



# The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Development Scheme

2016 - 2019

Effective from April~~March~~ 2016

## **Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Development Scheme 2016**

### **Introduction**

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Planning Act 2008 and Localism Act 2011) requires a Local Planning Authority to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). An LDS sets out a timetable for the production of new or revised Development Plan Documents (such as a Local Plan) by the Local Planning Authority.

This 2016 LDS sets out a planning work programme for the Council over a three year period to 2019. It is intended to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016..-over a three year period to 2019. The LDS ~~it will be~~ will be regularly reviewed to keep it up to date.

### **Background to Plan Making**

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) defines the Local Plan as the plan for the future development of the local area. This is the document referred to as the Borough Local Plan (BLP.) The BLP can be reviewed in part or in whole to respond flexibly to changing circumstances. Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) should only be used where they can either help applicants make successful applications or where they would aid the delivery of infrastructure. SPDs should not add unnecessarily to the financial burdens on development. This Local Development Scheme contains details of the production timetable of the BLP and in addition provides details of the SPDs that are intended to be produced.

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (As amended) requires RBWM to up date the LDS, to keep a copy of any amendments and provide up to date information about compliance with the published timetable. A compliance statement is provided to this effect later on in this Local Development Scheme.

### **Current Development Plan Documents**

The current adopted Development Plan Documents for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead are:

- Saved policies of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Plan (2003)
- Maidenhead Town Centre Area Action Plan (2011)
- Ascot, Sunninghill and Sunningdale Neighbourhood Plan (2014)
- Saved South East Plan Policy NRM6: Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (2009)
- The Replacement Minerals Local Plan (Incorporating the Alterations Adopted in December 1997 and May 2001).
- The Waste Local Plan for Berkshire (adopted December 1998).

### **New Development Plan Documents in preparation**

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Plan is currently in the process of being replaced, as confirmed by this Local Development Scheme. It is anticipated that the~~The~~ emerging Borough Local Plan will be adopted in 2017 following examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State.

A Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan is being prepared with Bracknell Forest Council, Reading and Wokingham Borough Council. This will replace the existing Replacement Minerals Local Plan 1997/2001, and the Waste Local Plan for Berkshire (1998).

A Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan will be prepared following the adoption of the Borough Local Plan in 2017.

**Comment [11]:** Reading have confirmed that whilst there is Officer support for involvement there is currently no political support

### **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**

The RBWM SCI was adopted in June 2006 and can be found here:

[http://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/downloads/download/148/statement\\_of\\_community\\_involvement\\_documents](http://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/downloads/download/148/statement_of_community_involvement_documents)

As there have been a number of significant changes to planning policy, guidance and legislation it is also intended to update the SCI and a timetable to that effect is included within this LDS.

### **Other Documents**

It is intended to produce a number of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) to help illustrate how policies should be implemented and to aid applicants in making successful planning applications. The list of SPDs is as follows, and will be updated each year as the LDS is updated:

- Housing, Affordable Housing and Specialist Accommodation Delivery SPD
- Heritage Strategy SPD
- Visitor Strategy SPD
- Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area SPD
- CIL/infrastructure SPD
- Parking/Transport SPD
- Borough Wide Design Guide SPD
- West Street Opportunity Area SPD

## Compliance Statement

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead has previously published a number of Local Development Schemes, each updating the previous scheme. The first LDS was published in 2005 and this envisaged a two part Core Strategy with adoption of the Core Strategy policies anticipated in February 2008, and second part Allocations and Policies in June 2008. This LDS was superseded in 2007 which proposed adoption of the Core Strategy in 2010. A revised LDS in 2009 envisaged adoption of the Core Strategy in 2011, and an addendum to the LDS published in 2011 which was mainly concerned with the Maidenhead Town Centre Area Action Plan (AAP), proposed adoption of the first part Core Strategy in 2011 with the second part in February 2013, and anticipated adoption of the Maidenhead Town Centre AAP in September 2011. The Maidenhead Town Centre AAP was adopted in September 2011.

This current Local Development Scheme has amended the format of the Borough Local Plan to ensure conformity with more recent guidance and legislation including the Localism Act 2011, the National Planning Policy Framework 2012 and subsequent changes in guidance and policy including the introduction of the Duty to Cooperate and Neighbourhood Planning and National Planning Practice Guidance.

## Development Plan Documents to be produced

Document Title	Subject matter and geographical area	Chain of conformity	Consultation	Publication of Submission Draft DPD and Public Consultation	Submission and Examination of DPD	Adoption and Publication of DPD	Policies it will replace
Borough Local Plan	Sets out the vision, objectives and spatial strategy for the development of Windsor and Maidenhead. List sites allocated for development, which are illustrated on a Policies Map. Sets out Development Management policies which will be used to assess planning applications. Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.	Conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework.	First Preferred Options Consultation: Spring 2014.  Summer consultation: July 2015	August/September 2016	Submission in September 2016  Examination period September 2016 – March 2017	2017	All remaining saved policies of the Local Plan (2003) <a href="#">Except for Thames Basin Heaths SPA Policy</a>

Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan	Sets out the policies on minerals and waste across the geographical area of the three authorities.	Conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework.	Issues and Options consultation November 2016  Draft Plan consultation June/July 2017	February/March 2018	Submission in July 2018  Examination period August – December 2018	2019	Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire, Waste Local Plan for Berkshire
Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Local Plan	Sets pitch and plot targets, and identifies necessary sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople. This will be informed by the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment	Conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework.	Issues and Options consultation December 2017.  Draft Plan consultation September/October 2018	March/April 2018	Submission September 2018  Examination period September 2018 – March 2019.	2019	

Supplementary Planning Documents to be produced

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<u>Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area SPD</u>	<u>The TBH SPA has been identified as an internationally important habitat for three rare species of bird - the Dartford warbler, woodlark and nightjar. A strategy that enables residential development to take place which would otherwise be prevented by the provisions of European legislation relating to the protection of the SPA ran from 2009 to 2014 and covered Sunningdale Parish, Ascot and Sunninghill Parish and part of Old Windsor Parish. Revised Strategy to run from 2014 to 2019.</u>	<u>LPWG Cabinet</u>	<u>September to December 2016</u>	<u>March 2017</u>	<u>July 2010*needs updating after the Avoidance Strategy is updated and to include SANG at Allen's Field</u>
<u>Community Infrastructure Levy/Planning Contributions SPD</u>	<u>Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.</u>	<u>Cabinet Full council</u>	<u>June- July 2015</u>	<u>**</u>	<u>**Timing dependant on decision re Charging Schedule</u>
<u>Visitor Strategy SPD</u>	<u>Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.</u>	<u>LPWG Cabinet</u>	<u>November to Mid December 2017</u>	<u>March 2018</u>	
<u>Heritage Strategy SPD</u>	<u>Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor</u>	<u>LPWG Cabinet</u>	<u>May to Mid June 2017</u>	<u>September 2017</u>	

	<u>and Maidenhead administrative area.</u>				
<u>Housing, Affordable Housing and Specialist Accommodation Delivery SPD</u>	<u>Delivery of affordable housing, specialist forms of housing including care homes. Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.</u>	<u>LPWG Cabinet</u>	<u>September to Mid October 2016</u>	<u>December 2016</u>	<u>Joint working with Housing Team</u>
<u>Parking/Transport SPD</u>	<u>Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.</u>	<u>LPWG Cabinet</u>	<u>Feb to Mid April 2017</u>	<u>July 2017</u>	
<u>Borough Wide Design Guide SPD</u>	<u>Covers the whole of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead administrative area.</u>	<u>LPWG Cabinet</u>	<u>January 2017</u>	<u>May 2017</u>	
<u>West Street Opportunity Area SPD</u>	<u>Deals with the use of land and quality of design in the West Street Opportunity Area (WSOA) and deals with the promotion and comprehensive redevelopment of this key site in Maidenhead Town Centre. ). Covers the WSOA as defined in the Maidenhead Town Centre Area Action Plan</u>	<u>LPWG Cabinet</u>	<u>March – April 2016</u>	<u>July 2016</u>	<u>Joint working with the Regeneration Team</u>



Statement of Community Involvement

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<u>Statement of Community Involvement</u>	<u>Details how the community and stakeholders will be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of all local plan documents, as well as the consideration of planning applications – covering the whole of the RBWM administrative area</u>	<u>LPWG Cabinet Full Council</u>	<u>June 2016</u>	<u>September 2016</u>

## Further Information Sources

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