

# Local Development Scheme 2018/2019

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 A Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a 'live' project plan that sets out the timescales for preparing the new planning policy documents. Local planning authorities are required to prepare a LDS under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011)<sup>1</sup>. The LDS sets out the documents that will be prepared by London Borough of Barking and Dagenham as part of the Development Plan for the borough.
- 1.2 The current Development Plan for the borough is comprised of the London Plan, the adopted Local Development Framework (see Table 1 below) and the Joint Waste Development Plan. The council also has its own Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule, in addition to the Mayor of London's CIL.
- 1.3 A review of the LDS was undertaken in 2019 in order to amend the timetable for the preparation of the new Local Plan. It replaced the LDS adopted in 2015 and will be kept up to date as frequently as is necessary so that local communities and interested parties can keep track of progress of the documents which, when prepared, will comprise the Local Plan for the borough.
- 1.4 A further update in July 2020 has been undertaken, to bring up to date the schedule of Masterplan documents (see Appendix 2) as well as the Local Plan timetable (See Appendix 1).

## 2. The Current Development Plan

- 2.1 Along with the London Plan, the statutory Development Plan for the borough is currently made up of the following documents for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. All planning applications must be determined in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

**Table 1 The statutory Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Documents**

	<b>Adopted Development Plan Documents:</b>	<b>Adoption Date:</b>
1	Core Strategy	July 2010
2	Site Specific Allocations	December 2010
3	Barking Town Centre Area Action Plan	February 2011
4	Borough Wide Development Policies	March 2011
5	Proposals Map	February 2012
6	Joint Waste Development Plan*	February 2012

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/section/111/enacted>

<b>Adopted Supplementary Planning Documents:</b>		
<b>1</b>	Hot Food Takeaways	July 2010
<b>2</b>	Biodiversity: How biodiversity can be protected and enhanced in the development process	February 2012
<b>3</b>	Trees and Development	February 2012
<b>4</b>	Residential Extensions and Alterations	February 2012
<b>5</b>	Barking Station Masterplan	February 2012
<b>6</b>	Last Orders? Preserving public houses	September 2014

\* A new Joint Waste Development Plan will be prepared in conjunction with neighbouring boroughs; timescales to be confirmed.

- 2.2 The existing Local Plan (formally the Local Development Framework) will continue to form the Development Plan alongside the London Plan and the Joint Waste Plan until the new Local Plan is adopted by the council. Once it is adopted the Development Plan will consist of the new Local Plan, the London Plan and the Joint Waste Development Plan.
- 2.3 It will incorporate guidance currently set out in most of the supplementary planning documents. The guidance set within some of these documents will be incorporated into the Local Plan as listed in Table 2 below:

**Table 2 Status of adopted Supplementary Planning Documents**

<b>Biodiversity SPD</b>	To be replaced by forthcoming Local Plan
<b>Trees and Development SPD</b>	To be replaced by forthcoming Local Plan
<b>Hot Food Takeaways SPD</b>	To be replaced by forthcoming Local Plan
<b>Residential Extensions and Alterations SPD 2012</b>	To be replaced by forthcoming Local Plan
<b>Barking Station Masterplan SPD 2012</b>	To be replaced by forthcoming Local Plan
<b>Last Orders? Preserving Public Houses SPD 2014</b>	To be replaced by forthcoming Local Plan

### **3. The Emerging Local Plan**

- 3.1 Barking and Dagenham is preparing its emerging Local Plan to focus on delivering the council’s Vision “One borough; One community; London’s growth opportunity” over the next 15 years.
- 3.2 The council previously consulted on the Issues and Options document between October 2015 and January 2016. The consultation document can be found [here](#).

- 3.3 Since the consultation concluded, the council has established a new regeneration company – Be First, on 1st October 2017. Be First<sup>2</sup> is engaged by the council, to undertake, inter alia, the preparation of planning policy documentation. The council continues to exercise its statutory duties and powers as a Local Planning Authority (LPA), including the approval of all planning policy documentation. There have been changes to the Local Plan production timetable (**See Appendix 1**). Another Local Plan consultation was carried out between November 2019 and February 2020. Details can be found [here](#).
- 3.4 Following the previous consultation, the plan period has also been updated from “2015-2030” to “2019-2037” in order to be consistent with the draft new London Plan that was examined by May 2019 and adhere to paragraph 22 of the NPPF requiring strategic plans to look ahead over a minimum of 15 years from adoption. The updates and news on the Examination for the draft new London Plan can be found on the GLA’s website.
- 3.5 The Local Plan will be mainly supported by the following documents:
- **Evidence Base Documents** – The Local Plan will need to be based on a sound and reasonable evidence base including the Authority Monitoring Reports (AMR).
  - **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)** - This document, which has been refreshed by LBBB in July 2020, demonstrates how the council is engaging with the community and other stakeholders in preparing its plan making and planning application process.
  - **Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment** - This appraises the environmental, economic, and social aspects of the Local Plan.
  - **Infrastructure Delivery Plan** - Sets out the infrastructure requirements required to support the Local Plan.
- 3.6 The emerging Local Plan will be a single document, including a strategic vision and a number of planning policies<sup>3</sup>. Once published for pre-submission consultation (Regulation 19<sup>4</sup>), it will be given increasing weight<sup>5</sup> as a material planning consideration as it progresses to submission and adoption. Material weight to emerging policies will be applied in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and its Guidance. Evidence Base

## 4. Evidence Base

- 4.1 All planning policy documents should be underpinned by a strong and robust evidence base. For the Local Plan, the council has produced a number of studies inhouse and through working jointly with external consultants. These will be published alongside the publication of the emerging Local Plan. A list of evidence produced by topics is found [here](#).

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<sup>2</sup> Further details about Be First can be found via the web link: <http://befirst.london/about-us/>

<sup>3</sup> The Local Plan will also include site allocations. A new round of ‘Call for Sites’ public consultation ran for four weeks between 12 April and 17 May 2019

<sup>4</sup> 4 Regulation 19 stage is the publication of a Local Plan before submitting to the Secretary of State under section 20 of the Localism Act.

<sup>5</sup> The National Planning Policy Framework sets out that decision makers may give weight to relevant policies in emerging plans according to their stage of preparation, the extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies, and their degree of consistency with policies in the National Planning Policy Framework.

- 4.2 A SPD will be prepared as soon as possible following the submission of the Local Plan, in respect of planning obligations and developer contributions. The council is also committed to preparing several masterplans as supplementary planning documents. These documents have been, and are being, prepared in accordance with the council’s regeneration visions. A list of the emerging SPDs can be found in **Appendix 2**<sup>6</sup>.

## 5. Statement of Community Involvement

- 5.1 The council will publish an updated Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) to replace the existing SCI that was adopted in 2017. The document sets out the council’s approach to involving local communities and stakeholders in the production of planning documents and on taking decisions on planning applications.
- 5.2 The table below provides key milestones for the SCI refresh. A further update to the SCI will be conducted following submission of the Local Plan.

Key milestones	Timetable
Preparation of the document	March – April 2019
Be First/council approval	May 2019
Public consultation	July – September 2019
Further SCI refresh following public consultation	September 2020

## 6. Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA)

- 6.1 In accordance with European Union and national legislation and policy, Development Plan Documents will be subjected to a Sustainability Appraisal (SA). This entails assessing the potential social, environmental, and economic effects of policies and proposals at key stages in the plan making process and informing their development.
- 6.2 The Local Plan has been subject to a Habitats Regulation Assessment to understand whether an appropriate assessment is required.
- 6.3 The relevant SA and HRA documents will be published alongside the publication of the emerging Local Plan.

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<sup>6</sup> 6 The council may decide to prepare additional planning guidance to support the Local Plan and the LDS will be updated to accommodate and reflect this.

## **7. Community Infrastructure Levy**

- 7.1 The council adopted its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule on 25th November 2014. The CIL came into force on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015. Further details can be found [here](#).

## **8. Project Management Resources**

- 8.1 The main resource for the preparation of the Local Plan and supplementary planning documents will be the Planning Policy team along with specialist officers within Be First and across the council's Directorate, as well as consultancy and legal advice as required. The team's top priority is the new Local Plan.

## Appendices

### Appendix 1 Local Plan Timetable

		2018/19	2019/20				2020/21				2021/22		
Stage		Q4 Jan – Mar 2019	Q1 Apr – Jun 2019	Q2 July – Sep 2019	Q3 Oct – Dec 2019	Q4 Jan – Mar 2020	Q1 Apr – Jun 2020	Q2 July – Sep 2020	Q3 Oct – Dec 2020	Q4 Jan – Mar 2021	Q1 Apr- Jun 2021	Q2 Jul – Sep 2021	Q3 Oct – Dec 2021
1	Draft Local Plan Regulation 18 public consultation												
2	Refine existing evidence base and prepare additional evidence base where required. Engage with Duty to co-Operate Partners												
3	Prepare Proposed Submission Local Plan (Reg.19)												
4	Cabinet approval for consulting on the Draft Local Plan (Reg.19)												
5	Publication of the Proposed Submission Local Plan (Reg.19)												
6	Request opinion from the Mayor of London (Reg. 21)												
7	Cabinet approval/delegated authority for approval for submission												
8	Submission to the Secretary of State (Reg. 22)												
9	Examination (TBC)												
10	Receipt of Inspector's Report (TBC)												
11	Adoption (TBC)												



## Appendix 2 Programme of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)

Emerging SPDs	Target for statutory public consultation	Comments
Castle Green Masterplan	Q4 2020/21	<p>Individual programmes for each masterplan will be published on LBBD's website.</p> <p>Local communities and key stakeholders will be invited to shape and participate in the masterplans in advance of formal statutory public consultation.</p> <p>Statutory public consultation for all masterplan SPDs listed for <b>2020/21</b> anticipated to be underway by <b>31st March 2021</b>.</p>
Marks Gate Masterplan	Q3 2021/22	
Thames Road Masterplan	Q4 2020/21	
River Roding Masterplan	Q4 2020/21	
Barking Town Centre Masterplan	Q3 2021/22	
East Street Masterplan	Q4 2020/21	
Chadwell Heath Masterplan	Q4 2020/21	
Dagenham Village Masterplan	Q1 2021/22	
Dagenham Heathway Masterplan	Q3 2021/22	
Dagenham Dock Masterplan	Q3 2021/22	
Planning Obligations SPD	<b>TBC</b>	
Residential Extensions and Alterations SPD 2012 update		

