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Preface

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Each month we publish a [monthly update table](#)¹ on our website. This sets out the current and next stages of preparation, with dates, of each of the documents included in this LDS.

This LDS is produced under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

¹ https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/planning-and-development/planning-policies/local-supporting-information/#LPinfo_ids

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a timetable which sets out the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that a local planning authority intends to produce over the next few years. Such DPDs are also known as the Local Plan for an area.
- 1.2 This Peterborough LDS sets out the timetable for Peterborough for the period 2015 to 2018. It explains when the council intends to reach key stages in the preparation of a new Local Plan. This LDS replaces the Peterborough LDS which was adopted on 2 April 2012.

The Local Plan and Supporting Documents

- 1.3 National planning policy is headlined by the 'National Planning Policy Framework' (NPPF). Locally, we are describing the collection of planning policies for Peterborough as the 'Peterborough Planning Policy Framework' (PPPF) which comprises more than just DPDs (Local Plan).
- 1.4 In summary, the PPPF comprises the following:
 - **Development Plan Documents (DPDs):** These are documents (often referred to as 'Local Plans') that form part of the statutory development plan for the area. They are prepared by the relevant plan-making authority and are subject to independent examination by a planning inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. For Peterborough, as at July 2015, they are the Core Strategy, Site Allocations, Planning Policies and City Centre DPDs, and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste Site Specific Proposals DPDs. All of these documents are proposed to be replaced by a new, single Local Plan apart from the two Minerals and Waste DPDs (which will be retained).
 - **Policies Map:** This is a map on an Ordnance Survey base for the whole of a local planning authority's area which shows where policies in DPDs apply. The Policies Map may include inset maps for particular areas to show information at a larger scale. The Policies Map is updated each time that a DPD is adopted.
 - **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):** These can cover a wide range of issues on which the planning authority wishes to provide guidance to supplement the policies and proposals in its DPDs (Local Plan). They do not form part of the statutory development plan and are not subject to independent examination. The city council can decide to produce an SPD on any appropriate subject whenever the need arises. There is no requirement for this LDS to set out a timetable for the production of any SPDs.
 - **Neighbourhood Plans:** Local communities, including Parish and Town Councils, can now prepare Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) putting in place policies to guide the future development of the area. Any NP must be in general conformity with 'strategic policies' in DPDs (Local Plan) and with national policy. NPs are not able to propose lower levels of development than those set out in up to date Local Plans but could propose higher levels, or offer other detailed policy proposals. It is up to local communities to decide if it wants to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and so it is not appropriate for this LDS to specify when, or for where, they will be produced. Any NP, if adopted, has the same status as a DPD.
 - **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI):** This is a document that explains how the local planning authority will engage the community in the preparation,

alteration and review of planning documents, and in development control decisions. It is required to specify how and at what stages people will have the opportunity to be involved in planning for their area. A refresh of our SCI is due later in 2015.

- **Authority's Monitoring Report:** This is a report which must be produced by the local planning authority (on an annual basis) to explain how the local development scheme is being implemented and the extent to which policies in the Local Plan are being achieved.

1.5 Further details on the adopted Peterborough documents can be found in Tables 2 and 3.

Joint Working Arrangements and Joint Local Plans

1.6 The city council has a good track record of joint working with other authorities. The adopted Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy DPD and Site Specific Proposals DPD were both the product of successful joint working between the council and Cambridgeshire County Council. This arrangement is likely to continue in the future when the need arises to review these documents.

1.7 There are no plans to establish joint working arrangements (apart from Cambridgeshire County Council as discussed above) or a joint committee (under section 29 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) with any other local planning authority, but the city council will fulfil its responsibilities under the duty to co-operate requirements of s33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, and keep open the possible production of joint evidence studies, and, if appropriate the preparation of joint plan or SPDs.

2.0 Local Plan Timetable

2.1 There are a number of stages involved in producing a DPD (Local Plan). This process allows for opportunities for the public to be involved, early resolution of conflicts/objections, and an Independent Examination. The stages in producing a Local Plan, and the intended time of those stages for the new Local Plan, are set out in Table 1.

3.0 Subject Matter and Geographical area of new Local Plan (DPDs)

3.1 To meet the requirements of section 15 (2)(b) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, it is confirmed that the subject matter of the new Local Plan (DPD) for Peterborough will include:

- A vision for the future of Peterborough
- Housing policies and allocations for housing
- Employment allocations and policies
- Retail policies
- Transport policies
- Culture, Leisure and Tourism policies
- If required, policies and land allocations on other subject matters

3.2 The Local Plan will cover the whole administrative area of Peterborough. Other than the Minerals and Waste DPDs, the Local Plan will replace all other existing DPDs currently in force in Peterborough.

Table 1: Timetable for Production of Development Plan Document

	2015						2016						2017						2018																						
	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April						
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No.	Stage	Description	Approval Dates (subject to change)	Actual dates stage proposed to take place
1	Consult on a sustainability appraisal (SA) scoping report	The SA scoping report sets out the sustainability objectives proposed to be used to appraise the economic, social and environmental effects of the emerging Local Plan policies. The SA scoping report is subject to consultation.	N/A	Sept – Oct 2015
2	Public participation (Regulation 18)	Opportunity for interested parties and statutory consultees to consider the options for the plan before the final document is produced. This stage may involve one or more public consultation rounds. We intend two rounds for the new Local Plan	First Round: Cabinet – 14 December 2015	Jan – Feb 2016
			Second Round: Cabinet – June 2016	July – Aug 2016
3	Pre-Submission Publication (Regulation 19)	The Council publishes the Local Plan which is followed with a 6 week period when formal representations can be made on the Local Plan.	Cabinet – Dec 2016 Full Council – January 2017	Feb – March 2017
4	Submission (Regulation 22)	The Council submits the Local Plan to the Secretary of State together with the representations received at Regulation 19 stage.	N/A	May 2017
5	Independent Examination Hearing	Held by a Planning Inspector into objections raised on the Local Plan	Set by Inspector	Sept – Oct 2017 (estimate: dates set by Inspector)
6	Inspector's Report	This will report whether if the Plan is 'Sound' or 'Not Sound'. The Inspector may make recommendations to make the plan 'sound'	Set by Inspector	Dec 2017 (estimate)
7	Adoption of DPD (Local Plan)	Final stage, the Council will formally need to adopt the Local Plan and it will then be used in making planning decisions.	Cabinet – Jan 2018 Council – Feb 2018	Feb 2018

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Table 2: Adopted Development Plan Documents (as at July 2015)

Document title	Status	Geographical area	Role and content	Adoption Date
Peterborough Core Strategy	DPD	Administrative area of Peterborough	Sets out the vision, objectives and overall strategy for the spatial development of Peterborough up to 2026	Adopted February 2011
Peterborough Site Allocations	DPD	Administrative area of Peterborough other than the city centre	Identifies individual site allocations, together with policies relating to these allocations. Covers the period to 2026	Adopted April 2012
Peterborough Planning Policies	DPD	Administrative area of Peterborough	Sets out specific policies for determining planning applications	Adopted December 2012
Peterborough City Centre	DPD	City centre of Peterborough	Sets out policies and proposals for the city Centre	Adopted December 2014
Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (including development control policies)	DPD	Administrative areas of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Prepared jointly with Cambridgeshire County Council. Document setting out the strategic vision, objectives and core development control policies to guide minerals and waste development over the period to 2026	Adopted July 2011
Minerals and Waste Site Specific Proposals	DPD	Administrative areas of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Prepared jointly with Cambridgeshire County Council. Document setting out site specific proposals for minerals and waste development over the period to 2026 and supporting site specific policies	Adopted February 2012

Table 3: Other Adopted Documents (as at July 2015)

Document title	Status	Geographical area	Role and content	Adoption Date
Peterborough District Hospital Site SPD	SPD	Former District Hospital Site	Further guidance on how the site could be redeveloped	adopted 14 June 2010
Peterborough Design and Development in Selected Villages SPD	SPD	Selected villages, as set out in the SPD	Further design guidance	adopted 13 June 2011
The Location and Design of Waste Management Facilities SPD	SPD	Administrative areas of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Further guidance on waste management location and design	adopted 19 July 2011
RECAP Waste Management Design Guide SPD	SPD	Administrative areas of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Further guidance on waste management location and design	adopted 22 February 2012
Flood and Water Management SPD	SPD	Administrative area of Peterborough	Further guidance on a wide range of flood and water matters	adopted 10 December 2012
Peterborough Shop Front Guidance SPD	SPD	Administrative area of Peterborough	Further guidance on achieving good quality shop front design	adopted 27 January 2014
Peterborough Developer Contributions SPD	SPD	Administrative area of Peterborough	Further guidance on how s106, CIL and other developer contributions will work in Peterborough	adopted 15 April 2015 and came into effect on 24 April 2015
Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	SCI	Administrative area of Peterborough	Statement setting out the Council's commitments on consulting the public. Includes Neighbourhood planning guidance and commitments.	adopted 5 November 2012