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Peterborough Local Development Scheme

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Preface

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

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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 2023 to 2026. 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 in 2017.

The Local Plan and Supporting Documents

- 1.3 National planning policy is headlined by the 'National Planning Policy Framework' (NPPF). Locally, the Peterborough planning policy framework comprises more than just DPDs (Local Plan). In summary, the local set of documents comprise 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 January 2023, they are Peterborough Local Plan (July 2019) and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan (July 2021)
 - **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 relevant document (i.e. a DPD or a Neighbourhood Plan) 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 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. As at January 2023 six Neighbourhood Plans (Ailsworth, Barnack, Castor, Glinton, Helpston and Peakirk) have been 'made' in Peterborough and more are under currently preparation.
 - **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. The SCI was adopted by the council in November 2021.

- **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 of this document, or on our website at: <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/planning-and-development/planning-policies>

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 Local Plan (2021) is an example 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. 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. 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
- Climate Change
- Transport policies
- Natural and Historical Environment
- 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.

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Table 1: Timetable for Production of the Local Plan

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2023												2024												2025												2026					
Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March			
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No	Stage	Description	Date proposed to take place
1	Public Participation (Regulation 18)	Opportunities for interested parties and statutory consultees to consider the options for the plan before the final document is produced. This stage can involve one or more public consultation rounds. We intend two rounds for the Peterborough Local Plan.	Stage 1: I&O July/August 2023 Stage 2: June/July 2024
2	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.	Jan/Feb 2025
3	Submission (Regulation 22)	The Council submits the Local Plan to the Secretary of State together with the representations received at Regulation 19 stage.	April 2025
4	Independent Examination	Held by a Planning Inspector into objections raised at Regulation 19 stage on the Local Plan	May to Nov 2025 (Estimated: dates set by Inspector)
5	Inspector's Report Issued	This will report whether if the Plan is 'Sound' or 'Not Sound'. The Inspector may make recommendations to make the plan 'sound'	Feb 2026 (Estimated: dates set by Inspector)
6	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.	March 2026 (Estimated: dates set by Inspector)

Table 2: Adopted Development Plan Documents (as at January 2023)

Document title	Status	Geographical area	Role and content	Adoption Date
Peterborough Local Plan	DPD	Administrative area of Peterborough	It sets out the overall approach to development in Peterborough to 2036 and beyond.	24 July 2019
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan	DPD	Administrative areas of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	It sets out the vision, scale and broad location for future minerals and waste management development to 2036 and beyond	28 July 2021

Table 3: Other Adopted Documents (as at January 2023)

Document title	Status	Geographical area	Role and content	Adoption (or Made') Date
Peterborough Design and Development in Selected Villages SPD	SPD	Selected villages, as set out in the SPD	Further design guidance	13 June 2011
Flood and Water Management SPD	SPD	Administrative area of Peterborough	Further guidance on a wide range of flood and water matters	24 July 2019
Peterborough Shop Front Guidance SPD	SPD	Administrative area of Peterborough	Further guidance on achieving good quality shop front design	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	24 July 2019
Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity	SPD	Administrative area of Peterborough	Further guidance and advice on how Green Infrastructure (GI) and biodiversity considerations should be integrated into the development process, primarily to planning applicants, developers and land owners, as	24 July 2019

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			well as decision makers such as planning officers.	
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.	15 November 2021
Ailsworth	NP	Ailsworth Parish Council	The Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plan provides a vision for the future of the parish, up to 2036, The policies in the Plan provide additional detail and subtlety that reflect the special characteristics of the parish that cannot reasonably be addressed by higher-level guidance.	'Made' 13 December 2017
Barnack	NP	Barnack Parish Council	The Barnack Neighbourhood Plan covers the period up to 2036 and provides local policies to guide development in the Parish.	'Made'28 July 2021
Castor	NP	Castor Parish Council	The Castor Neighbourhood Plan provides a vision for the future of the parish, up to 2036. The policies in the Plan provide additional detail and subtlety that reflect the special characteristics of the parish that cannot reasonably be addressed by higher-level guidance.	'Made' 13 December 2017
Glington	NP	Glington Parish Council	The Glington Neighbourhood Plan provides a vision for the future of the parish up to 2036 and provides local policies to guide development in the Parish.	'Made'28 July 2021

Document title	Status	Geographical area	Role and content	Adoption (or Made') Date
Helpston	NP	Helpston Parish Council	The Helpston Neighbourhood Plan provides a vision for the future of the parish, up to 2036. It sets out how Helpston should develop sustainably in the best interest of the village, in the context of the wider Local Plan.	' Made' 7 December 2022
Peakirk	NP	Peakirk Parish Council	The Peakirk Neighbourhood Plan guides development in a sustainable direction to ensure the communities views are taken into consideration	'Made '26 July 2017

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