



South Cambridgeshire Local Development Scheme 2014

This Scheme was approved by the Planning Policy and Localism Portfolio Holder on 11 February 2014. The Scheme is brought into effect on 17 February 2014.

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Introduction

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced the requirement for councils such as South Cambridgeshire District Council to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). A LDS sets out a timetable for the production of new or revised Development Plan Documents (DPDs) by the local council.

The Localism Act 2011 introduced amendments to the 2004 Act some relevant to the regulations relating to LDS. The Council is no longer required to submit a copy of its LDS to Government and must specify the date from which a new LDS takes effect. The regulations do not set out the format of the scheme which can be decided upon by the Council.

Overall the LDS is designed to help the local community and all our partners interested in development and the use of land and buildings in South Cambridgeshire to understand what plans the Council has and intends to produce.

This 2014 LDS sets out a planning work programme for the Council over a three year period and sets out the current adopted DPDs for South Cambridgeshire. and the timetable for the Local Plan and will keep a 'live work programme on its website.

Development Plan Documents (DPDs) contain the Council's statutory planning policies which will be used to allocate land for development and to determine planning applications. This LDS also sets out the current Local Development Framework (LDF) of planning policies in the district which includes all LDDs which have been adopted, and also includes Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) which where necessary amplify policies in DPDs, and the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out when and how the public and other stakeholders will be consulted in plan-making and on the determination of planning applications.

What are the current adopted Development Plan Documents?

The current adopted Development Plan Documents for South Cambridgeshire are as follows –

- (a) Development Plan Documents (DPD)
 - o The Core Strategy DPD (adopted 2007)
 - o Development Control Policies DPD (adopted 2007)
 - o Northstowe Area Action Plan (adopted 2007)
 - o Cambridge Southern Fringe Area Action Plan (adopted 2008)
 - o Cambridge East Joint Area Action Plan (adopted 2008)
 - o North West Cambridge Area Action Plan (adopted October 2009)
 - o Site Specific Policies DPD (adopted January 2010)
 - o Proposals Map (adopted 2012)
 - o Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (adopted 2011) and Site Specific Proposals Plan (adopted 2012),
- (b) Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)

- o Development Affecting Conservation Areas SPD (adopted 2009)
- o Open Space In New Developments SPD (adopted 2009)
- o Public Art SPD (adopted 2009)
- o Trees & Development Sites SPD (adopted 2009)
- o Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (adopted July 2009)
- o Listed Buildings Supplementary Planning Document (adopted July 2009)
- o Affordable Housing SPD (adopted March 2010)
- o District Design Guide SPD: (adopted March 2010)
- o Landscape in New Developments SPD (adopted March 2010)
- o Health Impact Assessment SPD (adopted March 2011)
- o Orchard Park Design Guidance SPD (adopted March 2011)
- o Fen Drayton Former Land Settlement Association Estate SPD (adopted May 2011)

What new Development Plan Documents are to be prepared?

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published in March 2012 uses the term Local Plan as the document that will provide the strategic framework for a local planning authority. The Council is currently preparing a single Local Plan for the district which will replace the Core Strategy DPD, Development Control Policies DPD and the Site Specific Policies DPD. These DPD will be revoked in their entirety and will no longer form part of the development plan.

Cambridge East Area Action Plan and the Northstowe AAP will be slightly amended by the new South Cambridgeshire Local Plan. The North West Cambridge AAP and Cambridge Southern Fringe AAP will not be affected by the new Local Plan and will therefore remain in force in full.

The Minerals and Waste Documents are the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council. South Cambridgeshire District Council is not aware that a review of them is to take place in the foreseeable future.

The Submission Local Plan proposes the preparation of new AAPs to guide development in three areas of large scale development:

- o Bourn Airfield new village
- o Waterbeach new town and
- o Cambridge Northern Fringe East – to be prepared jointly with Cambridge City Council.

The Area Action Plan for the site known as the Northern Fringe East will be prepared jointly with Cambridge City Council. This will be classified as a Development Plan Document. However, no timetable has yet been agreed for its production. As soon as a timetable for its production has been agreed with Cambridge City Council then this LDS will be updated and republished.

A schedule setting out more detail on the completion of the new Local Plan and the preparation of the three Area Action Plans is set out on the next page.

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	South Cambridgeshire Local Plan	Cambridge Northern Fringe East Area Action Plan	Bourn Airfield Area Action Plan	Waterbeach Area Action Plan
Evidence Gathering	Completed	Spring/Summer 2014	Winter 2015/16	Winter 2017/18
Issues & Options Consultation	Completed	Winter 2014/15	Summer 2016	Summer 2018
Proposed Submission Consultation	Completed	Autumn 2015	Winter 2016/17	Winter 2018/19
Submission to the Secretary of State	Spring 2014	Spring 2016	Summer 2017	Summer 2019
Examination	Summer/Autumn 2014	Summer 2016	Autumn 2017	Autumn 2019
Adoption	Spring 2015	Winter 2016	Spring 2018	Spring 2020

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