



CHAPTER 1: Local Development Scheme

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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 September 2020. 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.

Period 1st April 2019– 31st December 2020

- 1.3 The LDS was revised in September 2020 to reflect the timetable for the new local plan production. The key document identified for production is the submission draft of the new Horsham District Local Plan in preparation for public consultation in the spring of 2021. The Council was unable to complete the preparation of the proposed Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Document following the withdrawal of a site by the landowner. Therefore the Council will consider how it should meet the needs of the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople population through the Local Plan Review process. The Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule will be reviewed with respect to the Horsham District Local Plan's updated viability evidence. 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. Mindful that CIL had only recently come into effect, it was not considered that an early review of the CIL Charging Schedule, originally scheduled in the LDS for July 2019, was required, and therefore the LDS was updated to re-schedule a review in July 2021 aligned to the timetable for the Local Plan Review.

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. Paragraph 15 of the Inspector's Report into the HDPF¹ confirms that an early review of the HDPF was required and that this would commence within three years of its adoption. The Local Plan review is under way and the anticipated timetable is shown in the Local Development Scheme. The LDS was updated in September 2020 to reflect the updates to the programme for the production of this document, and to roll forward the Local Development Scheme to 2022.
- 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 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)
 - Nuthurst Neighbourhood Plan (2015)
 - Slinfold Neighbourhood Plan (2018)
 - Storrington & Sullington (with Washington) Neighbourhood Plan (2019)
 - Thakeham Neighbourhood Plan (2017)
 - Warnham Neighbourhood Plan (2019)
 - Wineham and Shermanbury Neighbourhood Plan (2017)
 - Woodmancote Neighbourhood Plan (2017).

¹ Report on the Examination into Horsham District Planning Framework (HDPF): 8 October 2016.
https://www.horsham.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/29684/Inspectors-Report.pdf

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 Plan² 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. Consequently Horsham District Council's Core Strategy (2007) and General Development Control Policies Document (2007) no longer apply in this area.

Site Allocations of Land (Gypsy and Travellers)

- 1.8 The previous LDS, which was published in January 2018, identified that the next 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, and September to October 2020); 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 2020-2022 there are no SPDs programmed for production.

² 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 2019 to December 2020 are set in Table 1.

Table 1 Evidence Documents April 2019- December 2020

Subject	Document	Date
Brownfield Land	Brownfield Land Register 2019 Brownfield Land Register 2020	December 2019 & 2020
Conservation	Sustainability Appraisal	February 2020
Duty to Cooperate	North West Sussex Statement of Common Ground	May 2020
Economic Development	Northern West Sussex Economic Growth Assessment	January 2020
Economic Development	Employment Site Assessment Report	February 2020
Environment	Sussex Air Quality Annual Status Report	June 2020
Environment	Local Air Quality Management Annual Status Report	June 2020
Flooding	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (Arun & Adur)	January 2020
Flooding	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (Upper Mole)	September 2020
Housing	Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment	January 2020
Housing	Northern West Sussex Housing Market Assessment	November 2019
Housing	Housing Site Assessment Report	February 2020
Infrastructure	Infrastructure Delivery Plan	January 2020
Landscape	Landscape Capacity Study	February 2020
Local Plan Review	Authority Monitoring Report 2019/20	December 2019
Local Plan Review	Built Up Area Boundary Review	February 2020
Local Plan Review	Secondary Settlements Review	February 2020
Local Plan Review	Local Development Scheme 2020-22	September 2020
Local Plan Review	Statement of Community Involvement	September 2020
Neighbourhood Planning	Storrington & Sullington and Washington Neighbourhood Plan	September 2019
Neighbourhood Planning	Warnham Neighbourhood Plan	June 2019

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 Local Plan review consultations and submissions into 2020/21. It is envisaged that an updated LDS will be published in 2021 and cover the period up to 2023.