



Wandsworth Local Plan

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Executive Summary

1. The London Borough of Wandsworth Local Plan consists of a series of documents:
 - The [Core Strategy](#), adopted March 2016
 - The [Development Management Policies Document \(DMPD\)](#), adopted March 2016
 - The [Site Specific Allocations Document \(SSAD\)](#), adopted March 2016
 - The [Policies Map](#), adopted March 2016
 - The [Local Plan Employment and Industry Document](#), adopted December 2018 (which replaces employment and industrial land policies, area spatial strategies and site allocations in the existing Local Plan documents).
2. The **Local Development Scheme (LDS)** is the programme (also containing the timetable and dates for key milestones) for the production of Wandsworth's Local Plan. Existing Local Plan documents are as in paragraph 1 above; the proposed additional / forthcoming plans are as follows:
 - **Wandsworth Local Plan Full Review, together with the Policies Map**
3. The new revised Local Plan, upon adoption, will supersede all the existing Local Plan documents as referred to in paragraph 1 above.
4. The first LDS was produced in 2007 and was revised in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2019 with subsequent update, agreed at a meeting of the [Strategic Planning and Transportation Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November 2020](#). This new LDS will replace any previous versions.
5. As it is not necessary to include a programme for the preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) within the LDS, a list of SPDs that are intended to be developed by the Council to support the new Local Plan (2023) will be published on the Council's website once these are known and programmed for.

1. The Borough Local Plan

1.1 The existing statutory development plan for the borough consists of the following:

- The [Core Strategy](#), adopted March 2016
- The [Development Management Policies Document \(DMPD\)](#), adopted March 2016
- The [Site Specific Allocations Document \(SSAD\)](#), adopted March 2016
- The [Policies Map](#), adopted March 2016
- The London Plan (consolidated with alterations since 2011), adopted March 2016
- The [Local Plan Employment and Industry Document](#), adopted December 2018 (which replaces employment and industrial land policies, area spatial strategies and site allocations in the existing Local Plan documents).

1.2 The main proposed additional / forthcoming plan is the new Local Plan Full Review, which together with the Policies Map, will, upon its adoption, supersede all the Borough's existing Local Plan documents.

1.3 The current planning system is based on the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Localism Act 2011 and The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), whereby a collection of documents should be produced by the Local Planning Authority that make up together the statutory plan for the borough, referred to as a "Local Plan". The Local Plan will be used for the consideration of planning applications and to assist with investment and locational decisions by the Council, its partners and developers.

1.4 The Council has a statutory duty to maintain an up-to-date LDS. The Localism Act 2011 stipulates that the LDS must be updated every three years. In addition, it should be noted that Government has introduced a requirement to review and where necessary update the Local Plan every five years.

1.5 This Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the London Borough of Wandsworth is produced in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). Its purpose is to explain which Local Plan documents are to be produced during the next three year period, between 2022 and 2025, and to set out the timetable for preparing them.

Government policy and guidance

1.6 The Government sets out national planning policy in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, 2021) and the accompanying National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG). There are also other national strategies and guidance that the Council needs to follow. The Local Plan must have regard to these policies and guidance and implement them taking account of local circumstances.

Regional policy and guidance

1.7 The London Plan (2021), is the overall strategic plan for London and it sets out a fully integrated economic, environmental, transport and social framework for the development of the capital. It forms part of the development plan for Greater London. London Boroughs' local plans need to be in 'general conformity' with the London Plan, and its policies guide decisions on planning applications in London.

2. Types of Policy Documents

Development Plan Documents

- 2.1 These have development plan status and are subject to independent examination carried out by a Planning Inspector. Wandsworth Council's adopted DPDs are set out in paragraph 1.1 above and Appendix 1. The new Local Plan will also be a DPD. See the [Council's website](#) for the existing Local Plan documents:
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/about-the-local-plan/
- 2.2 The [Localism Act 2011](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/contents/enacted) (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/contents/enacted>) allows communities (residents, employees, businesses) to come together through a 'Neighbourhood Forum' and produce a 'Neighbourhood Development Plan', which needs to comply with national policies and conform to the local strategic policies. In this borough, the Tooting Bec and Broadway Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Area have been designated in 2017. If a Neighbourhood Development Plan is progressed by the Forum, this would then (once adopted by the Council) become part of the statutory development plan for the area to which the Neighbourhood Plan relates to. The timetable for the production of any Neighbourhood Plan would be determined by a Neighbourhood Forum up to submission to the Council, and is therefore not included within this LDS.

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)

- 2.3 These do not have development plan status, but they provide guidance on the application of existing development plan policies. They are subject to public consultation and can be approved by the Council without an independent examination. See the [Council's website](#) for the adopted SPDs:
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/supplementary-planning-documents-and-guidance

Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) remaining in force

- 2.4 Older guidance is referred to as Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG). They will remain in force as long as they support and provide guidance in relation to a policy within a Local Plan document. If they are reviewed, they would become Supplementary Planning Documents. See the [Council's website](#) for adopted SPGs:
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/supplementary-planning-documents-and-guidance

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

- 2.5 It is a requirement for the Council to produce a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), which outlines how the Council will engage with stakeholders in the preparation of Local Plan documents and when assessing planning applications. The Council's SCI was last reviewed and published in February 2019. It should be noted that an Addendum to the SCI was produced in December 2020 which set out temporary changes in respect of how we consulted on the Wandsworth Council's first draft of the Local Plan (Regulation 18 version) in light of the restrictions arising from the Covid-19 pandemic. See the [Council's website](#) for adopted SCI:
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/statement-of-community-involvement

Authority's Monitoring Report (AMR)

- 2.6 The Council must prepare and make publicly available an Authority's Monitoring Report, which shows the extent to which policies set out in the LDS are being

achieved. See the [Council's website](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/authority-monitoring-report-amr) for monitoring information:
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/authority-monitoring-report-amr

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

2.7 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and subsequent revisions require consideration of how policies and plans contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. The process of carrying out a Sustainability Appraisal is an integral part of the preparation of Local Development Documents (LDDs) and involves a formal report when DPDs are published and submitted to the Secretary of State. Sustainability Appraisals incorporate Strategic Environmental Assessment in accordance with the European Union Directive. See the [Council's website](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/local-plan-evidence-base) for further information:
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/local-plan-evidence-base

3. Proposed programme and timetable for the Local Plan Full Review

3.1 The key milestones for the Local Plan Full Review are as follows:

What	When
Pre-Publication consultation on preferred options Plan and SA (Regulation 18)	January – March 2021
Publication consultation on the proposed submission version of the Plan and final SA report (Regulation 19)	January – February 2022
Submission of the Council's final version of the Plan to the Planning Inspectorate	Spring 2022
Independent Examination in Public	Summer/Autumn 2022
Inspector's Report	Autumn/Winter 2022
Adoption of the Local Plan	Spring/Summer 2023

3.2 Full details for the anticipated programme and timetable of the Local Plan Full Review and the timetable for its production are set out in Appendix 2 of this report.

4. Project Management and Resources

- 4.1 The Council's Spatial Planning and Design team leads the preparation of the Local Plan. Consultants will be commissioned to carry out research or certain parts of the process where necessary. Other organisations, partners and stakeholders will also be involved in the plan preparation, consultation, including where relevant, as part of the evidence gathering.

5. Risk Assessment

- 5.1 The main areas of risk, which could potentially lead to a slippage in the programme, have been identified as follows:
- Extensive opposition and/or submission of complex evidence from the community or landowners / developers requiring further review or evidence to support proposals.
 - Changing circumstances, such as new national policies and guidance, or emerging development pressures could alter priorities, such as leading to a proposed addition or substitution of policies and proposals.
 - Other pressures such as redevelopment of key sites or other planning priorities could mean that staff may need to spend more time on non-Local Plan work.
 - Elections and political priorities: local elections and subsequent changes to the administration could lead to a reconsideration of issues and alter priorities; whilst the timetable and key milestones take account of the scheduled dates for elections, any changes to this could impact on the Local Plan timetable.
 - Changes in the Spatial Planning and Design Team's staffing levels, such as a team member leaving, and/or vacant post(s) are not being filled, and issues related to attracting and/or retaining skilled and experienced officers.
 - Legal or other challenges (particularly following adoption), e.g. through the Sustainability Appraisal or Duty to Co-operate requirements. The Council will work closely with the Planning Inspectorate and the GLA, other agencies and stakeholders to ensure that emerging and final policies are justified and based on sound and up to date evidence, also ensuring that there is effective community engagement and the correct procedures are followed. In addition, the Council will consult and engage the prescribed Duty to Co-operate bodies throughout the plan-making stages as appropriate; and enter into Statements of Common Ground where necessary.
- 5.2 The [Local Plan website](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/draft-local-plan-full-review) at <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/draft-local-plan-full-review> should be checked for any updates in case of necessary adjustments to the programme, and if required, a revised LDS will be published.

6. Monitoring and Review

- 6.1 The Localism Act 2011, subsection 113, includes a requirement for local authorities to prepare a report, which should contain
- information on the implementation of the Local Development Scheme; and
 - the extent to which the policies set out in the DPDs are being achieved.
- 6.2 In order to comply with the above requirement, monitoring reports are published when available on the [Council's website: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/authority-monitoring-report-amr](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/authority-monitoring-report-amr)

6.3 This Local Development Scheme, available on the [Council's website](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/draft-local-plan-full-review) at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/draft-local-plan-full-review, is the first point of contact for information about Wandsworth Council's timetable for progressing and producing DPDs. The Council will review and republish this LDS as necessary. In addition, the key milestones for the Local Plan Full Review will also be regularly updated on the [Council's Local Plan Full Review website](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/local-plan-full-review/#timetable) at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/local-plan-full-review/#timetable

APPENDIX 1 – Wandsworth Council Local Plan Summary

ADOPTED PLANS (DPDs):

Title	Core Strategy – adopted March 2016
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)
Role and Content	This sets out a spatial vision and strategic objectives, core policies, and a monitoring and implementation framework.
Coverage	Borough-wide
Conformity	London Plan, National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Title	Development Management Policies Document (DMPD), adopted March 2016
Status	Development Plan Document
Role and Content	This sets out detailed policies for managing development in the borough.
Coverage	Borough-wide
Conformity	Core Strategy, London Plan, NPPF

Title	Site Specific Allocations Document (SSAD), adopted March 2016
Status	Development Plan Document
Role and Content	This sets out area spatial strategies and the main sites where development or other change is anticipated, or where the Council has particular objectives, together with policies for individual sites and details about the allocation of waste sites and detailed maps relating to the tall buildings policy.
Coverage	Borough-wide
Conformity	Core Strategy, DMPD, London Plan, NPPF

Title	Local Plan Employment and Industry Document (LPEID), adopted December 2018
Status	Development Plan Document
Role and Content	This replaces employment and industrial land policies, area spatial strategies and site allocations in the existing Local Plan documents.
Coverage	Borough-wide
Conformity	Core Strategy, DMPD, SSAD, London Plan, NPPF

FORTHCOMING PLANS (DPDs):

Title	Local Plan Full Review	
Status	Development Plan Document	
Role and Content	It sets out policies and guidance for the development of the borough over the next 15 years. It looks ahead to 2038 and identifies where the main developments will take place, and how places within the borough will change, or be protected from change. The Plan follows the approach of the presumption in favour of sustainable development and shows how it is expressed locally.	
Coverage	Borough-wide	
Conformity	London Plan, NPPF	
Timetable	Start	Ongoing evidence and review
	Issues consultation	Winter 2018/19
	Pre-publication consultation	January – March 2021
	Publication consultation	January – February 2022
	Submission of DPD	Spring 2022
	Examination	Summer / Autumn 2022
	Adoption	Spring / Summer 2023
Production	Lead	Spatial Planning and Design Team Manager Principal Policy and Information Planner
	Management arrangements	Spatial Planning and Design Team Manager Principal Policy and Information Planner
	Resources	Spatial Planning and Design Team + staff from other departments as appropriate + consultants (for production of evidence base and support at examination if required)
	Stakeholder and community involvement	As set out in the Statement of Community Involvement
	Political Management	Strategic Planning and Transportation Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Note	Upon its adoption, the new Local Plan will supersede the existing Local Plan documents (i.e. Core Strategy, DMPD, SSAD, LPEID)	

Title	Policies Map	
Status	Development Plan Document	
Role and Content	The Policies Map identifies areas designated for protection, areas where specific policies will apply, and key development sites. The current Policies Map (December 2018) reflects policies set out in the Core Strategy, DMPD and SSAD and LPEID (encompassing superseded changes of the Core Strategy, DMPD and SSAD resulting from the adoption of the LPEID). A new Policies Map will again be updated alongside the Local Plan Full Review.	
Coverage	Borough-wide	
Conformity	Core Strategy, DMPD, SSAD, LPEID, London Plan	
Timetable	Start	The Policies Map will be updated as the new Local Plan DPD is produced.
Production	Lead	Spatial Planning and Design Team Manager Principal Policy and Information Planner
	Management arrangements	Spatial Planning and Design Team Manager Principal Policy and Information Planner
	Resources	Spatial Planning and Design Team
	Stakeholder and community involvement	As set out in the Statement of Community Involvement
	Political Management	Strategic Planning and Transportation Overview and Scrutiny Committee

