

Local Development Scheme

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1. Introduction

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Planning Act 2008 and Localism Act 2011) requires local planning authorities such as North Tyneside Council to prepare and keep up to date a Local Development Scheme (LDS).

The purpose of the LDS is set out what planning policy documents the Council; is currently drafting and those it intends to prepare over the next 3 years.

This LDS replaces the Council's previous version published in July 2015. As North Tyneside moves towards the adoption of its Local Plan, this LDS will provide local residents and stakeholders information about:

- The other supporting documents the Council will prepare;
- The subject matter and geographical area to which these documents relate; and
- The timetable for their preparation and adoption.

2. Background to The Various 'Plan Making' Documents

Local planning authorities can produce a range of 'plan making' documents to influence directly and indirectly the future development of an area.

At the heart of the planning system is the need for all councils to produce a 'development plan' for their area. The development plan sets out the long term blueprint for future development and acts as the starting point to determine day to day planning applications.

Ideally, this should take the form of what is now commonly known as a single '**Local Plan**'. However, where appropriate, councils can choose to produce more than one document that collectively makes up the Local Plan.

Under the Localism Act 2011, **Neighbourhood Plans** can be produced by any groups or organisations that are designated as a "Neighbourhood Forum" by the Council and guided by Schedule 9 of the Localism Act 2011.

Production of a neighbourhood plan for an area would be to provide detailed guidance on specific issues. These will be subject to independent examination and a local referendum. If approved at the referendum then the Council will bring the neighbourhood plan into force. The neighbourhood plan would then provide the starting point to determine planning applications for that particular area. Given that Neighbourhood Plans are prepared by communities and not the Council it is not appropriate for the LDS to specify when, or for where, they will be produced.

Councils can also choose to prepare **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)**. These can supplement the policies in the adopted Development Plan, for example to provide more details to assist developers make successful applications. An SPD does not override the Development Plan

policies but is a material planning consideration when determining relevant planning applications.

The **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** allows authorities to raise funds from developers undertaking new building projects. Monies raised from CIL can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure, including road schemes, flood defences, schools, health, social care and leisure facilities. While CIL does not have the same status as the Local Plan, it does need to be examined by an independent Examiner. CIL needs to be based on the infrastructure requirements arising from the proposals from an up-to-date development plan supported by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Furthermore, the Council is required to prepare the following documents :

- The **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)** – which sets out how, through engagement, the Council will involve local communities in the both the preparation of the Local Plan and other related documents and in relation to the determination of planning applications; and
- The **Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)** – which is updated annually. It reports on : the progression of the various documents against the LDS timetables; the effectiveness of the local plan policies when considered against a range of measures and indicators; compliance with the Duty to Cooperate; information on CIL where it has been introduced; and information on any Neighbourhood Development Orders or Neighbourhood Plans that are in place.

3. The Adopted Planning Policy Documents in North Tyneside.

The following provides a short summary of the range of existing planning policy documents in place within the Borough. As detailed in the next section, a number of these documents are programmed to be reviewed.

Web links to the following documents are included in Appendix 1.

The North Tyneside Unitary Development Plan (2002)

The current adopted development plan for the Borough is the North Tyneside Unitary Development Plan. Adopted in 2002, the majority of its policies were legally saved in September 2007.

Future Status : The North Tyneside Local Plan has now been submitted for examination and it is anticipated that it will be formally adopted in March 2017. On adoption, the Local Plan will fully replace the saved Unitary Development Plan policies. The Local Plan will be supported by a 'Policies Map' illustrating the relevant policies and proposals on a geographical area.

Until the Local Plan is formally adopted, the saved Unitary Development Plan policies will continue to be applied in so far as they are consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (2012).

The North Tyneside Statement of Community Involvement (2013)

The last version of the Statement of Community Involvement was formally adopted in 2013. It was updated to take into account legislative changes to the planning process (ie the Localism Act, 2011 and publication of the National Planning Policy Framework).

Future Status : The potential need to amend the Statement of Community Involvement will be kept under review should there be any further changes to national guidance or policy that would require changes to the SCI. At this time, a review of the SCI is not deemed necessary.

Local Register of Buildings and Parks SPD (2008)

The purpose of the Local Register SPD is to provide detailed information on those buildings and parks that are of special local architectural and historic interest although not appearing on the national statutory lists.

Future Status : The existing Local Register SPD (2008) requires review because:

- There have been changes in legislation and national policy since its adoption, and
- At present, it adds detail to policies in the existing Unitary Development Plan which is to be replaced by the more up to date Local Plan policies.

Design Quality SPD (2010)

The purpose of the Design Quality SPD is to ensure the delivery of sensitive and appropriately designed sustainable development, and provide further guidance on the application of the Code for Sustainable Homes and CAFE Building for Life criteria. It applies to the whole Borough.

Future Status : The existing Design Quality SPD (2010) requires review because:

- There have been changes in legislation, national policy and design guidance since its adoption, and
- At present, it adds detail to policies in the existing Unitary Development Plan which is to be replaced by the more up to date Local Plan policies.

Transport & Highways SPD (2010)

The purpose of the Transport and Highways SPD is to set out details of how appropriate measures will be secured to respond to the transport implications of new developments, including requirements for drainage, Travel Plans, and cycle and car parking.

Future Status : The existing Transport and Highways SPD (2010) requires review prior to the adoption of the Local Plan because there have been changes in legislation and national policy since its adoption.

Planning Obligations SPD (2009)

The purpose of the Planning Obligations SPD is to provide Borough wide guidance relating to the process the Council intends to follow in assessing whether new development is required to make financial or in-kind

contributions to mitigate environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts arising from development proposals.

Future Status : The existing Planning Obligations SPD will require replacement given there have been changes in legislation and national policy since its adoption, especially related to the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy and the Council’s decision to proceed with CIL (see Section 4).

Weetslade Development Brief SPD (2007)

The purpose of the Weetslade Development Brief SPD is to provide comprehensive guidance for the development of this major existing employment land allocation, suited particularly for development of storage and distribution uses at the Northern Gateway (A1056). It takes into account issues of environmental mitigation, highway improvement and access.

Future Status : Access to the site is currently being delivered and the site is now being actively promoted. There is no need to undertake any further review of this SPD as set out in the previous the LDS.

Fish Quay Neighbourhood Plan SPD (2013)

The Fish Quay and New Quay Conservation Areas were chosen by central Government to be a Neighbourhood Planning Frontrunner, one of only 17 across the country. This project commenced prior to the formal introduction of the Neighbourhood Plans and therefore can only carry the status of an SPD. The community of the area, consisting of local residents, business owners and land owners, came together to set out a vision for the area that focuses on its potential to be a vibrant mixed-use area that thrives on its fishing industry, social and leisure facilities, businesses and residential community.

Future Status : The potential need to amend this SPD will be kept under review. At this time, no alterations are deemed necessary.

4. Planning Policy Documents To Be Prepared (2016-2019).

As part of maintaining an up to date and robust planning framework for the Borough, the tables below set out the delivery programmes for those planning policy documents the Council intends to bring forward over the next three years.

Development Plan Documents (DPDs)

The North Tyneside Local Plan and Policies Map	
Adoption Status	Submitted for Examination
Purpose	<p>The production of a borough-wide Local Plan is intended to address the strategic priorities for North Tyneside and will tackle particular issues of regeneration and investment. The Local Plan will set out a vision and spatial strategy for the whole Borough to 2032. It will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policies and proposals for the amount, distribution and location of development for housing, strengthening the local economy,

	<p>regeneration of the riverside, revitalisation of town centres and for other uses;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policies relating to the provision of infrastructure (including transport and waste management) and community facilities, to the natural and built environment, including the coast, and relating to climate change; ▪ Proposals for key development sites and priority areas including North Shields, Wallsend the Coast including Tynemouth in the south, Cullercoats, Whitley Bay town centre and as far north as St Mary's Island, and the North West of the Borough. 	
Geographical Coverage	Borough wide	
Timetable * The precise timing of adoption will be dependent upon the issues raised at the examination and the timescales for the Inspector to submit his report.	Local Plan Consultation Draft	Nov 2013 (complete)
	Complete preparation of Further Consultation Draft	Dec 2014 (complete)
	Further Consultation Draft to consult on preferred options (Regulation 18)	Feb to March 2015 (complete)
	Pre-Submission Draft of the Local Plan and formal engagement (Regulation 19)	Nov-Dec 2015 (complete)
	Submission to Secretary of State (Regulation 22)	June 2016 (complete)
	Examination in Public (Regulation 24)	Nov-Dec 2016
	Adoption	March 2017*

Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule

Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule		
Adoption Status	In preparation – to be adopted after the Local Plan. The CIL Charging Schedule will not form part of the development plan, but will be subject to consultation and independent examination as if it were a DPD.	
Purpose	To set a standard up front and non-negotiable charge to be paid by developers, levied on the basis of the additional area of development proposed. CIL will not replace the role of Planning Obligations/Section 106 Agreements entirely (see below).	
Geographical Coverage	Borough wide. As part of its preparation, consideration will be given to whether it is appropriate to apply a standard charge across the whole borough or set different rates for different parts of the Borough.	
Timetable * The precise timing of adoption will be dependent upon the issues raised at the examination and the timescales for the Inspector to submit their report.	Completion of the CIL evidence base	Nov - Dec 2017
	Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule Consultation (Reg 15)	Jan - Feb 2017
	Draft Charging Schedule Consultation (Reg 16 and 17)	May - June 2017
	Submission to CIL Examiner	July 2017
	CIL Examination	Sept 2017
	Adoption	Dec 2017*

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

Planning Obligations SPD	
Adoption Status	In preparation
Geographical Coverage	Borough wide
Purpose	To review the existing Planning Obligations SPD in tandem with the development of the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule. This will provide an up to date and coherent mechanism to address developer contributions.

	This revised SPD will explain in detail how planning obligations will co-exist alongside CIL.	
Timetable	Preparation, including informal consultation	Nov 2016 - May 2017
	Formal consultation on draft SPD	May - June 2017
	Adoption	Dec 2017

Local Register of Buildings and Parks SPD		
Adoption Status	Work not commenced	
Geographical Coverage	Borough wide	
Purpose	To review the schedule of those buildings and parks on the extant Register and to consider nominations for new entries. Aligned to national policy and the relevant emerging Local Plan policies, the SPD will provide detailed and up to date information on those buildings and parks considered to be of special local architectural and historic interest.	
Timetable	Preparation, including informal consultation	Aug -Oct 2017
	Formal consultation on draft SPD	Nov – Dec 2017
	Adoption	Feb 2018

Design Quality SPD		
Adoption Status	Work not commenced	
Geographical Coverage	Borough wide	
Purpose	To ensure the delivery of sensitive and appropriately designed sustainable development, and provide further guidance in relation to the relevant emerging Local Plan policies.	
Timetable	Preparation, including informal consultation	Aug – Oct 2017
	Formal consultation on draft SPD	Nov – Dec 2017
	Adoption	Feb 2018

Transport and Highways SPD		
Adoption Status	In preparation – the first draft was formally consulted upon in early 2015. Its adoption was delayed to allow further consideration and integration of the recommendations from the Council’s Cycling Sub-Group. Accordingly a revised draft was re-consulted upon and the appropriate amendments have been included.	
Geographical Coverage	Borough wide	
Purpose	To set out details of how appropriate measures will be secured to respond to the transport implications of new developments, including requirements for drainage, Travel Plans, and cycle and car parking. These will conform to the relevant national planning policies to those of the emerging Local Plan.	
Timetable	Preparation	2014-15
	Formal consultation on draft one of SPD	Feb-Mar 2015 (completed)
	Second formal consultation on revised draft SPD	May –June 2016 (completed)
	Adoption	Nov 2016

Appendix 1: Existing Development Plan and other Planning Policy Documents

Title	Date	To be replaced / reviewed
North Tyneside Unitary Development Plan (UDP)	2002	Certain policies of the UDP have been saved by direction of the Secretary of State in 2007, and remain part of the Development Plan for the time being. They will be replaced or deleted at the adoption of the Local Plan.
Statement of Community Involvement	2013	Currently considered up to date. Need for update to be kept under review.
Fish Quay Neighbourhood Plan	2013	This replaces the Fish Quay/New Quay Conservation Area Management SPD .
Design Quality SPD	2010	To be reviewed
Transport & Highways SPD	2010	To be reviewed
Planning Obligations SPD	2009	To be reviewed
Local Register of Buildings and Parks SPD	2008	To be reviewed
Weetslade Development Brief SPD	2007	No Review Required.

Revoked - North East of England Plan (Regional Spatial Strategy - RSS)	2008	Previously forming part of the development plan for North Tyneside, setting strategic requirements for development, the Regional Spatial Strategy for the North East was revoked in April 2013.
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