

London Borough of Newham Local Development Scheme

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1. Introduction

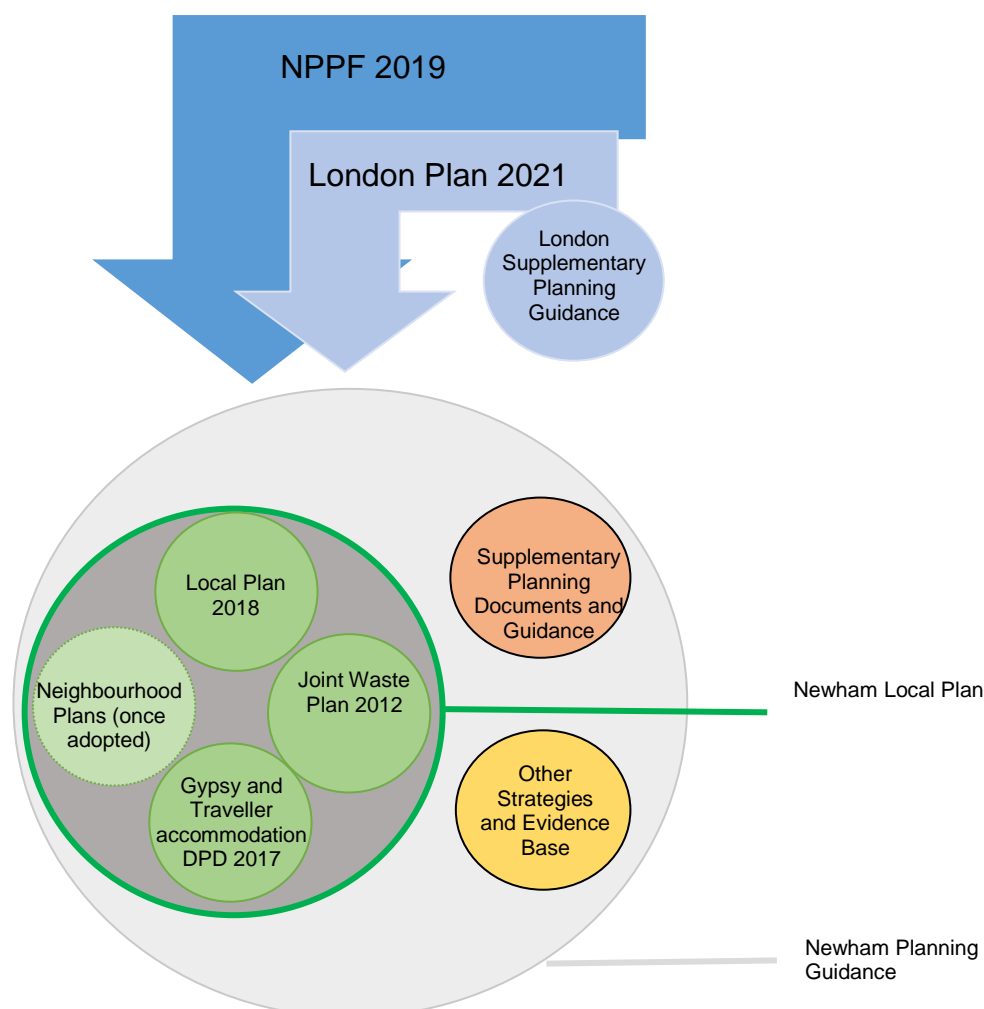
The London Borough of Newham has a statutory duty¹ to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) outlining the timetable for the production of all documents that comprise the area's Local Plan.

Newham's LDS (2021) provides a formal work programme of the planning documents set to be produced during the remainder of the year and throughout 2022 and 2023, including where necessary, reviews of adopted documents. For completeness, although 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 or other documents which will influence planning in the borough.

The LDS (2021) updates and replaces the previous version published by the Council in November 2017.

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.

2. Planning Policy Context



At a national level, government planning policy is set out primarily within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2019, supported by the Planning Practice Guidance which is regularly updated.

Within London, 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 new London Plan was published (adopted) in March 2021.

The Development Plan for Newham currently consists of the London Plan 2021, 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:

- Newham Local Plan: (adopted 2018)*
- Local Plan Policies Map (adopted 2018)*;
- Local Plan: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Development Plan Document (adopted 2017); and
- Joint Waste Development Plan for the East London Waste Authority Boroughs (adopted 2012).

** Adopted since the publication of the LDS 2017.*

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 neighbourhood plans have yet been adopted by the Council.

3. Work Programme

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

Local Plan Documents

Local Plan Refresh

Purpose of the Plan

- Refresh of the Local Plan: to revisit the strategic vision, objectives, policies and site allocations in response to:
 - Updated Newham objectives and strategies, including:
 - Towards a Better Newham Covid-19 Recovery Strategy
 - Climate Emergency Declaration Action Plan
 - Community Wealth Building Strategy
 - Creating the best place for Children and Young People to grow up
 - 50 Steps to a Healthier Newham
 - Changes in the development context and market trends
 - Updated NPPF and London Plan, including a revised housing target.
- This review also responds to the requirement outlined in the Local Plan Inspector's Report, requiring an early review of the Local Plan, following the adoption of the London Plan.

Project Scale

- Significant – comprising comprehensive evidence base update, interdepartmental and external collaborative work, extensive consultation and engagement, 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 2021 as well as within 2022 and 2023.

Project Risk/ Interdependencies

- Emerging and evolving Government policy – altering the national policy context with which we need to be consistent.
- London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) transition of planning powers (including Plan Making) back to the four Boroughs. The Council is working with the four boroughs and LLDC to ensure a smooth transition of planning policy.

Joint Waste Plan Review

Purpose of the Plan

- Commence review of Joint Waste Development Plan for the East London Waste Authority (ELWA) Boroughs (2012) to assess site safeguarding requirements within the borough and Newham's ability to meet revised London Plan waste apportionment targets. (The ELWA Boroughs are Newham, Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge).
- The ELWA Boroughs have agreed to commence stage 1 of the review which is to commission an updated evidence base. Following the review of the evidence base, a further decision will be taken by each of the ELWA Boroughs on the next steps.
- Update of the evidence base will complement the Local Plan review.

Project Scale

- Medium – requiring new evidence base (via a commissioned technical study) and joint working between the four constituent planning authorities.
- Will require officer resource within 2021 and potentially beyond, depending on the scale of the changes suggested through the evidence review and the approach to resourcing any review of the Plan.

Project Risk/ Interdependencies

- Scale of review required following evidence collation and review.
- Multiple stakeholder resource and co-operation.

Supplementary Planning Documents and Guidance (SPDs and SPGs)

No new or revised supplementary planning documents or guidance are anticipated. The team's resource will be focussed on the Local Plan review.

Other Planning Documents

Woodgrange Road Conservation Area Design Guide

Purpose of the Documents

- To update and amend the current Design Guide for the Woodgrange Road Conservation Areas. To ensure alignment with current policy, conservation area best practice and resident priorities.

- **Project Scale**
- Small/ minor: document redrafting, internal and small scale 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.

Statement of Community Involvement

Purpose of the document

- The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) explains how we will engage with local and statutory stakeholders to prepare local planning documents and carry out development management functions.
- It was last adopted in 2015 and a new SCI was developed and consulted on prior to Covid-19. The pandemic meant that further work and engagement on the SCI was put on pause and the planning service has followed the emergency legislative requirements and guidance to continue consultation in a safe manner.
- This review will consider how to provide an inclusive planning system and include considering ways in which new forms of engagement during the pandemic has aided more residents and stakeholders to be involved in the planning system as well as any shortcomings of these new approaches.

Project Scale

- Medium: document drafting, service engagement, inclusive engagement as well as statutory consultation and subsequent amendments and associated due process required.

Project Risk/ Interdependencies

- Evolving Government Policy on engagement, particularly in the context of Covid-19.

Royal Docks and Beckton Opportunity Planning Area Framework

Purpose of the document

- The document is being developed by the GLA, with input from the Council, the Royal Docks Team and Transport for London.

- This guidance provides a strategic framework that plans for the future development of the Royal Docks and Beckton Riverside Opportunity Area. This includes new homes, jobs, transport, infrastructure, and social and community uses.
- The document is being developed as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the London Plan 2021.
- The Council will also consider whether to adopt the guidance, once completed.

Project Scale

- Medium: The document is being drafted by the GLA with input and involvement from the policy team and wider officers in the Council. Will require officer involvement throughout 2021.

Project Risk/ Interdependencies

- Ongoing stakeholder resource and co-operation.

4. 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.

5. Document Preparation Timetable

	2021							2022												2023			
	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Local Plan Review	Initiation/scoping	Evidence base development	Evidence base development	Evidence base development	Non-statutory consultation	Non-statutory consultation	Non-statutory consultation	Evidence base development	Evidence base development	Document drafting and Council governance	Document drafting and Council governance	Document drafting and Council governance	Document drafting and Council governance	Statutory consultation (Plan Making)	Statutory consultation (Plan Making)	Statutory consultation (Plan Making)	Document drafting and Council governance	Document drafting and Council governance	Statutory consultation (Plan Making)	Document drafting and Council governance	Document drafting and Council governance	Document drafting and Council governance	Submission to the Planning Inspectorate (PINs)
Joint Waste Plan Review	Evidence base development	Evidence base development	Review and consider next steps	Review and consider next steps	Review and consider next steps																		
Statement of Community Involvement	Initiation/scoping	Document drafting and Council governance	Document drafting and Council governance	Document drafting and Council governance	Statutory consultation (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas)	Statutory consultation (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas)	Statutory consultation (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas)	Document drafting and Council governance	Document drafting and Council governance	Document drafting and Council governance	Document drafting and Council governance	Document drafting and Council governance	Adoption										
Woodgrange Road Conservation Area Design Guide	Document drafting and Council governance	Statutory consultation (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas)	Statutory consultation (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas)	Statutory consultation (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas)	Document drafting and Council governance	Adoption																	

The timetable for the Royal Docks and Beckton Opportunity Planning Area Framework is available on the GLA's website: www.london.gov.uk

Key

- Initiation/scoping
- Evidence base development
- Review and consider next steps
- Document drafting and Council governance
- Non-statutory consultation
- Statutory consultation (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas)
- Statutory consultation (Plan Making)
- Submission to the Planning Inspectorate (PINs)
- Adoption

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