer of 2016. The Council hopes to receive the Inspector's

Report on the Examination by the end of the year at which point it will progress towards implementing CIL.

## 7. DPD Preparation and Review

### DPD Preparation

- 7.1 The stages of production of a DPD are set out below. Relevant Planning Regulations<sup>1</sup> at the present time include those given *in italics*.

#### Commencement and DPD Preparation - *Regulation 18*

- **Scoping the SA.** One of the first stages in the preparation of a DPD involves a local planning authority consulting the three statutory bodies<sup>2</sup> (and other bodies and individuals, if appropriate) on the scope of the SA;
- **Scoping the DPD.** Consultees and stakeholders are consulted on the subject of the DPD and are invited to make representations on what it should contain;
- **Community involvement in DPD preparation.** On-going consultation takes place with communities as the DPD is prepared with the objective of negotiating and agreeing matters of policy. The consideration of alternative options is an important part of the process.

#### Pre-submission Publication - *Regulation 19*

- A pre-submission DPD is published prior to submission to the Secretary of State (SoS). Consultees and stakeholders are consulted and are invited to make representations, which will then be considered at the subsequent Examination in Public (EiP)

#### Submission - *Regulation 22*

- The DPD is submitted to the SoS together with details of the representations made on the pre-submission DPD.

#### Examination - *Regulation 24*

- **EiP.** An independent examination of the DPD is undertaken by an appointed Inspector. The topics for discussion are decided by the Inspector and agreed at a pre-examination meeting.
- **Inspector's Report.** The Inspector will prepare recommendations for the Council in respect of the DPD. The Council will then amend the DPD in response to those recommendations.

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<sup>1</sup> The current Regulations are the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2012 which replace the 2004 Regulations (as amended 2008)

<sup>2</sup> The Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England

### Adoption - *Regulation 26*

- The final DPD will be adopted and published by the Council.

## Monitoring and Review

- 7.2 Each year the Council prepares an AMR, which evaluates progress against the LDS and examines the extent to which policies are being successfully implemented. Monitoring is based on an 'April to March period' with the AMR being published by the end of the following December. The most recent AMR is available on the planning policy pages of the Council's website.

## 8. APPENDIX A

### Abbreviations

AMR	Annual Monitoring Report
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
DPD	Development Plan Document
EiP	Examination in Public
FT	Full Time
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
LDS	Local Development Scheme
LEP	Local Economic Partnership
LNP	Local Nature Partnership
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
SA	Sustainability Appraisal
SCI	Statement of Community Involvement
SoS	Secretary of State
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document

### Definitions

AMR assesses annual progress on the LDS and the implementation of policies.

DPDs are spatial planning documents prepared by local planning authorities. They are subject to extensive public consultation (see SCI) and to independent examination.

LDS sets out a timetable for the preparation of DPDs.

NPPF sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied.

SCI is a requirement of the 2004 Act and explains how the community will be involved in developing spatial planning policies.

SPDs relate to issues where the Council wishes to provide additional guidance on policies in DPDs. They do not form part of the Development Plan.

SA is required to assess the sustainability of a DPD. It is a systematic and iterative process which seeks to appraise the social, environmental and economic effects of the policies contained within a DPD from the outset.



## 9. APPENDIX B

### Profiles and Timetables for Development Plan Documents

- 9.1 This section sets out the subject matter, geographical coverage, arrangements for production and timetables for the preparation and revision of each DPD.
- 9.2 These profiles have been reviewed and rolled forward having regard to changing circumstances, including the factors outlined in the most recent AMR.

#### North Dorset Local Plan

Summary	
<b>Subject Matter</b>	This DPD will be all encompassing in respect of its content and therefore will set out the overall spatial strategy for North Dorset, strategic policies, including in respect of housing numbers, and detailed development management policies.
<b>Coverage</b>	North Dorset District
<b>Conformity</b>	This DPD is required to be in general conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework

Timetable	
<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Publication of the new Local Plan</b>	July 2017
<b>Submission of the new Local Plan</b>	January 2018
<b>Adoption of the new Local Plan</b>	November 2018

Arrangements for Production	
<b>Prepared by</b>	North Dorset District Council
<b>Organisational Lead</b>	Planning Portfolio Holder
<b>Project Leader</b>	Planning Policy Team Leader
<b>Political Management</b>	Full Council resolution required for publication, submission and adoption stages. Otherwise Cabinet / Executive Member decision required
<b>Internal Resources</b>	Planning Policy Team, other Policy Officers, Legal Services, Development Services, Environment Team, Design and Print Services, ICT and Democratic Services.
<b>External Resources</b>	Other Local Authorities for evidence gathering. Consultants for evidence gathering, specialist tasks and community involvement, as appropriate
<b>Stakeholders</b>	Town and Parish councils, specific and general consultation bodies as outlined in the SCI (as appropriate), LEP, LNP, residents, businesses and landowners with an interest in the District (as appropriate).
<b>Community Involvement</b>	See DPD Preparation and Review above.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	<p>The key risks are:</p> <p>Finance – Significantly reduced Council budget, reductions in income and the New Homes Bonus;</p> <p>Workload - diversion to other tasks (e.g. major appeals / neighbourhood planning);</p> <p>Changes to the planning system and the need to ensure compliance with new legislation and national policy; and</p> <p>Staffing – restricted capacity and little resilience, additional difficulties caused by staff leaving or absence.</p>

## Dorset-wide Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Joint Development Plan Document

Summary	
<b>Subject Matter</b>	This DPD will allocate specific sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople
<b>Coverage</b>	The Dorset Sub-region (i.e. Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole) including North Dorset District
<b>Conformity</b>	This DPD is required to be in conformity with the NPPF

Timetable	
<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Publication of the Joint DPD</b>	Programme to be prepared/reviewed
<b>Submission of the Joint DPD</b>	Programme to be prepared/reviewed
<b>Adoption of the New Joint DPD</b>	Programme to be prepared/reviewed

Arrangements for Production	
<b>Prepared by</b>	All Dorset Councils
<b>Political Management</b>	Full Council resolution required for publication, submission and adoption stages. Otherwise Cabinet / Executive Member decision required
<b>Internal Resources</b>	Planning Policy Team
<b>External Resources</b>	Other Local Authorities for evidence gathering. Consultants for evidence gathering, specialist tasks and community involvement, as appropriate.

<b>Stakeholders</b>	Town and Parish councils, specific and general consultation bodies as outlined in the SCI (as appropriate), LEP, LNP, Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople and organisations representing their interests (such as Kushti Bok), residents and businesses with an interest in the District (as appropriate)
<b>Community Involvement</b>	See DPD Preparation and Review above
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	<p>The key risks are:</p> <p>Finance - Significantly reduced Council budget, reductions in income and the New Homes Bonus and complex financial co-ordination arrangements between Dorset Councils;</p> <p>Workload – multi-council co-ordination and diversion to other tasks (e.g. major appeals/neighbourhood planning);</p> <p>Changes to the planning system and the need to ensure compliance with new legislation and national policy; and</p> <p>Staffing - restricted capacity and little resilience, additional difficulties caused by staff leaving or absence.</p>

## Neighbourhood Development Plans

Existing	Anticipated Changes
There are currently no adopted neighbourhood development plans	<p>A large number of local communities are working on preparing a neighbourhood plan for their area, so it is likely that some of these may be adopted in the next couple of years</p> <p>To date neighbourhood areas have been designated for:</p> <p>Blandford+;</p> <p>Bourton;</p>

	Gillingham; Okeford Fitzpaine; Pimperne; Milborne St Andrew; Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas and Cann; Shillingstone; Sturminster Newton; Milton Abbas; and Motcombe.
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