

LONDON BOROUGH OF BARKING & DAGENHAM

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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)¹. 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 comprises of the London Plan, the adopted Local Development Framework (see table one below) and the Joint Waste Development Plan. In addition, the Council has also had its own Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule in addition to the Mayor of London's CIL.
- 1.3 The purpose of this 2019 review of the LDS is to amend the timetable for the preparation of the new Local Plan. It replaces 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.

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

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

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

* 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

Biodiversity SPD	Incorporate substance into the emerging Local Plan and cancel
Trees and Development SPD	Incorporate substance into the emerging Local Plan and cancel
Hot Food Takeaways SPD	Incorporate substance into the emerging Local Plan and cancel
Residential Extensions and Alterations SPD 2012	Retain and elaborate upon emerging Local Plan policies
Barking Station Masterplan SPD 2012	Incorporate substance into the emerging Local Plan and cancel
Last Orders? Preserving Public Houses SPD 2014	Incorporate substance into the emerging Local Plan and cancel

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 via the link below:

<https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-control/planning-guidance-and-policies/local-plan-review/one-borough-one-community-one-plan/>

3.3 Since the consultation concluded, the Council has established a new regeneration company – Be First, on 1st October 2017. Be First ² 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**). The plan period has also been updated from "2015-2030" to "2019-2034" in order to be consistent with the emerging London Plan that is currently going through the examination in public until May 2019.

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

3.3 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 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.

3.4 The emerging Local Plan will be a single document, including a strategic vision and a number of objectives, as well as planning policies³. Once published for pre-submission consultation (Regulation 19⁴), it will be given increasing weight⁵ 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.

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 in-house 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 set out in **Appendix 3**.

4.2 An SPD will also 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**⁶.

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.

³ The Local Plan will also include site allocations. A new round of 'Call for Sites' is currently scheduled to run from April to May 2019, for four weeks.

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.

⁵ The National Planning Policy Framework sets out that decision-takers 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.

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.

The table below provides key milestones for the SCI refresh.

Key milestones	Timetable
Preparation of the document	March – April 2019
Be First/Council approval	May 2019
Publication	May/June 2019

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

9.1 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.

9.2 The Local Plan will be subject to a Habitats Regulation Assessment to understand whether an appropriate assessment is required.

9.3 The relevant SA and HRA documents will be published alongside the publication of the emerging Local Plan.

7. Community Infrastructure Levy

6.1 The Council adopted its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule on 25th November 2014. The CIL came into force on 3rd April 2015. Further details can be found via the link: <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/developer-contributions-cil-and-s106>

6.2 The Council will undertake a review of the adopted CIL as soon as possible after the submission of the emerging Local Plan.

8. Duty to Cooperate

7.1 Local authorities are bound by a statutory duty to cooperate in accordance with the Localism Act 2011⁷. The Council has identified DtC partners for Barking and Dagenham's Local Plan preparation. A list of the DtC partners is provided below:

- Canal River Trust
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Department for Education
- Environment Agency (London)

⁷ Section 20(5)(c) of the PCPA 2004 amended by Section 33A of the Localism Act 2011.

- Essex County Council
- Historic England
- Highways Agency
- Homes & Communities Agency / Homes England
- London Borough of Havering
- London Borough of Redbridge
- London Borough of Newham
- London Borough of Greenwich
- London Borough of Bexley
- London Legacy Development Corporation
- Mayor of London / GLA
- Marine Planning Authority
- Natural England
- National Grid
- Network Rail
- NHS Property Services (London)
- NHS Trust (London)
- Office of Rail Regulation /
- Primary Care Trust
- Port of London Authority
- Sport England
- Thames Water
- Thurrock Council
- Transport for London
- The Coal Authority

9. Policies Map

8.1 In accordance with the relevant legislation⁸, the council will publish a new Proposals Map alongside the publication of the emerging Local Plan to replace the one that was adopted in 2012. The Proposals Map will illustrate geographically the application of the Local Plan policies.

10. Monitoring and Review

10.1 The policies within the Local Plan, once adopted, will be monitored and reviewed through the Monitoring Report, which is produced annually and monitors the performance of policies to ensure they remain effective.

⁸ Regulation 9 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulation 2012

11. Project Management Resources

- 11.1 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 the 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 2 Programme of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)

Emerging SPDs	Target for statutory public consultation	Comments
Castle Green Masterplan	Q4 2019	<p>Individual programmes for each masterplan will be published on LBBB'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 anticipated to be underway by 31st March 2020.</p>
Marks Gate Masterplan	Q1 2020	
Thames Road Masterplan	Q4 2020	
River Roding Masterplan	Q4 2020	
Barking Town Centre Masterplan	Q1 2020	
East Street Masterplan	Q4 2019	
Chadwell Heath Masterplan	Q4 2019	
Dagenham Village Masterplan	Q1 2020	
Dagenham Heathway Masterplan	Q1 2020	
Dagenham Dock Masterplan	Q1 2020	
Planning Obligations Masterplan	Timeframe is to be confirmed post Local Plan submission.	
Residential Extensions and Alterations SPD 2012 update		

Appendix 3 Local Plan Evidence Base

