London Borough of Newham
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Introduction

The London Borough of Newham has a statutory duty\(^1\) to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) outlining the timetable for the production of all documents that comprise the area’s Local Plan.

Newham’s LDS (2017) provides a formal work programme of the planning documents set to be produced during the remainder of the year and throughout 2018, including where necessary, reviews of adopted documents. For completeness, though not part of the Local Plan suite of documents, the LDS also details the development of any supplementary planning guidance that will support the Local Plan.

The LDS (2017) updates and replaces the previous version published by the Council in September 2016.

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\(^{1}\) Under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Localism Act 2011 and the Housing and Planning Act 2016.
Planning Policy Context

At a national level, government planning policy is set out primarily within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2012, supported by the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) 2014 (as amended).

In a London context a regional tier of spatial planning policy, prepared by the Mayor of London, is contained within the London Plan. London Planning Authorities are required to produce Local Plans which are in general conformity with regional policy tier. The London Plan (consolidated with a number of alterations made since 2011) was published in March 2016.

The Development Plan for Newham currently consists of the London Plan 2016, together with the Newham Local Plan. The Local Plan contains the Council’s vision, policies and site allocations and designations across the borough and currently comprises:

- Local Plan: Core Strategy (adopted 2012);
- Local Plan: Policies Map (adopted 2016)*;
- Local Plan: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Development Plan Document (adopted 2017)*; and

* Adopted since the publication of the LDS 2016.

Newham’s Local Plan and emerging documents contain policy and guidance applicable to the borough, excluding the LLDC area, which is a separate Local Planning Authority with its own Local Plan.

Through the Localism Act 2011, local communities have the power to prepare Neighbourhood Plans to help shape their local area, which once adopted form part of the development plan. The Council has a statutory duty to provide advice and support to those producing a plan. No formal applications have been received by the Council as a Local Planning Authority for the designation of either Neighbourhood Areas or Neighbourhood Forums to date.
Work Programme

As part of maintaining an up to date and robust planning framework for Newham, the Council intends to produce the following planning policy documents:

Local Plan Documents

Local Plan Review

Purpose of the Plan

- Review of Local Plan: Core Strategy 2012 and Local Plan: Detailed Sites and Policies DPD (DSPDPD) 2016, to revisit the strategic vision, objectives, policies and site allocations in response to an updated evidence base and changes in the development context since adoption, making best use of development opportunities.
- A review will also provide an opportunity to deliver a consolidated Local Plan document, incorporating policies from both the Core Strategy and DSPDPD, as preferred by Government.

Project Scale

- Significant – comprising an extensive evidence base update (almost complete), interdepartmental and external collaborative work, extensive consultation and involvement, policy drafting, and an Independent Examination (including public hearings) by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State.
- Will require the full team resource through the remainder of 2017 and 2018.

Project Risk/ Interdependencies

- London Plan review – altering the higher level policy context which we have to be in conformity with.
- Emerging and evolving Government policy – altering the national policy context with which we need to be consistent.

Joint Waste Plan Review

Purpose of the Plan

- Review of Joint Waste Development Plan for the East London Waste Authority (ELWA) Boroughs (2012) to revisit site safeguarding requirements within the borough, resolve future strategy and,
demonstrate Newham’s ability to meet revised London Plan waste apportionment targets.

- Update of the Plan will complement Local Plan review, through demonstration that the borough is adequately meeting its obligations in terms of waste planning.

**Project Scale**

- Medium – requiring new evidence base (via commissioned technical studies) and joint working between the four constituent planning authorities. This will require significant input from officers throughout research, drafting, and examination stages.
- Will require officer resource throughout 2018 and beyond.

**Project Risk/ Interdependencies**

- London Plan review – altering the higher level policy context which we have to be in conformity with (i.e. waste apportionment targets).
- Multiple stakeholder resource and co-operation.
- Resolution of future ELWA strategy.

**Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)**

**Altering and Extending Your Home (AEYH) SPD Review**

**Purpose of the Document**

- To provide guidance and advice on householder extensions and alterations, reflecting the Council’s expectations in terms of design and neighbouring amenity.

**Project Scale**

- Medium: document drafting, internal and statutory consultation and subsequent amendments and associated due process required.

**Project Risk/ Interdependencies**

- Evolving Government Policy – altering the national policy context and Permitted Development Rights with which it would need to be consistent.
Conservation Area SPDs

Purpose of the Documents

- To update and amend the current guidance and advice for the Durham Road and Woodgrange Road Conservation Areas, transposing this into SPD documents that reflect the Council’s expectations surrounding design and amenity of development proposals.

Project Scale

- Small/ minor: document redrafting, internal and statutory consultation and subsequent amendments and associated due process required.

Project Risk/ Interdependencies

- Evolving Government Policy – altering the national policy context and Permitted Development Rights with which it would need to be consistent.

Other

Durham Road Article 4 Direction

Purpose of the document

- To update and amend the current Durham Road Article 4 Direction that restricts permitted development rights within its boundary, extending the controls in relation to permitted development for outbuildings.

Project Scale

- Medium: document drafting, internal and external consultation and subsequent amendments and associated due process required.

Project Risk/ Interdependencies

- Evolving Government Policy – altering the national policy context and Permitted Development Rights with which it would need to be consistent.
Monitoring and Review

The Council will monitor the progress of the LDS timetable and will publish findings as part of the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) bulletins or bring a new LDS into effect if necessary. Progress on the effectiveness of the policies brought forward in the planning documents, will also be assessed through AMR bulletins.
Document Preparation Timetable

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**Legend**

- Scoping
- Evidence Building and Preparation
- Non-statutory Consultation (if required)
- Statutory Consultation
- Submission to PINS
- Estimated Examination (subject to PINS timetable)
- Inspector’s Report and Adoption (subject to PINS timetable)*
- Indicative only

* In the case of SPDs and Article 4 Directions, PINS timetable and Inspector’s Report is not applicable.