

Local Plan



LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
(October 2014)

 **THREE RIVERS
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Local Development Scheme for Three Rivers District

1. Introduction

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced the requirement for local planning authorities, such as Three Rivers District Council, to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS).

The LDS is a project plan that sets out the timetable for the production of new or revised Development Plan Documents which will form the Council's Local Plan. This LDS, which supersedes previous versions, sets out a planning work programme for the Council over a three year period to 2017. It will be regularly reviewed to keep it up to date.

What are the current adopted Development Plan Documents for Three Rivers?

The current Development Plan Documents for Three Rivers are:

- the Core Strategy (adopted October 2011)
- the Development Management Policies LDD (adopted June 2013) and
- the Site Allocations LDD (adopted September 2014)

The Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents are the responsibility of Hertfordshire County Council. The Hertfordshire Minerals Local Plan was adopted in 2007, the Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies was adopted in 2012 and Waste Site Allocations DPD was adopted in July 2014.

What new Development Plan Documents are to be prepared?

We are currently in the process of producing the Gypsy, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople LDD which will identify and allocate sites to meet the accommodation needs of Travellers in the District in accordance with national policy.

The provisional 'milestones' for the Gypsy Traveller & Travelling Showpeople LDD that need to be achieved in order to be progressed towards adoption are set out below and in Appendix 1:

Document	Publication Consultation	Submission (Examination starts)	Pre-Hearing Meeting	Hearings	Adoption
Gypsy, Traveller & Travelling Showpeople LDD	October/ November/ 2014	Dec 2014/ January 2015	March 2015	May 2015	September 2015

The plan making process is ongoing and it is anticipated that preparatory work on a revised Core Strategy will begin in 2017.

Appendix 2 provides further information on the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople LDD and other Local Plan documents.

Preparation of Local Development Documents on a Joint Basis

Three Rivers is influenced by and relates to its immediate surroundings for the whole range of spatial planning, social, economic, transport and environmental issues. In particular, there are relationships with South and West Hertfordshire and the adjacent districts of Dacorum, Hertsmere, St Albans and Watford, as well as with Hertfordshire County Council. There are also links and similarities with the adjacent Buckinghamshire districts of Chiltern and South Bucks. Finally, links are significant with London, not only with the adjacent Unitary Authorities of Harrow and Hillingdon but also with Central London because of the strong economic and transport ties.

The Council will continue to work with its neighbours on issues of common and cross-boundary interest and will consider the need for joint development documents as appropriate although at this stage no joint LDDs are envisaged.

APPENDIX 1

TIMETABLE FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTS

	2014				2015				2016				2017														
	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O		
Gypsy, Traveller & Showpeople LDD	Yellow Stripes	Yellow Stripes	Yellow Stripes	Pink Grid	Pink Grid	Cyan Grid	Orange Grid	Orange Grid																			
Core Strategy																											

Preparation	Green Grid
Consultation	Blue Stripes
Publication stage	Yellow Stripes
Submission stage (Start of Examination Process)	Pink Grid
Pre-Hearing Meeting	Cyan Grid
Hearings	Orange Grid
Adoption	Red Grid

APPENDIX 2

Title	Brief Description	Conformity	Area	Process			Review
				Commence	Preparation	Submission to Secretary of State	
Local Development Scheme	Project plan for Local Plan	The Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act		First prepared April 2005		Latest revision October 2014	Update as necessary.
Gypsy, Traveller & Travelling Showpeople LDD	Will allocate land for Gypsy & Traveller provision	Core Strategy, National Guidance and National Policy	District	2012	Initial consultations February 2013 and January 2014. Further consultation Oct-Nov 2014	December 2014	Monitored in Annual Monitoring Report. Review as necessary
Policies Map	Will show policy designations and sites with specific allocations	Represents policies and allocations in current DPDs	District	Alongside DPDs	Alongside DPDs	Alongside DPDs	
Core Strategy	Sets out the vision/objectives/spatial strategy for the District	National guidance and National Policies	District				Monitored in Annual Monitoring Report. Preparation on revised Core Strategy anticipated 2017
Strategic & Environmental Assessment Of Local Plans	Will analyse the potential impact of LDD policies on the environment	N/A	District				To be prepared alongside LDDs and related timetables in order to inform Options.
Sustainability Appraisal of Local Plans	Will consider the potential impact of LDDs on environmental, economic and social issues.	N/A	District				To be prepared alongside LDDs and related timetables in order to inform Options.
Statement of Community Involvement	To set out how communities will be involved in the preparation of planning documents and planning applications	National guidance and National Policy	District				Adopted 2006 To be reviewed 2015
Annual Monitoring Report	Monitors the progress and impact of policies and proposals	National guidance and National Policy					Annual—submitted December each year for previous financial year