

Local Plan



LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
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 **THREE RIVERS
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Local Development Scheme for Three Rivers District

1. Introduction

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) 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 2019. 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 July 2013) and
- the Site Allocations LDD (adopted November 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.

What Development Plan Documents are to be reviewed?

The plan making process is ongoing and the preparatory work on a revised Core Strategy also began in early 2015 with the commissioning of two main evidence base studies, the Strategic Housing Market Area Assessment and the Functional Economic Market Area Assessment. These studies were published in February 2016. We will also be reviewing the Site Allocations LDD alongside the revision to the Core Strategy to ensure that the Council has enough land allocated in the short to medium term to demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable housing.

Further information and the provisional 'milestones' for the production of these documents that need to be achieved in order to be progressed towards adoption are set out in Appendix 1 and 2.

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 2

Title	Brief Description	Area	Process				Review
			Start of Preparation Process	Publication	Submission to Secretary of State	Adopt	
Document							
Gypsy, Traveller & Travelling Showpeople LDD	Will allocate land for Gypsy & Traveller provision	District	Consultations in Feb 2013, Jan 2014 and Oct 2014. Update required following change in National Policy	November/ December 2016	February 2017	October 2017	Monitored in Annual Monitoring Report. Review as necessary
Core Strategy (Partial Review)	Will update the strategic planning policies for the District	District	2015	July/August 2018	November/ December 2018	2019	Monitored in Annual Monitoring Report. Review as necessary
Site Allocations LDD (Partial review -Additional Sites)	Will allocate additional land for housing and employment to that in the current Site Allocations LDD	District	2016 Prepared alongside the review of the Core Strategy	July/August 2018	November/ December 2018	2019	Monitored in Annual Monitoring Report. Review as necessary
Policies Map	Will show policy designations and sites with specific allocations	District	Alongside LDDs	Alongside LDDs	Alongside LDDs	Alongside LDDs	Alongside LDDs