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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.

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 2016 LDS, which supersedes previous versions, sets out a planning work programme for the Council over a three year period to 2019 and sets out the current adopted DPDs for South Cambridgeshire. The Council will keep a 'live work programme' on its website¹.

What are the current adopted Development Plan Documents?

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

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)

¹ <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/local-development-scheme>

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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 DPDs will be revoked in their entirety and will no longer form part of the development plan.

The Cambridge East Area Action Plan (AAP) 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 Council is also, jointly with Cambridge City Council, preparing an Area Action Plan for the site known as Cambridge Northern Fringe East. This will be classified as a Development Plan Document.

A change in this LDS is that it is no longer proposed to prepare Area Action Plans to guide development in two areas of large scale development identified in the Submitted Local Plan relating to the proposed Waterbeach New Town, and the New Village at Bourn Airfield. These will be addressed through Supplementary Planning Documents.

A schedule setting out more detail on the completion of the new Local Plan, and the Cambridge Northern Fringe East Area Action Plan is included below.

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Development Plan Documents to be produced

Document title	Subject matter and geographical area	Chain of conformity	Consultation	Publication of Proposed Submission DPD and public consultation	Submission and Examination of DPD	Adoption and publication of DPD	Policies it will replace
South Cambridgeshire Local Plan	Sets out the vision, objectives and strategy for the spatial development of South Cambridgeshire. Covers the whole of South Cambridgeshire's administrative area.	Conformity with the NPPF	Issues & Options - Summer 2012 Issues & Options 2 (including site options for development) – January / February 2013	July / September 2013	Submission in March 2014 Examination period March 2014 to 2017	2017 (subject to progress of the Examination)	Policies in the Core Strategy DPD, Development Control Policies DPD and the Site Specific Policies DPD. Saved Policy CNF6 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2004. Policy CE/3 and CE/35 of the Cambridge East Area Action Plan. Policy NS/3(1g) of the Northstowe Area Action Plan.

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Cambridge Northern Fringe East Area Action Plan	Sets out a vision and planning framework to ensure the future co-ordination of development at Cambridge Northern Fringe East	Conformity with the NPPF Compatibility with the adopted Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (July 2011 and Site Specifics Proposals Plan (February 2012) Development Plan Documents	Issues & Options consultation from December 2014 to February 2015	January 2017 to March 2017 TIMETABLE TO BE REVIEWED	Submission in June 2017 Examination from June 2017 TIMETABLE TO BE REVIEWED	December 2017 TIMETABLE TO BE REVIEWED	Policy SP/17 Rail Infrastructure in South Cambridgeshire's Site Specific Policies DPD and Policy SS/4 Cambridge Northern Fringe East and land surrounding the proposed Cambridge Science Park Station in South Cambridgeshire's. Local Plan: Proposed Submission (dependent on which policy is adopted at the time)

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Neighbourhood Plans

Since the introduction of neighbourhood planning there has been growing interest shown by Parish Councils² in South Cambridgeshire for preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for their areas. A number of Parish Councils have applied for designation of their parish as a neighbourhood area so that they can start the preparation of a plan.

There were eleven designated neighbourhood areas in South Cambridgeshire as at end of November 2016:

- Linton and Hildersham – these two parishes have joined together to form a single neighbourhood area that was approved in May 2014;
- Histon & Impington – this covers the area of the two parishes to the north of the A14 and was approved in September 2014;
- Gamlingay – this covers the parish and was approved in February 2015;
- Waterbeach – this covers the parish and was approved in August 2015;
- Cottenham - this covers the parish and was approved in November 2015;
- Foxton - this covers the parish and was approved in November 2015;
- West Wickham - this covers the parish and was approved in November 2015;
- Melbourn – this covers the parish and was approved in May 2016;
- Whittlesford – this covers the parish and was approved in August 2016; and
- Great Abington Former Land Settlement Association Estate – this covers the former Land Settlement Association estate, which only forms part of the parish of Great Abington and was approved in September 2016.
- Stapleford and Great Shelford – this two parishes have joined together to form a single neighbourhood area that was approved in November 2016.
- Swavesey- this covers the parish and was approved in November 2016

An up to date list can be found on the Neighbourhood Planning pages of the Council's website.

There are currently no Neighbourhood Plans which have been 'made', and no draft plans have been subject to consultation.

Initial general discussions have been undertaken with a number of other Parish Councils about neighbourhood planning and whether a Neighbourhood Plan would be the right tool for them to achieve the aspirations they have for the future of their villages.

Further details on neighbourhood planning, including information on how to apply to designate a neighbourhood area and details of consultations on neighbourhood areas, are available on our website:

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/services/neighbourhood-planning>

² Parish Councils are the qualifying bodies to carry out neighbourhood planning in South Cambridgeshire.