



**Newark & Sherwood Local Development Framework
Local Development Scheme**

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the timetable for the production and review of Newark & Sherwood's Development Plan. The Development Plan is made up of a series of documents which are known as Development Plan Documents (DPDs or Local Plans). These documents are important because they help shape the future development of the District and are used by the authority as the basis for decision making. Additional, more detailed guidance on particular issues is provided by Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), and in relation to how consultation is undertaken, by a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). DPDs, SPDs and the SCI are together known as the Local Development Framework (LDF).
- 1.2 Since the current system of plan making was introduced in 2004 the District Council has developed various elements of the LDF. Progress to date is shown in the table below:

DPD	Content	Status
<i>Core Strategy</i>	<i>Sets out the District Council's strategy for delivering growth in the District.</i>	<i>Was adopted in 29 March 2011 (replaced on 7.3.19) (see below)</i>
Amended Core Strategy DPD	Sets out the District Council's strategy for delivering growth in the District.	Adopted 7 March 2019
Allocations & Development Management DPD	Allocations of Housing, Employment and other development in the main settlements of the District. Policies for Development Management.	Adopted 16 July 2013
SPD	Content	Status
Affordable Housing SPD	Provides guidance on the District Council's criteria for the provision of affordable housing.	Adopted June 2013
Landscape Character Assessment SPD	Provides guidance on the Landscape Character of the District and the sensitivity and policy considerations different elements of the landscape have	Adopted November 2013
Developer Contributions & Planning Contributions SPD	Provides the framework for detailed negotiation of developer contributions (not covered by CIL).	Adopted December 2013
Wind Energy SPD	Provide guidance to applicants and the public on the District Council's considerations relating to Wind Energy proposals.	Adopted March 2014
Conversion of Traditional Rural Buildings SPD	Provides guidance for the redevelopment of traditional rural buildings.	Adopted November 2014

Shopfront and Advertisements Design Guide SPD	Provides guidance on appropriate design of shop fronts and advertisements.	Adopted November 2014
Householder Development SPD	Provides guidance on policy and design in relation to householder development	Adopted November 2014
Residential Cycling & Car Parking Design Standards SPD	Provides guidance on the design of parking spaces for cycles and cars as part of new residential development	Adopted June 2021
SCI	Content	Status
Statement of Community Involvement	Sets out how the District Council will consult on planning applications and on documents in the LDF	Adopted March 2015

- 1.3 This LDS sets out the timetable for the next three years for the production of the remaining elements of the LDF which the Council wishes to produce along with those which need to be updated and reviewed. This Local Development Scheme came into effect on the 18th July 2023 subsequent to the decision of the authority's Cabinet on the 11th July 2023.

2 LDF PROPOSED DOCUMENTS

2.1.0 This section sets out the various documents which the District Council intends to produce, and the timescale envisaged for each. Contained within Appendix A of this document is a timetable which shows all the documents together.

2.2.0 DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS (LOCAL PLANS)

2.2.1 **Plan Review** - In adopting the Allocations & Development Management DPD the Council has committed to an early review of the already adopted DPDs in 2015/16. The Amended Core Strategy was adopted in March 2019 and the timetable for the review of the remaining element of the development plan, namely the Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD, is set out below:

PROFILE – PLAN REVIEW	
Title:	Newark & Sherwood Allocations & Development Management DPD Review part of the 'Plan Review' process
Role and Content:	To review progress of the Allocations & Development Management DPD to ensure that the policies and proposals within the DPDs are still fit for purpose and to prepare policies and allocations to meet pitch provision for Gypsies & Travellers
Status:	Development Plan Document (Local Plan)
Chain of Conformity:	National Planning Policy Framework
Geographic Coverage:	Newark and Sherwood District
Timetable for Production	
<u>Work already undertaken:</u>	
Public Consultation on Plan Review Issues Paper and Integrated Impact Assessment Scoping Report (October/November 2015)	
Consideration of representations and discussions with community and stakeholders and formulation of a Draft Plan	
Public Consultation on 'Preferred Approach - Strategy (July/August/September 2016) and Sites & Settlements/Main Town Centre & Retail (January/February 2017)	
The Amended Core Strategy was then finalised, submitted and examined being finally adopted in March 2019 .	
The Inspector examining the Amended Core Strategy has set out that the District Council needs to carry out a new Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA), this will be carried out over the next nine months at the same time a review of Development Management Policies will be undertaken to ensure that they are in line with the newly published version of the National Planning Policy Framework.	

PROFILE – PLAN REVIEW	
Public Consultation on Plan Review Options Report (July/August/September 2021)	
Consideration of representations and discussions with community and stakeholders and formulation of a Draft Plan.	
Following various delays due to the pandemic, the programme below sets out the stages required to complete the Plan Review process.	
Public Consultation on Plan Review Publication Draft Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD (November / December 2022)	
Consideration of representations and discussions with community and stakeholders on the contents of Publication Draft Plan.	
Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD	
Publication of Draft DPD (and final Integrated Impact Assessment) for period of Public Representation (September/October/November 2023)	
Consideration of representations and any potential amendments	
Submission of DPD to Secretary of State (December 2023)	
Examination by Inspector (April 2024)	
Consultation on Main Modifications (June / July 2024)	
Receipt of Inspector's Report (September 2024)	
Adoption and Publication (October 2024)	
Arrangements for Production	Newark & Sherwood District Council Planning Policy & Infrastructure Business Unit will lead the process, along with support from other relevant Business Units within the Council. Managed by Planning Policy & Infrastructure Business Manager currently reporting to Planning Policy Board and Cabinet. Resourced in-house with joint working with other Nottinghamshire Councils.

2.3.0 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

2.3.1 The Council’s suite of SPDs was fully updated following the previous round of plan making (Amended Core Strategy and Allocations & Development Management DPDs). It is proposed that these will now be reviewed in a two-stage approach; dealing first with the Developer Contributions and Planning Obligations SPD and Affordable Housing SPD, and then a review of the remaining SPDs once the Plan Review has been completed.

2.3.2 Alongside a review of the existing SPDs, a Sustainable Design Guide SPD is proposed following the completion of the Plan Review. A new Air Quality SPD will also be prepared however at this time a timetable for delivery has not been proposed.

2.4.0 STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI)

2.4.1 The SCI sets out how the District Council intends to involve the community and other interested parties in the preparation, alteration and continuing review of the various elements of the Local Development Framework and how it consults on and considers planning applications. The SCI was produced during 2014 and adopted in March

2015. It is proposed that the SCI will be reviewed in 2024 to reflect changes in regulations and permission types since 2015.

- 3.1 In setting out the proposed timetable for work on the DPDs and SPDs, it is important to ensure that the targets set are realistic, achievable and take account of possible problems that may arise. The Council has identified the following issues which give rise to risks in relation to progressing the Local Development Framework:
- Consultation outcomes – The consultation process could identify additional/new issues that may need to be evaluated and a heavy scale of responses could increase workloads. Extensive pre-submission consultation carried out ahead of the actual submission stage will help to reduce this risk.
 - Staff resources – Staff leaving or failing to be replaced, or long-term sicknesses, could impact upon progression of the LDF. These factors are being monitored by the District Council, which is giving high priority to the delivery of the Local Development Framework. To address this risk, the Council may appoint temporary staff or consultants, or look to seconding existing staff from other teams to the Planning Policy & Infrastructure Business Unit.
 - Evidence base requirements – This may cause potential delays and is being monitored to ensure early action can be taken to address any new requirements that become apparent, this is especially apparent when working with neighbouring Local Planning Authorities to produce evidence.
 - Soundness of Plan – If any DPD is deemed unsound by an Inspector, this would have major implications for LDF progression. We will minimise this risk by working closely with our partners and the Planning Inspectorate, including in the run up to the Submission stage of Development Plan Documents.
- 3.2 The Council will keep the LDS under regular review and will monitor performance in our Annual Monitoring Report. This report will also monitor the implementation of the policies and proposal contained within the LDF.

Appendix A –Local Development Scheme timetable

Year	2023						2024						2025				2026								
Quarter	3 rd		4 th		1 st		2 nd		3 rd		4 th		1 st		2 nd		3 rd		4 th		1 st		2 nd		
Month	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
DPDs																									
Adopted DPDs – Plan Review – Allocations & Development Management DPD																									
SPDs																									
Developer Contributions and Planning Obligations SPD																									
Affordable Housing SPD																									
Review of SPD implementation and preparation of a Sustainable Design Guide SPD																									
Statement of Community Involvement																									

Key

DPDs	Consultation period - following the Publication of the Submission Draft, this would refer to the period for representations to be submitted		Pre-Hearing meeting period	
Bold text denotes a Key Milestone			Hearing and Reporting Period	
	Publish Draft DPD		Main Modifications Consultation (if required)	M
	Submit DPD for Examination		Receipt of Final Inspector's Report	
			Adoption	
			Review of DPD/SPD Implementation	
SPDs/SCI	Consultation Period		Adoption	