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Maidenhead**

Local Development Scheme

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FOREWORD

This document rolls forward the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS) to identify the Local Development Documents to be produced in the period 2019 to 2022.

It explains:

- The new Development Plan Documents the Council intends to produce;
- The subject matter and geographical area for each of the documents;
and
- The timetable for the preparation and the revisions of each document.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Planning Act 2008 and Localism Act 2011) requires a Local Planning Authority to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). An LDS sets out a timetable for the production of new or revised planning documents (such as a Local Plan) by the Local Planning Authority.
- 1.2 This Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead's planning work programme for the next three years. It outlines what documents the Council will be working on and a timetable for the production of these documents. It is intended to take effect from 15th October 2019 and updates the LDS adopted by the Council in June 2018. We will continue to review and roll forward this document on a regular basis to take account of progress, monitoring and the latest Government policy and guidance.

2. Justification for the Work Programme

- 2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, 2019) states that each local planning authority should produce a Local Plan for its area, and that any additional development plan documents should only be used where clearly justified.
- 2.2 In addition, it is important that this work programme is realistic and 'fit for purpose'. The timetables set out in this document therefore reflect:
- The resources available to meet the work programme;
 - The timing of elections, and the need to work around these for consultation events;
 - The need to produce a robust and relevant evidence base, in partnership with neighbouring authorities where appropriate;
 - The need to satisfy the Duty to Cooperate, as required by the Localism Act 2011;
 - The need to undertake a detailed Habitats Regulations Assessment on our plans;

- Continued changes to national planning policy and legislation

3. Preparing the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead Local Plan

- 3.1 A Local Plan is a Development Plan Document (DPD) that will guide future development in the Borough.
- 3.2 The strategy we are developing for the future of the Borough will be set out in a Local Plan document entitled the 'Borough Local Plan' and will encompass strategic policies on issues such as housing/employment needs, development management policies and site allocations.
- 3.3 In addition we produce a number of supporting documents including Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD), an Authority Monitoring Report, a Statement of Community Involvement, and this Local Development Scheme.
- 3.4 DPDs are particularly important because they are subject to wide public consultation and ultimately, to an independent examination, before they can be adopted. DPDs are examined to assess their 'soundness' (i.e. whether they are fit for purpose and have been properly consulted on).

4. What documents have we already prepared?

Current Development Plan Documents

- 4.1 As at October 2019 adopted Development Plan Documents for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead are:
 - Saved policies of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Plan (2003)
 - Maidenhead Town Centre Area Action Plan (2011)

- Ascot, Sunninghill and Sunningdale Neighbourhood Plan (Made 2014)
- Hurley & Walthams Neighbourhood Plan (Made Dec 2017)
- Eton and Eton Wick Neighbourhood Plan (Made Sept 2018)
- Old Windsor Neighbourhood Plan (passed Referendum Oct 2019)*
- Saved South East Plan Policy NRM6: Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (2009)
- The Replacement Minerals Local Plan (Incorporating the Alterations Adopted in December 1997 and May 2001).
- The Waste Local Plan for Berkshire (adopted December 1998).

**Note that Old Windsor Neighbourhood Plan has not been formally made but having passed the Referendum it now must be used as though it is part of the Development Plan*

Current Supplementary Planning Documents

4.2 As at October 2019, the following SPDs had been adopted.

TITLE OF SPD	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	ADOPTION DATE
Cookham Village Design Statement	Describes the character and setting of Cookham's three settlements in order to provide guidance to assist those seeking to make changes to their property or land	May 2013
Planning obligations and developer contributions SPD	Prepared in two parts: the developers Guide setting out the Council's justification for contributions to be sought and the "Infrastructure and Amenity requirements" providing details of specific contributions from different types of development. Includes downloadable S106 Calculator and sustainability appraisal.	December 2005
Telecomms SPD	Outlines how the council will respond positively to telecommunications development proposals such as masts for mobile telephones while protecting both urban and rural areas from visual harm.	February 2008
Planning for an ageing population SPD	Provides guidance for producing flexible homes capable of meeting the needs of an ageing population, for creating welcoming	September 2010

	neighbourhoods and development of care homes and retirement communities.	
Sustainable design and construction	The SPD provides detailed advice on improving the sustainability performance of buildings and spaces. It covers a range of areas including energy efficiency, renewable energy, water and waste management, materials, biodiversity and pollution, and be applicable to the full range of building types	June 2009
Thames Basin Heath SPA	The SPD sets standards for how new residential developments will be expected to avoid and mitigate impact on the SPA.	July 2010
West Street Opportunity area SPD	The SPD sets out the Council's vision for the WSOA and incorporates a Design Framework to proactively guide and promote the comprehensive redevelopment of this key site within Maidenhead Town Centre.	August 2016

- 4.3 The Council has also produced a number of Supplementary Planning Guides (SPG's). These will continue to be applied until they are replaced by new DPDs/SPDs, or they become out-of-date as a result of new national/regional policy.
- 4.4 Up to date information on adopted and emerging SPDs can be found on the Council's website at:
5. https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/201027/planning_guidance

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

- 5.1 The RBWM SCI was adopted in September 2016 and can be found here: https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/201039/non-development_plan/460/statement_of_community_involvement/1

6. What documents are we preparing?

- 6.1 This LDS identifies that over the period 2019 to 2022, we will progress a Development Plan Document entitled the 'Borough Local Plan'. This will consider a number of issues such as placemaking, the need for housing and employment, site allocations to meet these needs, general

development management policies, infrastructure and design related matters and town centre regeneration. It is anticipated that the emerging Borough Local Plan will be adopted in 2021 following examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. A detailed timetable and a synopsis of the issues to be covered in the new Borough Local Plan is set out at Appendix A.

- 6.2 A Traveller Local Plan is being prepared following the submission of the Borough Local Plan in January 2018. This will set pitch and plot targets and identify sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople to meet the identified needs.
- 6.3 A Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan is being prepared with Bracknell Forest, Wokingham and Reading Borough Councils. This will replace the existing Replacement Minerals Local Plan 1997/2000), and the Waste Local Plan for Berkshire (1998).
- 6.4 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) may also be progressed over this period, but detailed timetables for SPDs are not included within this Local Development Scheme due to uncertainty over which additional guidance will be required over the 2018-2021 period. However, this does not preclude them from being prepared.

Appendix A

Timetable for production of Development Plan Documents

DOCUMENT TITLE	SUBJECT MATTER AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA	CHAIN OF CONFORMITY	CONSULTATION	PUBLICATION OF SUBMISSION DRAFT DPD	SUBMISSION AND EXAMINATION OF DPD	ADOPTION OF DPD	POLICIES IT WILL REPLACE
Borough Local Plan	<p>Sets out the vision, objectives and spatial strategy. Allocated sites are illustrated on a Policies Map. Also sets out Development Management policies which will be used to assess planning applications.</p> <p>Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.</p>	Conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework.	<p>LDF Options Consultation: 2009</p> <p>Planning for the Future: 2012</p> <p>Preferred Options DPD Consultation: 2014.</p> <p>Summer 2015 Consultation</p> <p>Draft Borough Local Plan consultation: December 2016 – January 2017</p> <p>Proposed changes to BLP</p>	June 2017	<p>Submission in January 2018</p> <p>Hearing period June 2018 onwards</p>	Spring 2021	<p>All remaining saved policies of the Local Plan (2003).</p> <p>All policies of the Maidenhead Town Centre Area Action Plan (2011)</p>

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			Submission Version – November to December 2019				
Traveller Local Plan	<p>Sets pitch and plot targets, and identifies necessary sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. This will be informed by the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment</p> <p>Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.</p>	Conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework.	<p>Issues and Options consultation January to March 2019</p> <p>Draft Plan consultation Summer 2020</p>	Winter 2020/21	<p>Submission Spring 2021</p> <p>Hearing period Summer 2021</p>	Winter 2021/22	

Document Title	Subject matter and geographical area	Chain of conformity	Consultation	Publication of Submission Draft DPD	Submission and Examination of DPD	Adoption and Publication of DPD	Policies it will replace
Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan	Sets out the policies on minerals and waste across the geographical area of the partner authorities	Conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework	<p>Regulation 18 - Issues and options consultation; 9 June 2017 – 21 July 2017.</p> <p>Regulation 18 - Preferred Options consultation August to October 2018</p> <p>Regulation 18 (additional) Spring 2020</p>	Regulation 19 (Proposed Submission Document Consultation) Summer 2020	<p>Regulation 22 (Submission to SoS) Winter 2020</p> <p>Examination Spring 2021</p> <p>Inspector's report Summer 2021</p>	Winter 2021/22	Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire, Waste Local Plan for Berkshire