



Local Development Scheme

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1 Introduction

The importance of the development plan

- 1.1 The development plan is at the heart of the planning system and the starting point for all planning decisions. There is a requirement in law that planning decisions must be taken in line with the development plan unless “material considerations” indicate otherwise.
- 1.2 Our Local Plan sets out our vision and a framework for future development across the Borough. It is an essential tool as the Council seeks to address the effects of climate change and inequalities made so clear by the terrible events of the Grenfell Tower tragedy. The global pandemic since early 2020 has also resulted in other challenges, such as negative impacts upon the local economy, that updated planning policies can help to address. As such it is essential that all of our planning policy documents are kept up to date.

The Local Development Scheme

- 1.3 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)¹ requires that Local Planning Authorities prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS provides information on the documents that the Council intends to produce and it sets out the timetable for their production.
- 1.4 The LDS is designed to help our local communities and all our partners interested in development and the use of land and buildings in the Borough to understand what planning documents the Council intends to produce.

2 Kensington and Chelsea’s existing planning policy framework

- 2.1 Kensington and Chelsea’s existing development plan is currently made up of the following adopted documents:
 - The London Plan (2021)
 - The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Local Plan (September 2019)
 - The St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Plan (2018)
 - The Norland Neighbourhood Plan. (2013)
- 2.2 All these documents have been prepared in accordance with statutory processes, which include public examination held by a government appointed Planning Inspector or, in the case of neighbourhood plans, examination by an independent examiner.
- 2.3 Supplementary planning documents (SPDs) provide further information and guidance on the operation of the Council's planning policies. They are subject to public consultation and are capable of being a material consideration in planning decisions. However, they are not subject to an independent examination and

¹ [Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004](#)

therefore do not have the same weight in planning decisions as local plan documents or the London Plan. A list of our adopted SPDs can be found on the Council's [website](#).

- 2.4 The Council's [Statement of Community Involvement](#) 2020 (SCI) sets out how we will involve local people, local businesses and other key organisations and stakeholders in the preparation, alteration and review of our planning documents and in planning decisions. The production of all the Council's planning documents will be in accordance with the commitments set out within the SCI.
- 2.5 The Council does not need to consult on the LDS itself, and we no longer need to submit it to the Mayor of London or to the Secretary of State.

3 Kensington and Chelsea's future planning policy framework

- 3.1 The main planning policy documents that the Council intends to prepare during the period covered by this Local Development Scheme are:
 - The New Local Plan Review
 - Lots Road South Design Brief
- 3.2 In addition, we intend to complete the production of the Conservation Area Appraisals (CAAs) for the Kensal Cemetery, Brompton Cemetery, Hans Town and the Edwards Square/ Scarsdale and Abingdon Conservation Areas. We will also produce a series of Conservation Area Management Plans (CAMPs) to help shape the nature of development within the Borough's Conservation Areas.
- 3.3 The LDS does not include the details for the production of the few remaining CAAs or for the CAMPs. Further details and will be available on the [Council's website](#).
- 3.4 The Council also publishes the [Brownfield Register](#) every year. In addition, we publish an annual Infrastructure Funding Statement. Both are/ will be available on the Council's website. Whilst these are "planning documents" they do not shape development in the same way as the Local Plan or an SPD. As such we have decided not to include them as part of the LDS.

The LDS and Neighbourhood Plans

- 3.5 There is no requirement to list Neighbourhood Plans in the LDS as these are documents published by the community rather than the Council. Any timescales will be for the relevant Neighbourhood Forum to decide on.
- 3.6 The latest information on Neighbourhood Planning in the Borough is available on the Council's [planning policy web pages](#).

Monitoring

- 3.7 The progress made on the production of the development plan documents and

the other key planning documents is monitored on a yearly basis within the Council's Monitoring Report. This can be viewed on the [Council's website](#).

4 The Local Development Scheme

4.1 The LDS has two parts:

- The Local Plan. This is the only document which the Council will be producing which will become part of the Borough's development plan;
- Other documents. These include the SPDs and development briefs being drafted by the Council, as appropriate. We are not required by legislation to include these, but have chosen to do so given their importance for the planning of the area.

4.2 This LDS will be updated as and when necessary.

Local Plan documents ('Development Plan Documents' or 'DPDs')

Title, subject matter and geographical area	Issues Paper	Issues and Options	Draft Policies	Publication	Submission and Examination	Adoption	Key risks and dependencies
	Pre-Regulation 18		Regulation 18	Regulation 19	Regulation 22 to 25	Regulation 26	
<p>New Local Plan Review</p> <p>Borough-wide</p> <p>The New Local Plan Review (NLPR) will include both spatial and detailed policies and site allocations.</p> <p>It will set out a vision and a framework for future development for the Borough, addressing needs and opportunities for housing, the economy, social and community facilities, transport, addressing the climate change emergency, securing good design conserving historic environment and providing necessary infrastructure to support development.</p>	<p>Autumn 2020 (Issues)</p> <p>Completed</p>	<p>Summer 2021 (Issues and Options)</p> <p>Completed</p>	<p>February – March 2022 (Draft Policies)</p>	<p>Summer/ Autumn 2022 (Publication Policies)</p>	<p>Autumn 2022/ early 2023 (Submission Policies)</p> <p>Examination date decided by the Planning Inspectorate</p>	<p>Expected Summer 2023.</p> <p>Will be confirmed by Planning Inspector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government planning reforms e.g. updated NPPF, changes to the planning system. • Staff and resources • Joint working with other Councils through the Duty to Cooperate • Planning Inspectorate resources and timetabling

Other documents

Title, subject matter and geographical area	Timetable for preparation and revision			Key risks and dependencies
	First consultation	Second consultation	Adoption	
<p>Lots Road South Design Brief</p> <p>A development brief to help shape the nature of development on site at Lots Road (Crown Wharf and 63,65/69 and 71/73 Lots Road, SW10 0RN)</p>	Consultation of draft site brief January 2022	N/A	Spring 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocation of existing car compound • Incorporation of existing uses and 65 extra care homes • Site remediation and decontamination • Consideration of adjacent heritage assets • Cross borough boundary issues as the site sits partially with LBHF



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