

East Herts Council Report

Executive

Date of Meeting: 7 July 2020

Report by: Cllr Haysey, Leader of the Council

Report title: Local Development Scheme (LDS) July 2020

Ward(s) affected: All

Summary

- This report presents an updated version of the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS): the schedule and work programme that sets out the timeline for preparation of any emerging Local Development Documents. It replaces the previous LDS dated March 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR Executive to recommend to Council:

- a) The Local Development Scheme (LDS) July 2020, at Appendix A, be agreed to take effect from July 2020.**

1.0 Proposal(s)

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to enable Members to consider the Local Development Scheme (LDS) July 2020 and its contents and agree to this version taking effect to replace the previous version.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires Councils to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS).

- 2.2 Local development schemes set out when an authority expects to reach key milestones in the preparation of any emerging Local Development Documents (LDD's). LDD's include Development Plan Documents (DPD's), Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD's) and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).
- 2.3 Previous iterations of the LDS focussed on the production of the emerging East Herts District Plan (a DPD). Given the adoption of the District Plan on 23 October 2018, the LDS does not set out a timeline for its revision or the preparation of any other DPD's.
- 2.4 Instead the focus of the latest LDS is on introducing the various documents that will make up the Statutory Development Plan in 2020, as well as identifying timelines for the production of a number of emerging SPD's and notes the inception of work towards a District Plan Review.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1 The LDS sets out the documents that make up the development plan for East Herts and also identifies other supporting documents. The LDS then notes the Council's preparation of future documents and potential timelines.
- 3.2 The following documents make up the statutory development plan for East Herts:
- The East Herts District Plan 2018
 - Minerals Local Plan Review 2002-2016
 - Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies (2011-2026)
 - Waste Site Allocations Document (2011-2026)
 - Bishop's Stortford Silverleys and Meads Neighbourhood Plan
 - Bishop's Stortford All Saints, Central, South and part of Thorley Neighbourhood Plan

- Buntingford Community Area Neighbourhood Plan
- Braughing Parish Neighbourhood Plan
- Standon Neighbourhood Plan
- Walkern Neighbourhood Plan

3.3 The LDS notes that the District Plan needs to be kept up-to-date and as such an assessment into the scope of a review will begin to take place in Autumn 2020 and will include evidence gathering exercises such as a call for sites towards the end of 2020.

3.4 The LDS also sets out detailed individual timelines for the production of the following SPD's:

- Sustainability
- Vehicle Parking at New Developments
- Old River Lane

3.4 The LDS also includes a Risk Assessment, setting out potential risks to the timeline for preparation of the SPD's and any mitigation measures.

4.0 Options

4.1 There are no alternatives because the legislation referred to above is a requirement on local planning authorities.

5.0 Risks

5.1 The preparation of a LDS is a statutory requirement, if it is not undertaken then East Herts would be failing its statutory duty.

6.0 Implications/Consultations

6.1 The LDS has not been subject to public consultation.

Community Safety

No

Data Protection

No

Equalities

No

Environmental Sustainability

No

Financial

No

Health and Safety

No

Human Resources

No

Human Rights

No

Legal

No

Specific Wards

All Wards

7.0 Background papers, appendices and other relevant material

7.1 Appendix A – The Local Development Scheme (LDS) July 2020

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