

Appendix B

The Harlow Local Development Scheme 2023

Harlow Council is required to prepare a Local Development Scheme under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). This must specify (among other matters) the documents which, when prepared, will comprise the Local Plan for the area. It must be made available publicly and kept up-to-date so that the local community and interested parties can keep track of progress.

Updates from the previous Local Development Scheme

The Harlow Local Development Plan (HLDP) was adopted in December 2020. In December 2021 an updated Local Development Scheme (LDS) was published outlining a review programme for the Plan. This reflected the recommendation made by the Inspector following the Local Plan Examination that Policy H3 part (a) relating to Houses of Multiple Occupation should be reviewed within 2 years of adoption of the Plan. Following a period of monitoring and review it is considered unnecessary to amend the policy at this time.

Instead, the Council has prepared a revised LDS that sets out a programme for a full review of the HLDP, in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), that local plans should be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every five years and should then be updated as necessary. The HLDP was adopted in December 2021 consequently the timetable set out below reflects this five-year review period, leading to the Examination of the plan, should this be necessary.

It was also originally intended to prepare a separate Area Action Plan (AAP) for Harlow town centre. However, it is now considered that the wider review of the local plan should provide the opportunity to streamline the local plan framework for Harlow by consolidating the HLDP and AAP in a single plan for the district.

The Council has considered the preparation of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Harlow. However, having regard to current economic conditions and viability considerations the Council has paused preparation of CIL, but will review its position in two years' time when circumstances may have changed. At which date an updated LDS will be prepared to reflect an appropriate Examination timetable.

1. Harlow Local Development Plan Review

Purpose

The Local Plan was adopted in December 2020. It provides the overall spatial planning vision for the district and a framework to guide future development in the area for the period up to 2033. This is reflected by a series of planning objectives and supported by a range of strategic and development management policies which are given spatial expression in the Policies Map.

The review of the Local Plan will consider which policies may require updating or amending, following a period of monitoring and consideration of emerging technical evidence that has regard to emerging and future socio-economic and environmental conditions. This will include a focus on planning in place a spatial planning strategy to help mitigate the impacts of climate change.

In addition the review will examine some which

	<p>were identified by the Inspector during the Examination of the HLDP. If they require amending or if any new policies are required, then these will be consulted upon along with the other revisions set out in the Plan and submitted to the Secretary of State for consideration.</p> <p>The review will also seek to consolidate the Local Development Framework for Harlow into a single Local Development Plan obviating the need for a separate plan for Harlow town centre.</p>
Which “saved” policies will it replace?	If amended policies are required, they will replace policies within the December 2020 Adopted Harlow Local Development Plan.
Geographical coverage	District wide.
Status	Development Plan Document Review
Conformity	Must be consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework, Planning Practice Guidance and Harlow Council’s adopted Statement of Community Involvement.
Timetable	
<p>Evidence gathering, policy monitoring and review to assist in the identification of issues and potential options to be considered in the review of the HLDP. Including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic Housing and Employment Land Review 2. Local Wildlife Site Review 3. Updated gypsy and traveller needs study 4. Viability and infrastructure work for the town centre (transport modelling, capacity assessments, viability testing options) 	2023/24
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updated employment needs study and updated retail needs study 3. Commence update of full IDP 4. Climate Change studies to inform policy 5. Any additional housing studies to assess housing targets including SHMA 6. Potential design codes for sites (Levelling Up Bill) 7. Review of CIL or IL 	2024/25
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SA and HRA to inform Local Plan 2. SFRA/Water Study of final development options 3. Viability testing of final development options 4. Additional transport modelling of final development options 	2025/26
Consultation on draft Local Plan Review – (6 weeks) (Regulation 18)	Mar – April 2025

Review comments received and prepare revised document	May – Aug 2025
Publication for public consultation on draft Local Plan Review - (6 weeks) (Regulation 19)	Oct – Nov 2025
Submission of reviewed Local Plan to Planning Inspectorate for Examination (Regulation 22)	Jan 2026
Examination in Public (EIP) (Regulation 24)	May– June2026
Consultation on Inspector's Main Modifications that may be required	Oct - Nov 2026
Receipt of Inspector's final report (Regulation 25)	Feb - 2027
Adoption & Publication of changes (Regulation 26)	April - 2027
2. Other Documents	
Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)	TBC
3, Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)	
Harlow Design Guide SPD Update	Consultation August – Sept 2023 Adoption – December 2023
The Stow Neighbourhood Centre Design Framework SPD Update	Consultation Nov – Dec 2023 Adoption - May 2024
Bush Fair Design Framework SPD	Consultation - Oct 2023 Adoption - Feb 2024
Public Art SPD	TBC
4. Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans	
Old Harlow	Consultation - May 2023 Adoption - November 2023
Article 4 Directions – Employment Areas (Change of use from Use Class E to residential)	
Templefields North East	Confirmation - Oct 2023
Templefields Employment Area	Confirmation - Oct 2023
Pinnacles	Confirmation - Oct 2023
Burnt Mill and Station Approach	Confirmation - Oct 2023
Town Centre	Confirmation - Oct 2023
Article 4 Directions – Conservation Areas	
Mark Hall North	Confirmation - Oct 2023
Authority Monitoring Report	
Infrastructure Funding Statement	Published annually in December