

Local Development Scheme

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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 2021. 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)
- the Site Allocations LDD (adopted November 2014) and
- Croxley Green Neighbourhood Plan (2018)

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.

Joint Strategic Plan

In Spring 2018, Three Rivers, Dacorum, Hertsmere, St Albans and Watford Councils gave formal endorsement to begin work on a Joint Strategic Plan (JSP) for South West Hertfordshire. By working together, the South West Herts Councils will also be in a stronger position to deliver and better fund essential transport, health services and educational facilities that local people want to see alongside new homes and jobs.

Each Council will still be responsible for preparing its own Local Plan but the JSP will provide the platform to consider how the challenges of growth in the wider South West Hertfordshire area can be addressed in the longer term (i.e. to 2050).

APPENDIX 1

TIMETABLE FOR THE LOCAL PLAN

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2020		2021												2022												2023				
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	Preparation
	Regulation 18 Consultation
	Publication Stage
	Submission Stage (Start of Examination Process)
	Examination
	Adoption

Title	Brief Description	Area	Process				Review
			Start of Preparation Process	Publication	Submission to Secretary of State	Adopt	
Local Plan	Will update the strategic planning policies for the District, allocate land for housing and employment and up date Development Management Policies	District	2016	November/December 2021	August – September 2022	May 2023	Monitored in Annual Monitoring Report.
Policies Map	Will show policy designations and sites with specific allocations	District	Alongside Local Plan	Alongside Local Plan	Alongside Local Plan	Alongside Local Plan	Alongside Local Plan