

**Barking &
Dagenham**

Local Development Scheme

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Introduction

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.
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.
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.
4. An update in March 2022 was undertaken, to bring up to date the schedule of Masterplan documents (see Appendix 2) as well as the Local Plan timetable.

The Current Development Plan

5. 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

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

6. 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.
7. 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	To be replaced by forthcoming Local Plan
Trees and Development SPD	To be replaced by forthcoming Local Plan
Hot Food Takeaways SPD	To be replaced by forthcoming Local Plan
Residential Extensions and Alterations SPD 2012	To be replaced by forthcoming Local Plan
Barking Station Masterplan SPD 2012	To be replaced by forthcoming Local Plan
Last Orders? Preserving Public Houses SPD 2014	To be replaced by forthcoming Local Plan

The Emerging Local Plan

8. 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.
9. The emerging Local Plan will be a single document, including a strategic vision and a number of planning policies³. The 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) due for publication summer 2021.
 - **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.
10. The council previously consulted on the Issues and Options document between October 2015 and January 2016, the preferred Options document between November 2019 and February 2020, the Proposed Submission document between October 2020 and November 2020.
11. Since the last consultation concluded, there have been changes to the Local Plan production timetable (See Appendix 1). The council published a Local Plan between September 2021 and November 2021 under the Regulation 19 of the [Town and Country Planning Act \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) and given increasing weight⁵ as a material planning consideration as it progresses to adoption. Material weight to emerging policies will be applied in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and its Guidance.

Evidence Base

12. 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](#).
13. The council is preparing a draft Planning Obligations SPD (for consultation summer 2022) to support the draft 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^e.

Statement of Community Involvement

14. The council published an updated Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in 2020 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.

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

15. 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.
16. The Local Plan has been subject to a Habitats Regulation Assessment to understand whether an appropriate assessment is required.
17. The relevant SA and HRA documents have been published alongside the publication of the emerging Local Plan.

Joint Waste Plan Review

18. There will be a review of the Joint Waste Development Plan for the East London Waste Authority (ELWA) Boroughs (2012) to assess the ELWA Boroughs site safeguarding requirements and ability to meet revised London Plan waste apportionment targets. (The ELWA Boroughs are Newham, Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge).
19. The ELWA Boroughs have completed stage 1 of the review which is to commission an updated evidence base. The Boroughs are now reviewing of the evidence base and a further decision will be taken by each of the ELWA Boroughs on the next steps.
20. The updated evidence base will inform the Joint Waste Development Plan Local Plan (2012) review.

Community Infrastructure Levy

21. 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 [here](#).
22. A review is proposed during 2022 of the LBBB CIL charging schedule.

Project Management Resources

23. 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 priorities are the new Local Plan, the new Planning Obligations SPD and forthcoming Masterplan SPDs at Thames Rd and Chadwell Heath where development proposals and planning applications are most active.

Appendix 2 Programme of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)

Emerging SPDs	Target for statutory public consultation
Thames Road Transformation Area SPD	2020/2021 (Complete)
Planning Obligations SPD	2022
Chadwell Heath Masterplan SPD	2022
Becontree Design Code SPD	2022

SPD's subject to LBBB approval	Target for statutory public consultation
Barking Town Centre (Town Quay, Station, Harts Lane, East Street) Masterplan SPD	2023
Castle Green Masterplan SPD	2023
Marks Gate Masterplan SPD	2023/24
Dagenham Heathway Masterplan SPD	2023/24
Sustainability SPD	2023/24