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# **Local Development Scheme September 2019**

# 1 About the Local Development Scheme

- 1.1. Islington Council has a duty to maintain a statutory Local Plan, which is used to inform decisions on planning applications in the borough. It also has a duty to maintain an up-to-date **Local Development Scheme (LDS)**<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.2. The LDS is a formal work programme which identifies which planning documents the council proposes to produce or review over the next three years, and when these documents are expected to be consulted upon and adopted.
- 1.3. This LDS sets out a timetable for a review of the Local Plan. In addition, it identifies when Supplementary Planning Documents will be produced and reviewed. Indicative timetables for document preparation and review are provided in Appendices 1 and 2.

## What's in a Local Plan?

A Local Plan contains planning policies which are used to make decisions on planning applications.

A Local Plan is composed of one or more **Development Plan Documents (DPDs)**. These documents are subject to a statutory preparation and adoption procedure, including an Independent Examination.

**Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)** are used to elaborate on policies contained in DPDs. They are not part of the Local Plan. SPDs are prepared using a set procedure for public consultation, but do not undergo Independent Examination.

The **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)** sets out minimum standards for community involvement in both plan making and in determining planning applications. It is not part of the Local Plan. Islington's current SCI was adopted in May 2017.

# 2 National and London-wide planning policy

- 2.1. The government first published its National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in March 2012; the latest update was published in February 2019. This document sets out how councils should produce planning documents to guide the development and use of land within a local authority's boundary.
- 2.2. In 2011 the government introduced changes to the planning system through the Localism Act. This gave new powers to communities to produce Neighbourhood Plans (see Section 5 for details of neighbourhood planning in Islington).
- 2.3. The Mayor of London produces, and regularly reviews, a Spatial Development Strategy for London (known as the London Plan). All London boroughs' Local Plans must be in general conformity with this document. The current London Plan, consolidated with a number of alterations made since 2011, was published in March 2016. A full review of the London Plan has commenced and the new Plan is expected to be adopted in early 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Prior to the Localism Act 2011, the LDS was required to be approved by the Secretary of State. This is no longer the case.

### 3 Islington's Local Plan

3.1. Islington has an up to date Local Plan, which comprises the following documents:

- Core Strategy (February 2011)
- Development Management Policies (June 2013)
- Site Allocations (June 2013)
- Finsbury Local Plan (June 2013)

3.2. The Policies Map forms part of the statutory Development Plan, and reflects policies, designations and allocations arising from the DPDs. The Policies Map was also adopted in June 2013

3.3. The Council is reviewing its Local Plan; an indicative timetable for the review is provided at Appendix 1. The Core Strategy and the Development Management Policies will be merged into a single document, whilst the Finsbury Local Plan (to be renamed as the Bunhill and Clerkenwell Area Action Plan) and the Site Allocations will remain as stand-alone documents.

3.4. An additional DPD – the North London Waste Plan – has been in preparation over the past few years in partnership with the London Boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey and Waltham Forest.

### 4 Preparation and review of other planning documents

4.1. The following Supplementary Planning Documents and Statement of Community Involvement are extant (listed in order of adoption; most recent first). An indicative timetable for preparation of all non-Local Plan documents is provided at Appendix 2:

- Holloway Prison Site SPD (January 2018)
- Statement of Community Involvement (May 2017)
- Urban Design Guide SPD (January 2017)
- Planning Obligations (Section 106) SPD (December 2016)
- Location and Concentration of Uses SPD (April 2016)
- Development Viability SPD (January 2016)
- Basement Development SPD (January 2016)
- Preventing Wasted Housing Supply SPD (July 2015)
- Finsbury Park Development Framework SPD (March 2015)
- Finsbury Park Town Centre – Joint SPD by Islington, Hackney and Haringey (June 2014)
- Inclusive Design in Islington (Feb 2014)
- Cally Plan SPD (January 2014)
- Student Accommodation Contributions for Bursaries SPD (June 2013)
- Affordable Housing – Small Sites Contributions SPD (October 2012)
- Streetbook SPD (October 2012)
- Environmental Design SPD (October 2012)
- Mount Pleasant SPD (February 2012)
- Inclusive Landscape Design SPD (January 2010)

- Archway Development Framework SPD (September 2007)
- Nag's Head Town Centre Strategy SPD (May 2007)
- King's Cross Neighbourhood Framework SPD (July 2005)

**4.2.** Following the adoption of the new Local Plan, the status of the existing SPDs will be reviewed, which may lead to some SPDs being revised or cancelled. Additional new SPDs may be necessary following the adoption of the new Local Plan

**4.3.** The council will update the LDS following adoption of the Local Plan to reflect any proposed changes to existing SPDs, and to identify any new SPDs which will be prepared.

## **5 Neighbourhood planning**

**5.1.** Three Neighbourhood areas have been designated in Islington, two of which also have designated forums:

- Crouch Hill & Hornsey Rise neighbourhood area was formally designated in November 2015.
- Mount Pleasant neighbourhood area and forum were formally designated in February 2016.
- Finsbury Park and Stroud Green neighbourhood area and forum were formally designated in September 2018.

**5.2.** Although the council provides guidance to community groups, Neighbourhood Forums are responsible for advancing neighbourhood planning in their areas and will work to their own timescales. Therefore, it is not possible to include timetables for the preparation of any potential Neighbourhood Plan.

## Appendix 1: Indicative timetable for Local Plan documents currently being prepared / scheduled for review

Development Plan Document	Evidence gathering / preparation	Consult statutory bodies on scope of SA	Regulation 18 consultations <sup>2</sup>	Publication of DPD and start of public consultation <sup>3</sup>	Submission to Secretary of State	Hearing sessions	Receipt of Inspector's report	Adoption
Strategic and Development Management Policies	Throughout 2015, 2016 and 2017	Summer 2016	Scope of the Review consultation: November 2016  Regulation 18 draft consultation: November 2018	September 2019	Late 2019	Early 2020	Mid 2020	Late 2020
Bunhill and Clerkenwell Area Action Plan (previously Finsbury Local Plan)	As above	As above	Scope of the Review consultation: Nov 2016;  Site Allocations Direction of Travel: February 2018  Regulation 18 draft consultation: November 2018	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above

<sup>2</sup> Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

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North London Waste Plan	Throughout 2013, 2014 and 2015	2013	July 2015	March 2019	Summer 2019	Autumn 2019	Early 2020	Summer 2020

## Appendix 2: Indicative timetable for non-Local Plan documents

Document	Current document adopted	Current document status	Proposed review/production		Updated / new document status
			Formal Consultation	Adoption	
Conservation Area Design Guidelines	Various	Design Guidelines	Replace on ongoing basis.	SPD	SPD
Holloway Prison Site	January 2018	SPD	No review scheduled		
Statement of Community Involvement	May 2017	SCI	No review scheduled		
Urban Design Guide	January 2017	SPD	No review scheduled		
Planning Obligations (S106)	December 2016	SPD	No review scheduled		
Location and Concentration of Uses	April 2016	SPD	No review scheduled		
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