

London Borough of  
Newham  
**Local Development Scheme**  
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## 1. Introduction

The London Borough of Newham has a statutory duty<sup>1</sup> 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.

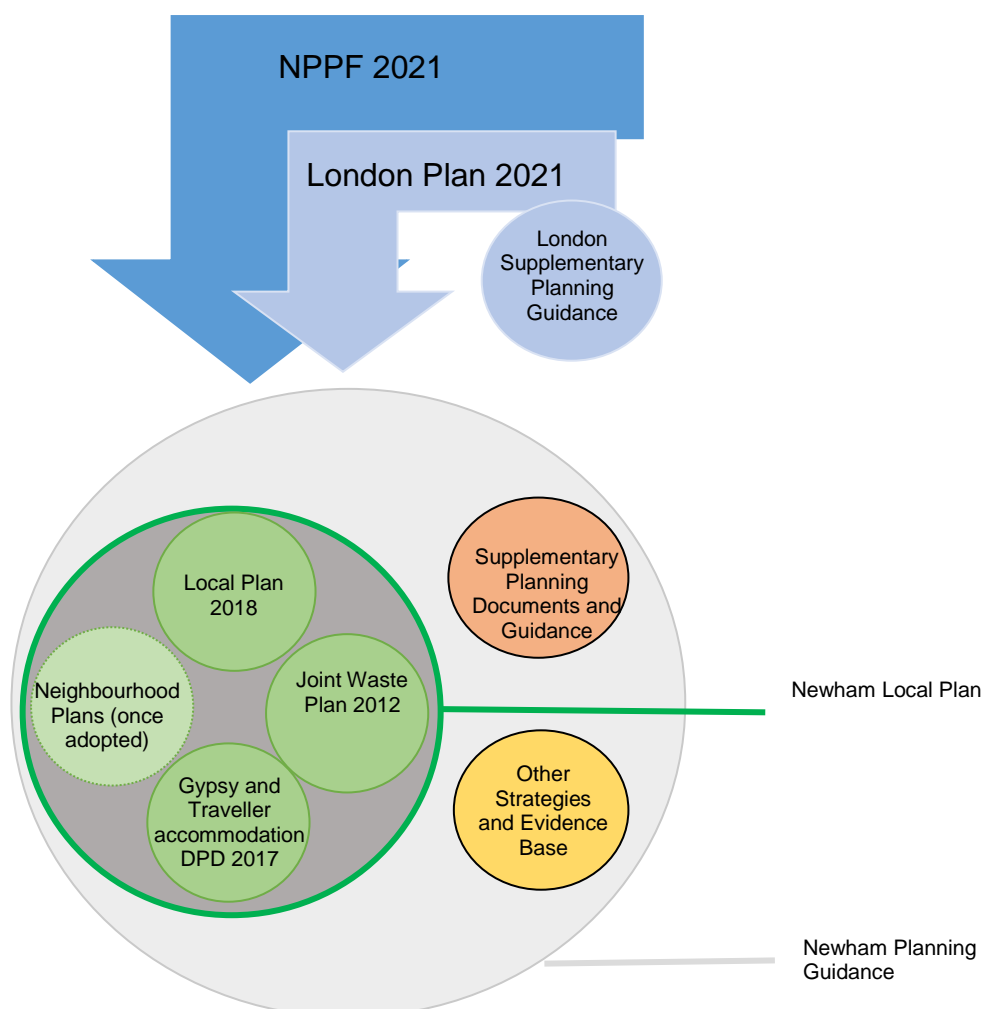
Newham's LDS (2022) provides a formal work programme of the planning documents set to be produced during the remainder of the year and throughout 2023 and 2024, including where necessary, reviews of adopted documents. For completeness, although not part of the Local Plan suite of documents, the LDS also 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 (2022) updates and replaces the previous version published by the Council in July 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> 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) 2021, 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 prior to the publication of the LDS 2021.

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

Since the last LDS was published in 2021, the following documents have now been adopted:

- The update to the 2015 SCI was approved at Cabinet on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022. The SCI (2022) reflects changes to legislation, engagement practices as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and best practice in stakeholder engagement.
- The Woodgrange Conservation Area Design Guide was approved at Cabinet on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The update ensures that the guidance is in accordance with planning legislation and aligns with current planning policy, Conservation Area best practice and resident's priorities.

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

## 4. 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:
    - Building a Fairer Newham
    - 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 2022 as well as within 2023 and 2024.

#### 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 host 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 worked together on a joint evidence base and have agreed to progress towards the next steps of developing a Joint Waste Plan.
- This evidence base will be published alongside 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 2022 and potentially beyond, depending on 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

### 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 (London Plan Guidance).
- 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 2022 and potentially into 2023.

#### Project Risk/ Interdependencies

- Ongoing stakeholder resource and co-operation.

## 5. 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. The next AMR update is expected to be published in spring/summer 2023.









## 6. Document Preparation Timetable

	2022	2023												2024			
	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Local Plan Review	Blue	Green	Green	Orange	Orange	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Green	Green	Blue	Purple	Purple	Red
Joint Waste Plan Review	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue

The timetable for the Royal Docks and Beckton Opportunity Planning Area Framework is available on the GLA’s website: [www.london.gov.uk](http://www.london.gov.uk)

### Key

-  Evidence base development
-  Procurement and governance
-  Document drafting and Council governance
-  Consultation
-  Submission to the Planning Inspectorate and Examination
-  Adoption