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Introduction

1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is the Council's timetable for preparing the planning documents for the District that will form part of the 'local plan'. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires the Council to prepare and maintain the LDS. The main purpose of the LDS is to:

- inform the public and stakeholders of the documents that will make up the local plan,
- set out the geographical area each plan will cover,
- set out the timescale for the production or review of each plan.

1.2 The 'Local Development Scheme 2020-22', was published in March 2021. The LDS reflects the Council's key strategic planning priorities for the preparation of the new Horsham District Local Plan to supersede the current plan, the Horsham District Planning Framework (HDPF) which was adopted in November 2015.

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1.3 The key document identified for production is the submission draft of the new Horsham District Local Plan. The Council is continuing to assess the needs of the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople population through the Local Plan Review process. The Council is also using the Local Plan Review process to look at reviewing the Council's "Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule". The LDS also published a summary of the status of the Neighbourhood Plan production at the time.

LDS Update

1.4 It is a requirement that Authority Monitoring Reports identify the name of development plan documents (DPDs) or supplementary planning documents (SPDs) in the local development scheme, and set out the timetable specified for the preparation of documents. This report should also set out what stage the document has reached in plan production and the reasons for any delay. This section therefore sets out in more detail the status of different DPDs in the District. CIL, which is also included on the Council's LDS, is covered separately in Chapter 5 of the AMR. The Council's current CIL was adopted after the full Council meeting in April 2017 and implemented in October 2017.

Horsham District Planning Framework (HDPF)

1.5 The HDPF was adopted by the Council in November 2015. The Horsham District Planning Framework sets out the planning policies against which all development proposals are now assessed. A review of the Local Plan review commenced in 2018. The preparation of the Local Plan has been delayed during 2021, due to the receipt of a Position Statement from Natural England which requires all development to be 'water neutral'. More detail is set out in Chapter 3 and on this Council's website. The LDS will be updated to reflect the programme for Local Plan preparation in light of this requirement.

1.6 The Horsham District Planning Framework is part of the District's Development Plan outside the South Downs National Park. The documents which are a formal part of the Council's development plan outside the National Park area are listed below. Neighbourhood Plans are only relevant in the respective Parish / Area for which they were prepared:

- Horsham District Planning Framework (2015)
- Site Specific Allocations of Land DPD (2007)
- West of Bewbush Joint Area Action Plan (2009)
- Ashington Neighbourhood Plan (2021)
- Billingshurst Neighbourhood Plan (2021)
- Bramber Neighbourhood Plan (2021)
- Henfield Neighbourhood Plan (2021)
- Horsham Blueprint (2022)
- Nuthurst Neighbourhood Plan (2015)
- Rudgwick Neighbourhood Plan (2021)
- Rusper Neighbourhood Plan (2021)
- Shermanbury and Wineham Neighbourhood Plan (2017)
- Shipley Neighbourhood Plan (2021)
- Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan (2018)
- Southwater Neighbourhood Plan (2021)
- Steyning Neighbourhood Plan (2022)
- Storrington & Sullington (with Washington) Neighbourhood Plan (2019)
- Thakeham Neighbourhood Plan (2017)
- Upper Beeding Neighbourhood Plan (2021)

- Warnham Neighbourhood Plan (2019)
- West Grinstead Neighbourhood Plan (2021)
- Woodmancote Neighbourhood Plan (2017).

South Downs National Park

1.7 Planning responsibility for land within Horsham District which sits within the South Downs National Park area is now deferred to the South Downs National Park Authority. The South Downs Local Plan[1] was formally adopted by the South Downs National Park Authority in July 2019, and their own Local Development Scheme sets out the timetable for key planning policy documents for the National Park.

Site Allocations of Land (Gypsy and Travellers)

1.8 A previous LDS, which was published in January 2018, identified that a key DPD programmed for production was a Site Allocations of Land document for Gypsies and Travellers. The document was produced and an initial regulation 18 consultation was held in May/June 2017. After revisions, a further regulation 18 consultation took place between December 2017 and January 2018. Following the outcome of these consultations, it became apparent that there were insufficient sites available to meet the identified need. The council therefore decided to provide for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople needs by i) updating the Gypsy/Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment (published January 2020); ii) carrying out new "Call for Sites" exercises (June to August 2019, September to October 2020, and November to December 2022); iii) including a new Gypsy, Traveller & Travelling Showpeople policy and appropriate sites as an integral part of the Horsham Local Plan Review and; iv) continuing to permit appropriate sites through the development management process.

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

1.9 In the Local Development Scheme 2020-22 there are no SPDs programmed for production.

[1] South Downs Local Plan 2019 https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/south-downs-local-plan_2019/

1.10 The full list of documents that have been adopted as SPDs by Horsham District Council is set out below:

- Heath Common Design Statement SPD, July 2018
- Planning Obligations and Affordable Housing SPD, September 2017
- Nuthurst Parish Design Statement, May 2017
- Billingshurst Village Centre SPD, March 2017
- Shipley Parish Design Statement SPD, 2013
- Pulborough Parish Design Statement SPD, 2013
- Horsham Town Plan SPD, 2012
- Southwater Parish Design Statement SPD, 2010
- West of Horsham Design Principles and Character Areas SPD, 2009
- Brinsbury Centre of Rural Excellence SPD, 2009
- Rudgwick Parish Design Statement SPD, 2009
- Billingshurst Parish Design Statement SPD, 2009
- Henfield Parish Design Statement SPD, 2008
- Warnham Parish Design Statement SPD, 2008
- Horsham Town Design Statement SPD, 2008
- West of Horsham Masterplan SPD, 2008
- Storrington Old Mill Drive Diamond Planning Brief SPD, 2008

Evidence Base Documents

1.11 In order to support the preparation of the Council's development plan documents, the Council has produced a number of evidence base documents to inform and support the development of the Horsham District Planning Framework (HDPF) and the forthcoming Horsham District Local Plan. These documents are available on the Council's website at:

https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/evidence-base

and

https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/local-plan/local-plan-review-evidence-base

The evidence documents which have been published in the period from April 2021 to December 2022 are set in Table 1.

Table 1 Evidence Documents April 2021- December 2022

Subject	Document	Date
Brownfield Land	Brownfield Land Register 2021 Brownfield Land Register 2022	December 2021 & 2022
Duty to Cooperate	Worthing BC Statement of Common Ground	June 2021
Duty to Cooperate	Mole Valley DC Statement of Common Ground	August 2021
Duty to Cooperate	Arun DC Statement of Common Ground	December 2021
Duty to Cooperate	Brighton and Hove CC Statement of Common Ground	December 2021
Duty to Cooperate	South Downs National Park Authority Statement of Common Ground	December 2021
Environment	Sussex Air Quality Annual Status Report	June 2022
Environment	Local Air Quality Management Annual Status Report	June 2022
Environment	Habitats Regulations Assessment	June 2021
Housing	Gypsy and Traveller Site Assessment	July 2021
Infrastructure	Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan	July 2021
Infrastructure	Golf Supply and Demand Assessment	December 2022
Infrastructure	Open Space, Sport and Recreation Review And non-technical Summary Paper	June 2021
Landscape	Landscape Capacity Study and Overview Maps	May 2021
Local Plan Review	Horsham Transport Study	May 2021
Local Plan Review	Viability Assessment	July 2021
Local Plan Review	Water Neutrality Study Part A	July 2021
Local Plan Review	Water Neutrality Study Part B	April 2022
Local Plan Review	Water Neutrality Study Part C	December 2022

Next Steps

1.12 The Council's Local Development Scheme needs to be kept up-to-date and should be rolled forward to reflect a three year timetable for Local Plan production. A revised LDS will need to reflect the outcomes from this monitoring report and the impact of Water Neutrality. It is envisaged that an updated LDS will be published in 2023 and cover the period up to 2027.