



**Haverling**  
LONDON BOROUGH

**Local Development Scheme (LDS)  
2017-2019**

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## *Purpose of the LDS*

Local planning authorities are required to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

The purpose of the LDS is to set out the plans and policy documents that will be prepared by the London Borough of Havering and a timetable for their delivery.

This LDS replaces the most recent Havering LDS (2016) and sets out:

- The planning policy documents that Havering have already prepared
- The planning policy documents that Havering intend to produce
- The subject matter and geographical area of each of the proposed documents
- The timetable for the preparation of the documents over the next three years
- The opportunities for the local community and stakeholders to be involved in preparing planning policies by setting out an indicative timetable for the preparation of each document.

## *The plan making system*

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, together with related regulations and Government guidance, introduced a revised planning system based around the Local Development Framework. This has been subsequently amended by the Localism Act, revised Regulations and the National Planning Policy Framework which, amongst other things, refer to Local Plans rather than Local Development Frameworks.

### **Planning Policy**

In March 2012 the Government published its National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which sets out the planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. Alongside the NPPF, Planning Policy for Traveller Sites was published in 2012 which sets out specific planning policies in relation to Local Plan making and determining planning applications.

The London Plan 2015 (consolidated with alterations since 2011) is the statutory spatial development strategy for London and it forms part of the Development Plan for Havering.

As set out above, Local Development Frameworks are now being replaced with Local Plans. Havering's planning policy documents will include:

- The Havering Local Plan
- Supplementary Planning Documents
- Statement of Community Involvement
- Authority Monitoring Report
- Community Infrastructure Levy

## 2. HAVERING'S PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

### 2.1 *The Local Development Framework*

LB Havering has made good progress in bringing forward a number of important policy documents which form Havering's Local Development Framework (LDF). This includes Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents as listed below and set out in further detail in Appendix 1.

#### *DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS*

- Core Strategy (and Proposals Map) 2008
- Development Control Policies 2008
- Site Specific Allocations 2008
- Romford Area Action Plan 2008
- East London Joint Waste Development Plan 2012 (prepared jointly with LBs Barking and Dagenham, Newham and Redbridge who are members of the East London Waste Authority with Havering).

#### *SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS*

- Shop Front Design 2013
- Planning Obligations 2013
- Landscaping 2011
- Heritage 2011
- Residential Extensions and Alterations 2011
- Residential Design 2010
- Designing Safer Places 2010
- Protecting and Enhancing the Borough's Biodiversity 2010
- Protection of Trees During Development 2009
- Sustainable Design and Construction 2009
- Hall Lane Policy Area 2009
- Emerson Park Policy Area 2009

#### *OTHER PLANNING DOCUMENTS*

- Statement of Community Involvement 2015
- Authorities Monitoring Report (AMR) 2015/16 (latest version)
- Conservation Area Character Appraisals and Management Plans for each of the Boroughs Conservation Areas.
- Planning Advice Note: Proposals for Business and Employment within Industrial Areas (2013)
- Planning Advice Note : Commuted Sums and Affordable Housing (2017)

## **3. SCHEDULE OF PLANNING DOCUMENTS TO BE PREPARED**

### ***3.1 Overview of documents to be produced***

LB Havering was one of the first local authorities to take its borough-wide planning policies through to adoption as part of its LDF (Local Development Framework). The Core Strategy, Development Control Policies, Proposals Map, and Site Specific Allocations were all adopted in 2008. As set out in section 2, Local Development Frameworks have now been replaced with Local Plans.

The Council is now taking forward a new Local Plan which will guide future growth and development within the borough over the next 15 years up to 2031 and will help deliver the Council's new vision 'Havering – Making a Greater London'.

Initial (Regulation 18) consultation was undertaken in early 2015 and a Local Plan Direction of Travel document was published in late 2016.

A number of evidence base documents have been produced to support the development of the Local Plan. These are listed within section 3.2.

The Council is also progressing:

- a Site Specific Allocations Local Plan which will identify individual sites for specific uses that are intended to assist in delivering the priorities, objectives and strategy set out the overarching Local Plan; and
- a Community Infrastructure Levy which will set the rates for developer contributions towards the cost of supporting infrastructure.

The Council is in the process of reviewing existing Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) to determine which ones will need to be retained and updated, those which are no longer needed and any new SPDs that are needed.

The Localism Act introduced Neighbourhood Plans that can be produced by designated community forums. The Council has not received any applications to create a community forum and is unaware of any local communities seeking to produce a neighbourhood plan.

An indicative timetable for all document preparation / review is set out in Appendix 3.2.

## 3.2 Document Schedules

### HAVERING LOCAL PLAN

**Subject and Scope:** The Local Plan will set out policies which guide how and where development should take place up to 2031.

**Reason for preparation:** The key LDF documents were adopted in 2008 and are due for review. The Government has published the National Planning Policy Framework (2012) and the London Mayor published a London Plan in 2015 (consolidated with alterations since 2011).

**Status:** Development Plan Document

**Chain of Conformity:** Consistent with National Planning Policy (NPPF) and in general conformity with the London Plan

**Geographical Coverage:** Borough-wide

#### **Production Milestones:**

- Evidence Gathering: currently on-going
- Public consultation on issues and priorities (Regulation 18): Spring 2015
- Local Plan Direction of Travel document published: Winter 2016
- Public consultation on Proposed Submission version (Regulation 19): Summer 2017
- Submission: Autumn – Winter 2017
- Examination in Public: Winter 2017/18
- Formal Adoption: Spring 2018

#### **Evidence Base:**

The following evidence base and supporting documents have been prepared to support the Local Plan.

- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment – Level 1 (2016)
- Retail and Commercial Leisure Needs Assessment (2015)
- Employment Land Review (2015)
- Outer North East London Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and Update for Havering (2016)
- Open Space, Allotments, Sport and Recreation Needs Assessment (2016)
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2017)
- Viability Assessment (2017)
- Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2017)

- Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment (2017)
- Green Belt Study (2016)
- Local Plan Wind Resource Evidence Base (2016)
- Housing and Land Supply Position Statement (2017)
- Equalities Impact Assessment (2017)
- Health Impact Assessment (2017)
- Town Centre Position Paper (2017)
- Residential Car Parking Standards (2017)
- Transport Position Statement (2017)
- Havering Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC) Review (2017)

*Note: This list is not necessarily exhaustive. Other documents and strategies prepared by the Council and other stakeholders may also be used as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan.*

## **HAVERING SITE SPECIFIC ALLOCATIONS LOCAL PLAN**

**Subject and Scope:** This document will allocate specific development sites for particular uses.

**Reason for preparation:** The current Site Specific Allocations document was adopted in 2008 as part of the Local Development Framework and will need to be reviewed in light of the London Plan 2015, the National Planning Policy Framework and new Planning Regulations.

**Status:** Development Plan Document

**Chain of Conformity:** Consistent with National Planning Policy (NPPF) and in general conformity with the London Plan

**Geographical Coverage:** Borough-wide

### **Production Milestones:**

- Public consultation on issues and priorities (Regulation 18): Autumn 2017
- Public consultation on Proposed Submission version (Regulation 19): Spring/ Summer 2018
- Submission: – Summer/Autumn 2018
- Examination in Public: – Autumn/Winter 2018
- Formal Adoption: Winter 2018

## **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**

**Subject and Scope:** The Havering Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will set the rates for developer contributions that the Council will charge on new developments towards the cost of infrastructure.

**Status:** Local Development Document

**Chain of Conformity:** National Planning Policy and Planning Regulations and the Mayoral Community Infrastructure Levy

**Geographical Coverage:** Borough-wide

**Production Milestones:**

- Evidence gathering: 2013 onwards
- Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule document preparation: Summer / Autumn 2014
- Public consultation on Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule (PDCS): Spring 2015
- Public consultation on the Draft Charging Schedule (DCS): Summer 2017
- Submission to the Secretary of State: Autumn 2017
- Examination in Public: Winter 2017/18
- Adoption: Spring 2018

## **5. MONITORING AND REVIEW**

The Localism Act 2011 requires local authorities to prepare and publish an Authority Monitoring Report containing information on the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which the policies set out in the Local Development Framework or Local Plan are being achieved. This report was previously known as the Annual Monitoring Report and is published in January each year.

The Council will continue to prepare an Authorities Monitoring Report each year.



# APPENDICES

## APPENDIX I: ADOPTED DOCUMENTS AND REVIEW DATE

Document	Status	Description	Geographical Coverage	Chain of conformity/	Adoption date	Review
<b>Core Strategy</b>	Development Plan Document	Establishes the Council's vision, objectives and spatial strategy for the future development of the Borough and contains strategic policies.	Borough-wide	National Planning Policy, The London Plan and Havering's Sustainable Community Strategy	July 2008	Will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan (see page 6 for more details)
<b>Development Control Policies</b>	Development Plan Document	Provides detailed guidance on the criteria against which planning applications will be determined.	Borough-wide	National Planning Policy, The London Plan and Havering's Sustainable Community Strategy	October 2008	Will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan (see page 6 for details)
<b>Proposals Map</b>	Development Plan Documents	Provides a spatial representation of the policies in the Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPDs	Borough-wide	National Planning Policy, The London Plan and Havering's Sustainable Community Strategy	October 2008	Will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan (see page 6 for details)
<b>Site Specific Allocations</b>	Development Plan Document	Sets out the specific allocations for individual sites across the borough except for sites in Romford Town Centre which are identified in the Romford Area Action Plan and sites for waste management which are identified in the Joint Waste Development Plan Document.	Borough-wide	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD and Proposals Map	July 2008	Will be reviewed and replaced by a new Site Specific Allocations Local Plan (see page 7 for more details)
<b>Romford Area Action Plan</b>	Development Plan Document	Provides the planning framework for the future development and regeneration of Romford town centre up to 2020. It includes specific policies	Romford Town Centre – as defined on the Proposals Map 2008.	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD	October 2008	Will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan and the Site Specific Allocations Local Plan (see page 7 for more details)

		and site allocations relevant to Romford.				
<b>Joint Waste Development Plan</b>	Development Plan Document	The Joint Waste DPD sets proposals and policies for sustainable waste management for the four East London Waste Authority boroughs.	London Borough of Havering and the adjoining Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Newham and Redbridge	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD and the Proposals Map 2008.	February 2012	No review currently planned
<b>Statement of Community Involvement</b>	Local Development Document	Sets out how the community and other stakeholders will be involved in the preparation of future planning policy documents such as the Local Plan and in decision regarding planning applications.	Borough-wide		February 2015	No review currently planned
<b>Shop Front Design</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	Provides guidance to businesses, developers and the public on shop front and signage schemes and key issues to be considered in developing an appropriate design.	Borough-wide	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD and Romford Area Action Plan DPD.	June 2013	SPD will be reviewed following adoption of the Local Plan
<b>Planning Obligations</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	Sets out the Council's approach to planning obligations and sets a 'standard charge' for new residential development to ensure that development contributes financially towards the provision of required infrastructure and services.	Borough-wide	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD	February 2013	Will be replaced by the Havering Community Infrastructure Levy (see pages 7 for more details)
<b>Landscaping</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	Provides guidance on the implementation of those Core Strategy and Development Control policies which seek to promote and facilitate the creation of high quality landscapes as part of all developments and conserve and enhance the quality of Havering's landscape.	Borough-wide	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD	July 2011	SPD will be reviewed following adoption of the Local Plan
<b>Heritage</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	Seeks to ensure appropriate identification, protection, enhancement and management of Havering's heritage assets by	Borough-wide	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD	April 2011	SPD will be reviewed following adoption of the Local Plan

		providing additional guidance on the implementation of those Core Strategy and Development Control policies relating to heritage.				
<b>Residential Extensions and Alterations</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	Provides design guidance to ensure householder development is sympathetic to the existing property and the street scene and does not detrimentally affect the living conditions of neighbouring properties.	Borough-wide	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD	March 2011	SPD will be reviewed following adoption of the Local Plan
<b>Residential Design</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	Provides design guidance on the implementation of those Core Strategy and Development Control Policies relating to new residential development in order to improve the quality of new residential schemes.	Borough-wide	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD	April 2010	SPD will be reviewed following adoption of the Local Plan
<b>Designing Safer Places</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	Provides guidance on the implementation of Core Strategy and Development Control Policies setting out how crime prevention measures can be incorporated into a scheme from the start of the design process to create positive places where people are safe and feel safe.	Borough-wide	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD	February 2010	SPD will be reviewed following adoption of the Local Plan
<b>Protecting and Enhancing the Borough's Biodiversity</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	Provides guidance on how to protect and enhance existing biodiversity and seize opportunities for creating new biodiversity where opportunities arise particularly in new development proposals.	Borough-wide	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD	May 2009	SPD will be reviewed following adoption of the Local Plan
<b>Protection of Trees During Development</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	Providing guidance to ensure that the amenity and biodiversity value afforded by trees and woodland will be protected and improved. In particular, it seeks to ensure that adequate measures are put in place when	Borough-wide	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD	April 2009	SPD will be reviewed following adoption of the Local Plan

		granting planning permission to protect trees during construction works.				
<b>Sustainable Design and Construction</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	Provides further detail on the implementation of those Core Strategy and Development Control Policies focused on ensuring that new developments are built to a high standard of sustainable construction and design.	Borough-wide	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD	April 2009	SPD will be reviewed following adoption of the Local Plan
<b>Hall Lane Policy Area</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	Provides further detail on the implementation of Development Control Policy DC69 (Other Areas of Special Townscape or Landscape Character) which aims to maintain or enhance the special character of the Hall Lane Policy Area.	Hall Lane Policy Area as shown on the Proposals Map 2008.	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD	February 2009	SPD will be reviewed following adoption of the Local Plan
<b>Emerson Park Policy Area</b>	Supplementary Planning Document	Provides further detail on the implementation of Development Control Policy DC69 (Other Areas of Special Townscape or Landscape Character) which aims to maintain or enhance the special character of the Emerson Park Policy Area.	Emerson Park Policy Area as shown on the Proposals Map 2008.	Core Strategy and Development Control Policies DPD	February 2009	SPD will be reviewed following adoption of the Local Plan

## **APPENDIX II. GLOSSARY**

**Adoption** – The final confirmation of a Development Plan or Local Development Document status by a local planning authority.

**Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)** – The Localism Act 2011 requires local authorities to prepare and publish an Authority Monitoring Report containing information on the implementation of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the extent to which the policies set out in the Local Development Framework (LDF) or Local Plan documents are being achieved (previously known as Annual Monitoring Report).

**Conservation Area** – an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which is desirable to preserve or enhance.

**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** – A new levy that allows local authorities in England and Wales to raise funds from developers undertaking new building projects in their area.

**Core Strategy** – A Development Plan Document setting out the spatial vision and strategic objectives of the planning framework for an area, having regard to the Community Strategy

**Development Plan** – A document setting out the local planning authority's policies and proposals for the development and use of land and buildings in the authority's area. This includes adopted Local Plans, neighbourhood plans and the London Plan.

**Development Plan Document** – Statutory documents within the Local Development Framework which are subject to specified consultation periods and are subject to independent examination.

**Evidence Base** – The information and data gathered by local authorities to justify the "soundness" of the policy approach set out in Local Development Documents, including physical, economic, and social characteristics of an area.

**Independent Examination** – The process by which a planning inspector may publicly examine a Local Plan before issuing a binding report.

**Inspector's Report** – A report issued by a planning inspector regarding the planning issues debated at the independent examination of a development plan or a planning inquiry.

**Local Development Framework (LDF)** – A 'folder' of documents, which includes all the local planning authority's Local Development Documents.

**Local Development Scheme (LDS)** – The local planning authorities scheduled plan for the preparation of Local Development Documents.

**Local Plan** – The plan for the future development of the local area, drawn up by the local planning authority in consultation with the community

**London Plan** – The Spatial Development Strategy prepared by the Greater London Authority (GLA) for the strategic planning of the Greater London area. The London Plan forms part of the Development Plan for the Borough.

**National Planning Policy Framework** – (replaces previous Planning Policy Statements and Planning Policy Guidance)

**Statement of Community Involvement** – The Statement of Community Involvement sets out the processes to be used by the local authority in involving the community and other stakeholders in the preparation, alteration and continuing review of all Local Development Documents and Development Control decisions.

**Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)** – Documents which add further detail to the policies in the Local Plan. They can be used to provide further guidance for development on specific sites, or on particular issues, such as design. Supplementary Planning Documents are capable of being a material consideration in planning decisions but are not part of the Development Plan.