



The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

Local Development Scheme – 2016 - 2019

Effective from May 2016

## **Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Development Scheme 2016**

### **Introduction**

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Planning Act 2008 and Localism Act 2011) requires a Local Planning Authority to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). An LDS sets out a timetable for the production of new or revised Development Plan Documents (such as a Local Plan) by the Local Planning Authority.

This 2016 LDS sets out a planning work programme for the Council over a three year period to 2019. It is intended to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016. The LDS will be regularly reviewed to keep it up to date.

### **Background to Plan Making**

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) defines the Local Plan as the plan for the future development of the local area. This is the document referred to as the Borough Local Plan (BLP.) The BLP can be reviewed in part or in whole to respond flexibly to changing circumstances. Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) should only be used where they can either help applicants make successful applications or where they would aid the delivery of infrastructure. SPDs should not add unnecessarily to the financial burdens on development. This LDS contains details of the production timetable of the BLP and in addition provides details of the SPDs that are intended to be produced.

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (As amended) requires RBWM to up date the LDS, to keep a copy of any amendments and provide up to date information about compliance with the published timetable. The Borough Local Plan is currently (May 2016) on track to be produced in line with the timetable outlined in this LDS.

## **Current Development Plan Documents**

The current adopted Development Plan Documents for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead are:

- Saved policies of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Plan (2003)
- Maidenhead Town Centre Area Action Plan (2011)
- Ascot, Sunninghill and Sunningdale Neighbourhood Plan (2014)
- Saved South East Plan Policy NRM6: Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (2009)
- The Replacement Minerals Local Plan (Incorporating the Alterations Adopted in December 1997 and May 2001).
- The Waste Local Plan for Berkshire (adopted December 1998).

## **New Development Plan Documents in preparation**

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Plan is currently in the process of being replaced, as confirmed by this Local Development Scheme. It is anticipated that the emerging Borough Local Plan will be adopted in 2017 following examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State.

A Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan is being prepared with other Berkshire Unitary Authorities. This will replace the existing Replacement Minerals Local Plan 1997/2000), and the Waste Local Plan for Berkshire (1998).

A Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan will be prepared following the adoption of the Borough Local Plan in 2017.

## **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**

The RBWM SCI was adopted in June 2006 and can be found [here](#):

[http://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/downloads/download/148/statement\\_of\\_community\\_involvement\\_documents](http://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/downloads/download/148/statement_of_community_involvement_documents)

As there have been a number of significant changes to planning policy, guidance and legislation it is also intended to update the SCI and a timetable to that effect is included within this LDS.

### **Other Documents**

As stated it is intended to produce a number of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) to help illustrate how policies should be implemented and to aid applicants in making successful planning applications. The list of SPDs is as follows, and will be updated each year as the LDS is updated:

- Housing Delivery SPD
- Heritage Strategy SPD
- Visitor Strategy SPD
- Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area SPD
- CIL/Planning Contributions/Infrastructure SPD
- Parking SPD
- Borough Wide Design Guide SPD
- Development and Flood Risk SPD

## Development Plan Documents to be produced

Document Title	Subject matter and geographical area	Chain of conformity	Consultation	Publication of Submission Draft DPD and Public Consultation	Submission and Examination of DPD	Adoption and Publication of DPD	Policies it will replace
Borough Local Plan	<p>Sets out the vision, objectives and spatial strategy. Allocated sites are illustrated on a Policies Map. Also sets out Development Management policies which will be used to assess planning applications.</p> <p>Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.</p>	Conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework.	<p>First Preferred Options Consultation: Spring 2014.</p> <p>Summer consultation: July 2015</p>	August/September 2016	<p>Submission in September 2016</p> <p>Examination period September 2016 – March 2017</p>	June 2017	All remaining saved policies of the Local Plan (2003) except NRM6 which deals with the Thames Basin Heaths SPA.

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Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Local Plan	<p>Sets pitch and plot targets, and identifies necessary sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. This will be informed by the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment</p> <p>Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.</p>	Conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework.	<p>Issues and Options consultation May/June 2017.</p> <p>Draft Plan consultation March/April 2018</p>	July/August 2018/2018	<p>Submission September 2018</p> <p>Examination period September December 2018</p>	March 2019	

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Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan	Sets out the policies on minerals and waste across the geographical area of the partner authorities	Conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework	Dates to be confirmed in consultation with other Berkshire Unitary Authorities				Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire, Waste Local Plan for Berkshire

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## Appendix 1 – Supplementary Planning Documents to be produced

Document Title	Subject matter and geographical area	Chain of conformity/Governance	Consultation	Publication
Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area SPD	The SPD sets standards for how new residential developments will be expected to avoid and mitigate impact on the SPA. Covers those parts of the Borough within the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area in the parishes of Old Windsor, Sunninghill and Ascot and Sunningdale	LPWG Cabinet	6 weeks Jan-Feb 2017	July 2010 needs updating after the Avoidance Strategy is updated and to include SANG at Allen's Field – Adoption Immediately post adoption of the Borough Local Plan – July 2017
Community Infrastructure Levy/Planning Contributions SPD	This will provide further details of the contributions from both CIL and Section 106 Legal Agreements that will be expected from developers to mitigate the impact of the proposed development. Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.	LPWG Cabinet CIL Charging Schedule Adoption – Full Council	6 weeks Jan- Feb 2017*	April 2017* Dependant on receipt of Examiner's Report recommending adoption
Visitor Strategy SPD	This will provide a framework for the delivery of the Royal Borough's	LPWG Cabinet	6 weeks July- Aug 2017	October 2017

	visitor services .Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.			
Heritage Strategy SPD	This will provide a framework for how the heritage and heritage assets of the Royal Borough will be preserved, enhanced and promoted. Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.	LPWG Cabinet	6 weeks September- October 2017	December 2017
Housing and Accommodation Delivery SPD	Delivery of affordable housing, specialist forms of housing including care homes. Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.	LPWG O&S Cabinet	October to Mid November 2016	Immediately post adoption of the Borough Local Plan – July 2017
Parking SPD	This will provide more detail on parking matters and guidance on the implementation of parking policy. It also provides parking standards that new development will be expected to meet. Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.	LPWG Cabinet	6 weeks Mid July – August 2016	Immediately post adoption of the Borough Local Plan – July 2017
Borough Wide Design Guide SPD	It sets out the Royal Borough's expectations for design standards	LPWG Cabinet	6 weeks June- July 2017	September 2017

	in new development. Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.			
Development and Flood Risk SPD	Sets out further guidance relating to domestic extensions and alterations. Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.	LPWG Cabinet	6 weeks September – October 2017	January 2018

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Statement of Community Involvement	Details how the community and stakeholders will be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of all local plan documents, as well as the consideration of planning applications. Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.	LPWG Cabinet Full Council	6 weeks June-July	September 2016