

London Borough of Hillingdon

Local Development Scheme

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Introduction

- 1.1 The planning system is plan-led whereby planning applications must be determined in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. A Local Planning Authorities' Local Plan forms the key part of the Development Plan and sets policies for their area.
- 1.2 The Local Development Scheme sets out the documents that the Council intends to produce to form its Development Plan and a timetable for production. Local Planning Authorities must produce a Local Development Scheme under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

Hillingdon's existing planning policy framework

- 1.3 The adopted Development Plan for Hillingdon consists of the following documents:
- The Local Plan Part 1: Strategic Policies (November 2012)
 - The Local Plan Part 2: Development Management Policies (January 2020)
 - The Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations (January 2020)
 - The West London Waste Plan (July 2015)
 - The London Plan (March 2021)
- 1.4 The Development Plan is supported by the following Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD):
- Planning Obligations SPD (July 2014)
 - Accessible Hillingdon SPD (September 2017)
 - RAF Uxbridge SPD (January 2009)
- 1.5 SPDs do not form part of the statutory Development Plan for Hillingdon. As such, the programme for future SPDs is not identified in this LDS.

Hillingdon's future planning policy framework

- 1.6 Hillingdon's Local Plan currently comprises three separate documents:
- Local Plan Part 1: Strategic Policies (November 2012)
 - Local Plan Part 2: Development Managements Policies (January 2020)
 - Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Designations (January 2020)

The Council proposes to update the Local Plan. The Local Plan applies to the whole of the London Borough of Hillingdon. The review of the Local Plan will combine the Strategic Policies and the Development Management Policies documents of the Local Plan into a single document and will produce a new Site Allocations document. All Local Plan document will be updated to reflect the most recent National Planning Policy Framework and the London Plan (2021).

- 1.7 The proposed Local Plan will comprise:
- Strategic and Development Management Policies
 - Site Allocations
- 1.8 The review commenced in 2023 and is programmed to complete by mid-2026. The timetable is set out in Appendix 1.

The West London Waste Plan

The West London Waste Plan (WLWP) was adopted in July 2015. The WLWP is a joint plan between six London boroughs (Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames). The Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) was officially created in April 2015 and also adopted the WLWP.

The Council has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which agrees between the West London Local Planning Authorities to co-operate in the effective production of an updated West London Waste Plan. It also commits the basic level of resourcing to facilitate the start of this process. The Council is currently waiting for other members of the West London Local Planning Authorities to agree the MoU and allow work to commence, including appointing a technical consultant and formalising a timetable.

Indicatively, a baseline report is expected prior to the end of 2024, which would then be subject to a Regulation 18 Draft Consultation in 2025. Agreement from Cabinet would be required to undertake this consultation and represent the next formal stage of the process.

Neighbourhood plans

- 1.9 There are no adopted Neighbourhood Plans or formally registered Neighbourhood Forums in Hillingdon.

Monitoring and review

- 1.10 The Local Development Scheme will be monitored and updated as necessary, in accordance with the timescales set out in Hillingdon's Authority Monitoring Report.

Appendix 1: Indicative timetable for Local Plan documents currently being prepared for review

Document	Evidence gathering and preparation	Regulation 18 consultation ¹	Regulation 19 consultation ²	Submission to the Secretary of State	Examination	Adoption
Hillingdon Local Plan: Strategic and Development Management Policies Site Allocations	2023 to March 2024	April 2024 to June 2024	March 2025 to April 2025	May to June 2025	July 2025 to May 2026	July 2026

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¹ Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

² Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012