

Daventry District Council

Local Development Scheme

2019 - 2020

With effect from 6th December 2019



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1. Introduction

- 1.1 A local development scheme (LDS) must be prepared under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. An LDS is essentially a project plan which identifies (among other matters) the development plan documents which, when adopted, will make up the local plan for the area. It must be made publicly available and kept up-to-date. This enables the public and stakeholders to find out about planning policies in their area, the status of those policies, and the details of and timescales for production of all relevant documents.
- 1.2 The scheme covers the period from December 2019 to March 2020.
- 1.3 LDSs are required to specify:
- The development plan documents (local plans) to be produced over the period from the date it comes into effect (see Appendices A and B).
 - Resources and management arrangements.
 - How monitoring and review of the LDS will take place.
- 1.4 The guidance advises that LDS's should:
- Provide the District Council's public statement of documents that will be prepared to guide development at the local level.
 - Enable the District Council to prioritise and plan resources for the preparation of development plan documents.
 - Provide a timetable for the preparation and review of development plan documents.
15. This LDS sits alongside the joint LDS adopted by this Council, Northampton Borough Council and South Northamptonshire Council dealing with the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan.

2. Planning context and relevant documents

Development Plan documents

- 2.1 A number of planning documents are already in place to guide the Council's decisions on planning applications. Together these form the existing adopted development plan for Daventry District. As they are already in use, they are not part of the formal LDS schedule set out in Appendix A, which deals with the only new document (the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan) that is being prepared by DDC to replace or supplement them. However, they are included below in order to provide a complete picture of the planning policy documents which apply in Daventry District.

West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (2011 – 2029)

- 2.2 The West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (WNJCS) was adopted in December 2014. It is a planning document prepared by the West Northamptonshire Joint Committee covering Northampton Borough, South Northamptonshire and Daventry District. Prepared on behalf of and with input from the three local authorities and Northamptonshire County Council, it provides a long term vision, objectives and sets out an overall, urban focused spatial strategy for development across the area. The WNJCS will therefore inform the content of further local development plan documents for Daventry District. This document will be replaced, at least in part, by the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan.

West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan

- 2.3 Work on the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan is at an early stage. The programme for the production of this is set out in the West Northamptonshire Joint LDS which can be seen [here](#).

Daventry District Local Plan (1997) Saved Policies

- 2.4 The Daventry District Local Plan (DDLDP) was adopted in 1997 to cover the period up to 2006. A number of its policies were saved by Direction of the Secretary of State in 2007 and, with the exception of those that have been replaced by policies in the WNJCS, remain extant. The policies reflect long standing planning policy in the District. On adoption of the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan all of the saved policies will be replaced.

Neighbourhood Development Plans

2.5 The District Council supports the development of neighbourhood development plans that will form part of the development plan for Daventry District. At the time of writing 27 neighbourhood areas have been designated. These are for:

- Badby
- Barby and Onley
- Braunston
- Brixworth
- Charwelton (Area and Forum)
- Clipston
- Creaton
- Crick Commercial
- Crick Village
- East Haddon
- Flore
- Guilsborough
- Harlestone
- Kilsby
- Lamport and Hanging Houghton
- Maidwell with Draughton
- Moulton
- Norton
- Overstone
- Pitsford
- Spratton
- Staverton
- Weedon
- Welford
- Welton
- West Haddon
- Woodford

2.6 Of the areas that have been designated, fourteen neighbourhood development plans have been made:

- Badby
- Barby and Onley
- Braunston
- Brixworth
- Crick Village
- Flore
- Guilsborough
- Kilsby
- Moulton
- Spratton
- Welford
- Welton
- West Haddon
- Woodford

An up-to-date position on neighbourhood development plans is available on the Council's [website](#). To meet the basic conditions neighbourhood development plans are required to demonstrate general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan, which currently consists of the saved policies of the DDLP and the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, but from adoption of the Part 2 plan, will consist of it and the WNJCS. It will be necessary to ensure effective dialogue with groups responsible for producing neighbourhood development plans to ensure the plans complement each other where possible and to provide clarity for decision making in the District.

Other Related Planning documents

Supplementary Planning Documents

- 2.7 There is a range of emerging and adopted supplementary planning documents that add further detail to policies in the local plan. Those that will be taken forward to 2029 are set out in section 3.

Statement of Community Involvement

- 2.8 In addition a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) must show how the Council intends to involve the community in plan preparation and planning decision making. The SCI does not itself form part of the development plan. The most recent SCI for Daventry District was adopted in May 2017.

Authority's Monitoring Report

- 2.9 To ensure that plans and policies are shown to be effective, an authority's monitoring report (AMR) must also be prepared to record progress on implementing the development plan and how new development and change taking place in the previous year has contributed to achieving its targets. Since 2009 the AMR for Daventry District has been incorporated within a combined monitoring report for the Joint Core Strategy prepared by the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit (the 'Authorities' Monitoring Report').

Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal

- 2.10 The part 2 plan is being subjected to a sustainability appraisal (SA) at all stages of its preparation. SA meets the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive. The main purpose of SA is to appraise the social, environmental and economic effects of strategies and policies from the outset of the preparation process, so that decisions can be made that accord with the objectives of sustainable development.

3. Outline of the Local Development Scheme

Development Plan Documents

- 3.1 The District Council proposes to adopt one development plan document within the period covered by this scheme. This is the Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2).
- 3.2 Appendix A is a simple Gantt chart providing an overview of the timetable and project management for preparing this Local Plan. Appendix B sets out, in more detail, a schedule of the Local Plan to be prepared by Daventry District Council, together with its roles, relationship to existing development plan documents and the main milestones to adoption.
- 3.3 Following adoption of the Part 2 Local Plan the development plan for Daventry District will comprise of the following¹;

West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan (Part 1)

Adopted in December 2014, the WNJCS provides the strategic planning policy framework and spatial development strategy for the district over the period 2011-2029. All other local plans and neighbourhood development plans should be in conformity to and enable the delivery of the Core Strategy and its vision. However, a new local plan can supersede a policy in an existing local plan if it states that it is doing so and identifies the policy to be superseded.

Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2)

The Part 2 Local Plan sets out clear local policies, standards and criteria against which all proposals for development and change of use of land and buildings in Daventry District will be assessed and to inform decisions on planning applications made in the period to 2029. This will also include establishing a settlement hierarchy and allocations of land to meet identified development needs established in the WNJCS and set out needs, policies, standards and criteria related to sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. The Part 2 Local Plan is programmed for adoption in July 2019.

Neighbourhood development plans

As set out at paragraph 2.5 a number of neighbourhood areas are designated within Daventry District. In some neighbourhood areas a neighbourhood development plan has been 'made'. Plans within the neighbourhood areas are progressing at different

¹ Subject to all saved policies in the Daventry District Local Plan 1997 being replaced

rates. Following a successful referendum, once they are 'made' they will form part the development plan for Daventry District.

Minerals and Waste Local Plan

The Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan was adopted on 1st October 2014 and covers the period 2011 to 2031.

Supplementary Planning Documents

- 3.4 The following documents are being considered for preparation or further review over the period to July 2020 to supplement the development plan documents listed above.

Housing Supplementary Planning Document

Adopted in July 2016 with a further update in July 2017 and will be reviewed following adoption of the Part 2 Local Plan.

Infrastructure and Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document

This document will be reviewed following adoption of the Part 2 Local Plan. This will include formal inclusion of changes following the introduction of CIL on 1st September 2015.

- 3.5 In addition to the above further Supplementary Planning Documents may be required and this position will be kept under review. Moreover there is additional Supplementary Guidance which is not specified in this Local Development Scheme but that may be used as part of the decision making process. These are listed on the Council's website under [Planning Policy/Supplementary planning documents and guidance and planning briefs](#).

4. Project Management and Resources

- 4.1 The broad resources and management arrangements for the part 2 local plan are set out within the profile at Appendix B. Staff resources will come primarily from the Local Strategy Service but there will be significant involvement of other Officers across the District Council and assistance from the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit and Northamptonshire County Council. The use of external resources will also be necessary, such as specialist consultants to prepare evidence.
- 4.2 The Local Strategy service, led by the Local Strategy Manager, includes policy officers who specialise in planning and housing (including affordable housing), partnership working and technical and administrative support. Its principal task is to prepare strategy documents for the Council and monitor their implementation.
- 4.3 The progress of the plan will involve the input of Council members. There will be continual input through the Member Steering Group and formal consultation documents will be approved by full Council following consideration at Strategy Group.

5. Monitoring and Review

5.1 The following factors will be assessed on an ongoing basis and formally reported in the Authorities' Monitoring Report:

- Progress against specified milestones for each development plan document and supporting document.
- Reasons for any progress issues and necessary actions.
- Any new technical information that warrants changes or review.
- The impact of any other reviews e.g. the Corporate Strategic Plan or Community Strategy.
- Any other unforeseen circumstances that may have occurred.

Appendix A: Overall Local Development Document Timetable 2019 - 2020

Document	2015												2016												2017												2018												2019												2020											
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Appendix B: Local Plan Part 2 Profile

Name of development plan document	Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part 2)
Purpose	To set out clear local policies, standards and criteria against which all proposals for development and change of use of land and buildings in Daventry District will be assessed, including determining applications related to sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople, to inform decisions on planning applications made in the period to 2029. This will also include establishing a settlement hierarchy and allocations to deliver the identified development needs established in the WNJCS and provide updated evidence on the accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling showpeople. Regarding the Northampton Related Development Area and its housing requirement, it is not within the scope of the plan to plan for development that meets the needs of Northampton (outside the SUE's that have already been allocated).
Status	Development plan document (local plan)
Geographical Coverage	Daventry District
Chain of Conformity	<p>It must be in conformity with the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy except where it states it is superseding a Core Strategy Policy.</p> <p>Must have regard to the National Planning Policy Framework, the Communities and Local Government Planning Policy for Traveller Sites and National Planning Practice Guidance.</p>
Duty to Cooperate implications	<p>The plan has been based on cooperation with all adjoining local authorities and other key stakeholders listed in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. This included (but not exclusively) the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rugby Borough Council • Harborough District Council • The North Northamptonshire Joint Planning unit and its partner local authorities • Northampton Borough Council • South Northamptonshire District Council • Northamptonshire County Council • Stratford-on-Avon District Council

Time Period	To 2029
Review timescale	Annual monitoring
Key target milestones/completion dates	
Commencement of preparation process	Originally commenced in July 2012 and resumed in October 2015.
Consultation on Issues and Options (including Regulation 18 consultation)	January 2016 to February 2016 – already undertaken
Consultation on draft document (also part of Regulation 18)	November 2017 to January 2018
Proposed submission consultation	August 2018 to October 2018
Submission to Secretary of State	December 2018
Commencement of the examination	January 2019
Adoption	February 2020
Parts of Daventry District Local Plan (1997) replaced	When adopted it will replace the remaining saved policies of the 1997 Daventry District Local Plan.
Main resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Strategy Manager • Principal Policy officer (Planning) • 3 x Senior Policy Officer (Planning) • 1 x Senior Policy Officer (Housing) • West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit