

**HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**LOCAL PLAN**  
**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**  
**October 2017**

## Introduction

A Local Development Scheme (LDS) is required under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). The LDS sets out the timetable for the production of the Local Development Documents (LDDs) which make up the Council's Local Plan. The LDS must include certain types of LDDs, namely Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The LDS must be made available publically and kept up-to-date. This LDS updates the version of the document which was adopted by Hambleton District Council and came into effect on 15 December 2015.

## Current Local Development Documents

In the system which was brought in under the 2004 Act, the Local Plan was known as the Local Development Framework (LDF). Under the LDF the Council produced and adopted a full suite of DPDs and a SCI. These documents are listed below:

**Core Strategy DPD** – Adopted 2 April 2007

**Development Policies DPD** – Adopted 26 February 2008

**Allocations DPD** – Adopted 21 December 2010

**Proposals Map DPD** – Adopted 21 December 2010

**Statement of Community Involvement** – Adopted 23 July 2013

Under the LDF the Council also produced the following additional LDDs known as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):

**Affordable Housing SPD** – Adopted 24 June 2008 (now revoked)

**Sustainable Development SPD** – Adopted 22 September 2009 (now revoked)

**Domestic Extensions SPD** – Adopted 22 December 2009

**Conservation Area Appraisals SPDs** – Adopted 21 December 2010

**Open Space, Sport and Recreation SPD** – Adopted 22 February 2011

**Osmotherley and Thimbleby Village Design Statement SPD** – Adopted 2011

The Council also produces the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR), which charts the performance of policies and programmes laid out in the adopted LDF documents; and a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), which identifies a deliverable 5 year housing land supply.

## Neighbourhood Planning

The Council has a duty to assist and is committed to working with communities to bring forward Neighbourhood Plans, which will help to deliver real benefits to those communities. When adopted Neighbourhood Plans form part of the statutory development plan for Hambleton area alongside the Local Plan. The Council has been working with six Parish Councils which now have designated Neighbourhood Plan areas:-

- Appleton Wiske<sup>1</sup>
- Huby
- Easingwold
- Ingleby Arncliffe
- Stokesley
- Hutton Rudby

It is anticipated that other local communities will commence work on Neighbourhood Plans during the Local Plan preparation period.

## New Local Plan

The NPPF 2012 states that each Local Planning Authority should produce a Local Plan for its area. An up to date Local Plan is essential to meeting the development needs of the District. Government Advice is now to prepare a Local Plan as a single document rather than a suite of documents as with the existing Local Development Framework. In view of the NPPF and the need for an up to date Plan, in October 2013 Council Members agreed the scope of a partial review of the LDF, called the Local Plan Focussed Review (LPFR). Evidence base work was commissioned and published on Affordable Housing Viability, Objectively Assessed Housing Need, Economic Development, Employment Land Review and Retail and Town Centre Uses. Through the LPFR the following documents have also been published:

- **Affordable Housing SPD** – Adopted 7 April 2015 (replaces 2008 edition)
- **Sustainable Development SPD** – Adopted 7 April 2015 (replaces 2009 edition)
- **Interim Policy Guidance Note (Development in Rural Settlements)** – Adopted for Development Management Purposes 7 April 2015
- **Size, Type and Tenure of New Homes SPD** – Adopted 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015
- **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** – Published 7 April 2015 (partially replaces some of the financial contributions required under the Open Space, Sport & Recreation SPD. This SPD is due to be revised as part of the new Local Plan).

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<sup>1</sup> Appleton Wiske Neighbourhood Plan Group have confirmed they are no longer going to proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan.

On 16 September 2014 Council agreed to proceed with a new Local Plan, to completely replace the existing Local Development Framework along with documents produced under the Local Plan Focussed Review (LPFR). A further report to Council on 7 April 2015 approved the scope of the new Local Plan.

The new Local Plan will have a Plan Period running from April 2018 to the year 2035. The current timetable for document preparation will see the new Local Plan adopted in late 2018, giving a Plan Period of 16 years. The chart at appendix 1 outlines the detailed timetable for the production of the Local Plan.

## Evidence Gathering

The NPPF states that Local Plans should be based on an up to date and robust evidence base. Some of the evidence gathering has been carried out as part of the Local Plan Focussed Review, however this will need updating to cover the extended Plan Period to 2035. To support the new Local Plan a number of key pieces of evidence have been produced whilst further evidence gathering is underway as outlined below.

### List of technical evidence completed

- Economic Development Study
- Employment Land Review
- Landscape Character Assessment and Sensitivity Study
- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (reviewed annually)
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment
- Retail and Leisure Study
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
- Gypsy, Traveller and Showpeople Assessment
- Transport Plan
- Settlement Character Studies
- Recreation and Open Space Study

### Evidence underway

- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Sustainability Assessment/Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Transport Modelling Work
- Local Plan Viability
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- CIL Draft Charging Schedule
- Heritage Impact Assessments

## Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment

The Local Plan must be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA); and any Supplementary Planning Documents which are produced or revised must be screened to see if they require SA/SEA. As part of the new Local Plan therefore, a full SA/SEA will be carried out along with screening for any SPDs that need to be revised.

## Consultation/Community Engagement

The Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), which was adopted in July 2013, sets out how people and organisations can get involved in planning. Part three of the SCI, titled 'Influencing the Local Plan and Planning Policy', sets out how and when the Council will engage with people and communities as part of the preparation of its Plans and Policies. Throughout the preparation of the Local Plan the Council will consult with individuals, local communities, interest groups, businesses and statutory bodies. The responses to these consultations will be reviewed by the Council and considered in full, informing the Local Plan as necessary, before a final version is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination. For more information on the SCI visit [hambleton.gov.uk/sci](http://hambleton.gov.uk/sci).

## Duty to Cooperate

The Localism Act 2011 placed a duty to cooperate on Local Planning Authorities, requiring them to cooperate with neighbouring authorities and other bodies with which they share strategic cross-boundary issues. This cooperation should be seen as a key collaborative thread running through the entire plan making process. Hambleton will continue to fulfil its duty in the following ways:

- It will consult with adjoining planning authorities on the preparation of its plans and policies from the initial stages and on studies which will form the evidence base that will underpin those plans.
- It will respond to consultations from other adjoining planning authorities and North Yorkshire County Council on the preparation of their policy documentation and evidence base gathering.
- It will continue to engage with other Local Planning Authorities and statutory bodies through participation of the following strategic planning forums:

- Tees Valley Development Plan Officer's Forum
- North Yorkshire and York Spatial Planning and Transport Board
- North Yorkshire Development Plans Forum
- North Yorkshire and East Riding Directors of Development
- North Yorkshire Heads of Development
- York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership

The Council will also continue to work in a collaborative way with other local planning authorities and statutory bodies.

**Geographical Area Covered by the Local Plan:**



