

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.

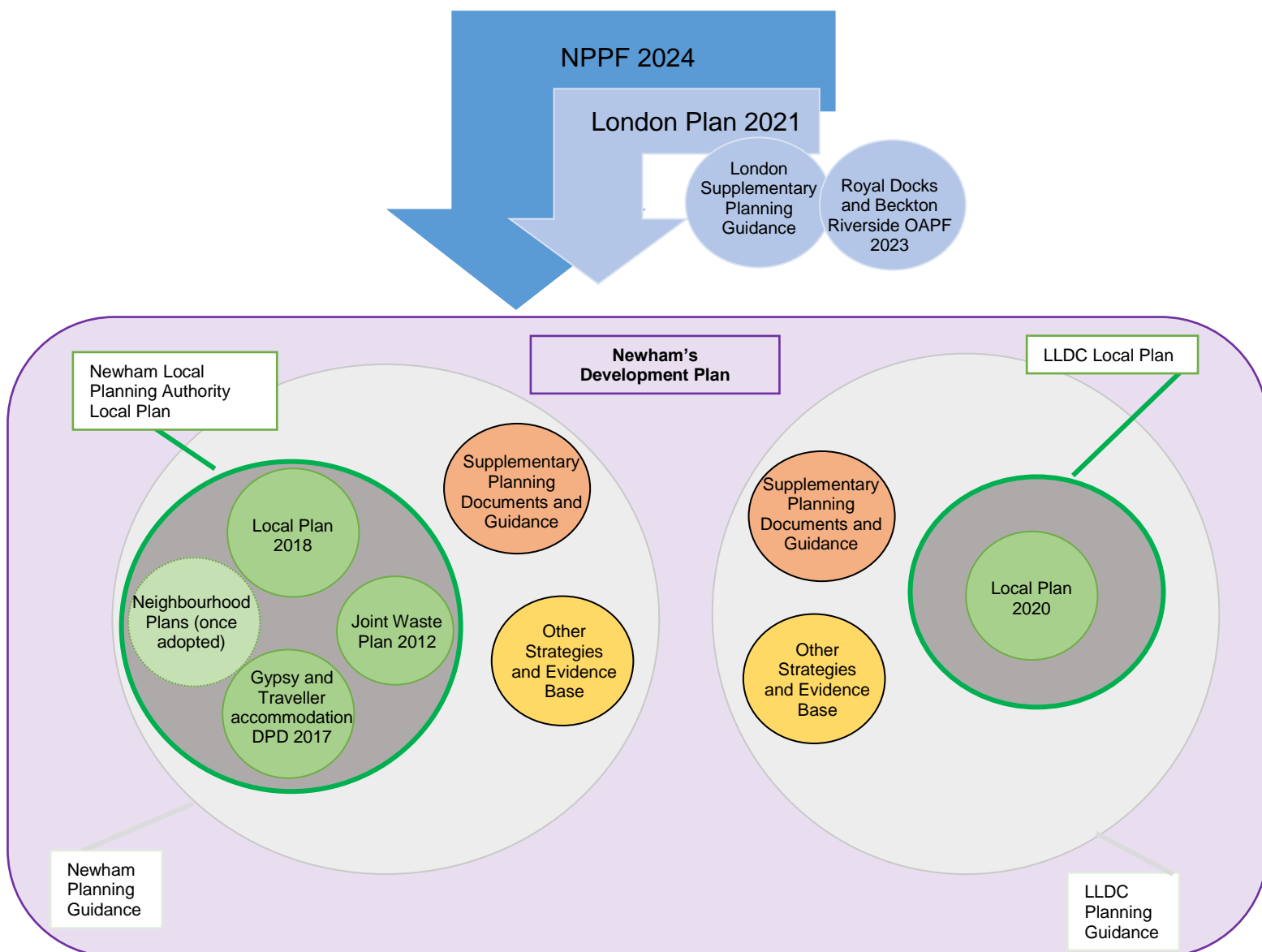
Newham's LDS (2025) provides a formal work programme of the planning documents set to be produced during the remainder of the year and into 2026, including where necessary, reviews of adopted documents. For completeness, although not part of the Local Plan suite of documents, the LDS also details the development of any supplementary planning guidance that will support the Local Plan or other documents which will influence planning in the borough.

The LDS (2025) updates and replaces the previous version published by the Council in June 2024.

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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) 2024, supported by the Planning Practice Guidance which is regularly updated.

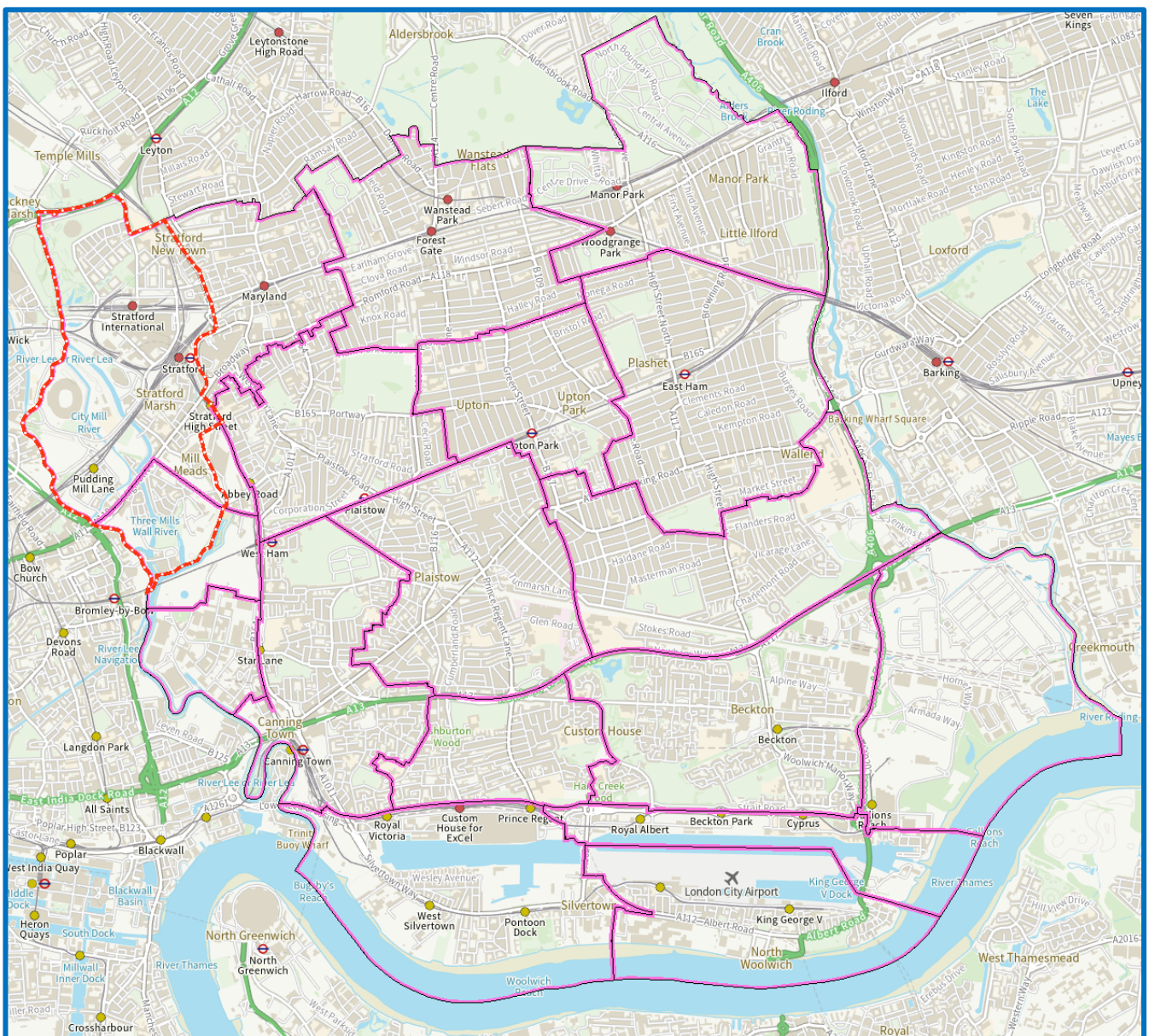
Within London, a regional tier of spatial planning policy, prepared by the Mayor of London, is contained within the London Plan. London Planning Authorities are required to produce Local Plans which are in general conformity with regional policy tier. The new London Plan was published (adopted) in March 2021.

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The Development Plan for Newham currently consists of the London Plan 2021, together with the Newham Local Plan or the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) Local Plan, depending on the area of the borough.

The area outlined in red in the map below indicates where in the borough the LLDC Local Plan is the relevant development plan document.



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The Newham Local Plan is made up of the following documents:

- 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).

The LLDC Local Plan is made up of the Local Plan 2020 – 2036 (adopted 2020)

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 2024, no further policy documents have been adopted. However since the transition of planning powers from the LLDC to Newham on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024, The LLDC Local Plan has become part of the borough's Development Plan.

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

- Updated Local Plan
- Updated Joint Waste Plan



## 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
    - Just Transition Plan
    - Community Wealth Building Strategy
    - 50 Steps to a Healthier Newham
    - The Newham Young People's Charter 2022
  - 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.
- To produce a single Local Plan for the entirety of the borough and to replace the Newham Local Plan (adopted 2018); Newham Local Plan Policies Map (adopted 2018); Newham Local Plan: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Development Plan Document (adopted 2017); and the LLDC Local Plan 2020 – 2036 (adopted 2020).

#### 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 2025 and into 2026.

#### Project Risk/ Interdependencies

- Emerging and evolving Government policy – altering the national policy context with which we need to be consistent.
- Updates occurring to the London Plan – altering the regional plan with which we need to be in general conformity.

## Progress made since LDS 2024

- The publication of the Draft Submission Local Plan and consultation (Regulation 19) on it took place between the 19<sup>th</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

## Joint Waste Plan Review

### Purpose of the Plan

- Review of Joint Waste Development Plan for the East London Waste Authority (ELWA) Boroughs (2012). The ELWA Boroughs are Newham, Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge.
- The JWP provides a planning strategy to safeguard sufficient sites across the four boroughs to sustainably manage all types of waste. The Council is required to safeguard sufficient land to enable us to manage the waste targets set for us in the London Plan 2021. The update also provides the opportunity for the JWP to take into account up-to-date strategic objectives, including the delivery of further housing sites and climate objectives associated with progressive waste management planning.

### Project Scale

- Medium – requiring new evidence base (via a commissioned technical study), consultant to draft the Plan and undertake the Integrated Impact Assessment and joint working between the four constituent planning authorities as well as duty to cooperate work with other boroughs and the GLA.
- Will require officer resource within 2025 and 2026.

### Project Risk/ Interdependencies

- Multiple stakeholder resource and co-operation.
- Duty to Cooperate work with the GLA and other London boroughs.
- Emerging and evolving Government policy – altering the national policy context with which we need to be consistent.
- Updates occurring to the London Plan – altering the regional plan with which we need to be in general conformity.

## Progress made since LDS 2024

- The publication of the Draft Joint Waste Plan and consultation (Regulation 18) on it took place between 29<sup>th</sup> July and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.



## 5. 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 and Joint Waste Plan.

## 6. 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 in the planning documents will be assessed through AMR bulletins.

An AMR was published in winter 2024.

## 7. Document Preparation Timetable

	2025									2026												
	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Local Plan Review	Blue	Blue	Blue	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Green	Purple	Red										
Joint Waste Plan Review	Blue	Blue	Green	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Green	Green	Purple	Purple	Purple	Red	Red	Red

**Key**

-  Evidence base development
-  Procurement
-  Reviewing consultation responses, document drafting and Council governance
-  Consultation (including on any main modifications)
-  Submission to the Planning Inspectorate and Examination (including any hearings)
-  Adoption