

ONE BOROUGH ONE PLAN

Local Plan

**Local Development
Scheme**

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1. Introduction

The Emerging Local Plan

Barking and Dagenham is reviewing its Local Plan so it is focused on delivering the Council's Vision "One borough; One community; London's growth opportunity". The Local Plan will set out what the borough will look like in 2031 and the policies which will deliver this change.

The Local Plan along with the London Plan forms the development plan. All planning applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Purpose of the Local Development Scheme

This document, the Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out a project plan and timetable for the production of the Local Plan. This document will:

- Defining the scope of the local plan;
- Set a time table for its preparation including the most important milestones;
- Set out details on the transitional arrangements;
- Set out the resources available.

Procedural Requirements

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended by the Localism Act 2011 and supplemented by the Local Plan Regulations 2012 require Local Planning Authorities (LPA) to prepare and maintain a LDS.

2. The New Local Plan

The existing local plan¹ is a portfolio of Development Plan Documents (DPD) which sits alongside the London Plan (Adopted, 2011) and the Joint Waste Plan (Adopted, 2012). These are supported by Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) which provide further guidance on the implementation of specific Local Plan policies.

The Local Plan will be a single document, which will include; strategic policies, development management policies, site allocations and designations in a single document. It will incorporate guidance currently set out in SPDs such as policies on public houses and hot food takeaways.

The new Local Plan will plan to meet housing need and plan for business growth focused on the borough's seven growth hubs

¹ The existing Local Plan, formally called the Local Development Framework, is a portfolio of Development Plan Documents (DPDs). It is made up of the following documents; Core Strategy (Adopted, 2010) (DPD); Site Specific Allocations (Adopted, 2010) (DPD) Borough Wide Development Policies (Adopted, 2011) (DPD) and the Barking Town Centre Area Action Plan (Adopted, 2011). Additionally, the Joint Waste Plan (Adopted, 2012) and the London Plan (Adopted, 2011) form part of the wider Development Plan for the Borough.

- Barking Riverside – one of the largest residential developments in the UK, 11,000 homes with superb River Thames frontage.
- Beam Park/Ford Stamping Plant – a major brownfield site with great potential for housing and commercial activity with 2500 new homes and over 1000 new jobs.
- Barking Town Centre – 15 minutes from Central London, east London's cultural hub, a vibrant and culturally rich community, with space for creative industries, superb accessibility, and opportunity for at least 4,000 more homes.
- London Sustainable Industries Park (LSIP) – addressing the low carbon economy, the platform for Barking and Dagenham to become London's greenest Borough.
- londoneast-uk – working with the private sector to transform the former Sanofi site into a bio tech and media industry based economic hub that is unique in the capital.
- Chadwell Heath – potential for 3000 homes benefiting from new Crossrail Station.

It will aim to ensure that:

- The right homes are built in the right places to the right size and affordability.
- Infrastructure to support growth is identified and delivered at the right time
- That the places, space and qualities that will define Barking and Dagenham now and in the future are enhanced
- People are empowered to do more for themselves whilst strengthening the institutions which support local communities
- Access to healthcare is improved and developments designed to enable people to lead healthy and fulfilling lives and take advantage of the opportunities that London has to offer
- Climate change is tackle and its affects planned for
- Safer and more resilient communities are created

Alongside the Local Plan a Proposals Map which be published showing the location of town centres, development opportunities and protected features.

It is not intended to publish additional Development Plan Documents or Supplementary Planning Documents as the Local Plan will be self contained. However the option remains open to do so if required.

3. Post Adoption

Once adopted, the Local Plan will replace the current Local Plan which is a portfolio of documents previously called the Local Development Framework (LDF). Once adopted the Local Plan will form part of the Borough's Development Plan.

The Local Plan will be supported by the following documents:

- Evidence Base Documents – The Local Plan will 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 LDP.
- Sustainability Appraisal (SA) - This appraises the environmental, economic and social aspects of the Local Plan.
- Infrastructure Plan - Sets out the infrastructure requirements required to support the Local Plan.

Table 1: Local Plan – Summary

Document Role	Barking and Dagenham Local Plan
Role and Content	Strategy for the Boroughs growth for the 15 year period between 2015-2030, bringing together the spatial vision, strategic planning policies, development management policies and site and land allocations into one document.
Coverage	London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
Chain of Conformity	Consistent with National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Policy Guidance General conformity with the London Plan
Resources	The Planning Policy Team comprises a manager and 2.4 staff.

Table 2: Key Milestones in Local Plan's Preparation

Stage	2015				2016				2017			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Publish Local Development Scheme ²	■		■									
Consult on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and the Statement of Community Involvement ³	■	■										
Develop the Sustainability Appraisal Framework	■											
Continue to Refine Evidence Base		■	■	■								
Publish Local Plan: Issues and Options Consultation (Regulation 18) ⁴		■	■	■								
Begin Engagement with Duty to Cooperate Partners ⁵			■	■	■							
Refine Objectives, Strategic Vision, Strategic Policies and Allocations/ Designation			■	■	■	■						
Review Issues and Option Consultation Representations and Respond Through Report ⁶				■	■	■	■					
Pre Submission Local Plan Consultation (Regulation 19)							■					
Request Opinion from the Mayor of London (Regulation 21)							■					
Sustainability Appraisal Published for Consultation							■					
Submission to the Secretary of State Via Planning Inspectorate (Regulation 22)								■				
Examination in Public									■			
Receipt of Inspectors Report										■		
Adoption											■	

² The Local Development Scheme was Prepared in Q1 2015 and Published in Q3 2015.

³ Please note that the Council no longer plan to undertake consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). Changes to the Local Plan Regulations 2012 mean that SCIs no longer have the same status of Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and thus do not require a consultation to be undertaken.

⁴ The Issues and Options Consultation (Regulation 18) will now be expanded into Q4 of 2015.

⁵ Engagement with Duty Cooperate Partners will run in tandem with the expanded Issues and Options Consultation (set out in footnote four).

⁶ The Review of the Issues and Options Representations will continue through Q4 2015, Q1 2016 and Q2 2016 to ensure that stakeholder input forms a core part of the Pre Submission Local Plan.

4. Transitional Arrangements

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 Plan.

The emerging Local Plan, once published for pre-submission consultation, will be given increasing weight as a material planning consideration as it progresses to submission and adoption. Material weight to emerging policies will be applied in accordance with national planning policy.

5. Supplementary Planning Documents

The Council has revised, updated and produced new Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) since the introduction of the first Local Plan Development Plan Document in 2010, the Core Strategy. The guidance set within some of these documents will be incorporated into the Local Plan as follows:

- Biodiversity SPD – Adopted 2012 – Incorporate Substance into Local Plan and Cancel
- Trees and Development SPD – Adopted 2012 – Incorporate Substance into Local Plan and Cancel
- Hot Food Takeaways SPD – Adopted 2010 – Incorporate Substance into Local Plan and Cancel
- Residential Extensions and Alterations SPD 2012 – Retain
- Barking Station Masterplan SPD 2012 – Incorporate Substance into Local Plan and Cancel
- Last Orders? Preserving Public Houses SPD 2014 – Incorporate Substance into the Local Plan and Cancel

6. Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

The Council will publish its new Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) alongside the Local Development Scheme (this document). The SCI sets out the standards which the Council must achieve in involving local communities in the preparation of the Local Plan, other planning policy documents and on taking development management decisions.

7. Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment

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 and informing their development.

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

8. Evidence Base

The Local Plan must be founded on a robust but proportionate evidence base. These documents do not form part of the Local Plan. The evidence base will be reviewed regularly to ensure that it is kept up to date.

9. Community Infrastructure Levy

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a local charge on development which helps to fund infrastructure improvements to offset the impact of development. The Council introduced its CIL on 3 April 2015.

10. Monitoring and Review Arrangements

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

11. Resources

The Planning Policy Team comprises a manager and 2.4 staff. The team will be responsible for the production of the Local Plan. In addition to these resources, there will also be contributions for other teams and departments within the Council.

The Council will work with other neighbouring authorities, the Greater London Authority (GLA) and other relevant partners and stakeholders.