

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 2020. It will be regularly reviewed to keep it up to date.

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

The current Local Plan for Three Rivers consists of the following Development Plan Documents:

- 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 reviewed/prepared?

The plan making process is ongoing and the preparatory work on a revised Local Plan 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.

Further information and the provisional 'milestones' for the production of the review of Local Plan (which will be a single document) that need to be achieved in order to be progressed towards adoption are set out in Appendix 1.

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.

