



To: Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport: Councillor Kevin Blencowe
Report by: Head of Planning Services
Relevant scrutiny committee: Development Plan Scrutiny Sub Committee 17 November 2015
Wards affected: All wards

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2015

Not a Key Decision

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced the requirement for local planning authorities to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS is a project plan that sets out a timetable for the production of new or revised Development Plan Documents (such as a Local Plan) by the publishing council.
- 1.2 The council prepared its first LDS in 2005, and issued updates in 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013 and 2014. The LDS includes the timetable for the preparation of the new Cambridge Local Plan and the Cambridge Northern Fringe East Area Action Plan (CNFE AAP).
- 1.3 This report proposes an amendment to the LDS, as set out in Appendix A, to reflect the current timetable for the preparation and adoption of the new Cambridge Local Plan and the CNFE AAP.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 This report is being submitted to the Development Plan Scrutiny Sub-Committee for prior consideration and comment before decision by the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport.
- 2.2 The Executive Councillor is recommended:
 - To agree the proposed changes to the Local Development Scheme in respect of the timetable for the preparation of the Cambridge

Local Plan and the Cambridge Northern Fringe East Area Action Plan, as contained in Appendix A of this report.

- To agree to bring the new LDS into effect once approved.

3. Background

- 3.1 Following receipt of a letter from the Inspectors examining the Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire Local Plans in May 2015, the examination has been suspended until March 2016. The implications of addressing the Inspectors' letter on the Local Plans and investigating development options for the CNFE AAP have led to the Local Development Scheme timetable being updated.
- 3.2 Attached, as Appendix A, is the current approved Local Development Scheme identifying the proposed amendments required to reflect the current timetable for the preparation of the Local Plan and CNFE AAP. Subject to approval of the proposed changes, the modified LDS will be published on the Council's website.

4. Implications

(a) Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The preparation of the Local Plan and the CNFE AAP has already been included within existing Development Plan Fund budget plans.

(b) Staffing Implications (if not covered in Consultations Section)

There are no direct staffing implications arising from this report. The review of the Local Plan and the CNFE AAP has already been included in existing work plans.

(c) Equality and Poverty Implications

There are no direct equal opportunity implications arising from this report.

(d) Environmental Implications

There are no environmental impacts in relation to the amendment to the LDS.

(e) Procurement

There are no direct procurement implications arising from this report.

(f) **Consultation and communication**

The LDS is not subject to direct public consultation. However, the LDS is an important tool to aid consultation because it sets out a timetable to which the council is committed to follow in preparing and consulting development plan documents, thereby giving the public 'advance warning' of when consultation periods are likely to take place.

(g) **Community Safety**

There are no direct community safety implications arising from this report.

5. Background papers

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- CNFE AAP Issues and Options Consultation Report
- Local Development Scheme 2014
<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Cambridge%20LDS%202014%20-%2026032014%20FINAL%20VERSION.pdf>
- The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/5/contents>
- The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/767/contents/made>
- Planning Practice Guidance
<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/>

6. Appendices

- Appendix A: Proposed Amendments to Local Development Scheme. November 2015

7. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

NOVEMBER 2015

Deletions to current LDS are shown thus - ~~deletion~~

Additions to current LDS are shown thus - addition



Cambridge Local Development Scheme

26 March 2014 18 November 2015

This scheme was approved by the Executive Councillor for Planning and Climate Change Policy and Transport on 25 March 2014 17 November 2015 following consideration of the scheme by the Development Plan Scrutiny Sub-Committee of the same date. The scheme is brought into effect on 26 March 2014 18 November 2015.

Cambridge Local Development Scheme ~~2014~~ 2015

Introduction

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced the requirement for councils such as Cambridge City Council 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 council.

The council prepared its first LDS in 2005, and issued updates in 2007, 2008, 2012, ~~and 2013~~ and 2014.

This ~~2014~~ 2015 LDS, which supersedes previous versions, sets out a planning work programme for the Council over a three-year period to ~~2017~~ 2018. It will be regularly reviewed to keep it up to date.

What are the current adopted Development Plan Documents for Cambridge?

The current Development Plan Documents for Cambridge are the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy 2011 and Site Specific Proposals Plan 2012, saved policies from the Cambridge Local Plan 2006, the Cambridge East Area Action Plan 2008, the North West Cambridge Action Area Plan October 2009, and the Cambridge Proposals Map (October 2009).

What new Development Plan Documents are to be prepared?

The Cambridge Local Plan 2006 is currently in the process of being reviewed and replaced, as confirmed by this LDS. The new Local Plan for Cambridge is due to be adopted in ~~2015~~ 2017, following ~~public consultation and examination~~ (including further public consultation) by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. The Cambridge East Area Action Plan will also be slightly amended by the new Cambridge Local Plan. The North West Cambridge Area Action Plan 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. Cambridge City Council is not aware that a review of them is to take place in the foreseeable future.

The Council is also, jointly with South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), preparing an Area Action Plan for the site known as Cambridge Northern Fringe East. This will be classified as a Development Plan Document. The plan is to adopt this new Area Action Plan in ~~October 2016~~ July 2018.

A schedule setting out more detail on the preparation of the new Local Plan and the Cambridge Northern Fringe East Area Action Plan is set out on the next pages.

Development Plan Documents to be produced

Document Title	Subject matter and geographical area	Chain of Conformity	Consultation	Publication of Submission Draft DPD & Public Consultation	Submission and Examination of DPD	Adoption and Publication of DPD	Policies it will replace
Cambridge Local Plan 2014	Sets out the vision, objectives and strategy for the spatial development of Cambridge. Lists sites allocated for development, which are illustrated on an accompanying Policies Map. Sets out the policies against which planning applications will be considered. Covers the whole of Cambridge City Council's administrative area	Conformity with the NPPF	Issues & Options - June/July 2012 Issues & Options 2 (including site options for development) - January/February 2013	July/September 2013	Submission in March 2014 Examination period March 2014 to November 2014 <u>2016</u>	January 2015 <u>2017</u>	All remaining saved policies in the Cambridge Local Plan 2006 Policy CE/3 and CE/35 of the Cambridge East 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	<p>Conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework</p> <p>Compatibility with the adopted Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (July 2011 and Site Specifics Proposals Plan (February 2012) Development Plan Documents</p>	Issues & Options consultation from December 2014 to <u>January February 2015</u>	September 2015 to October 2015 <u>January 2017 to March 2017</u>	<p>Submission in April 2016 <u>June 2017</u></p> <p>Examination from April 2016 to September 2016 <u>June 2017</u></p>	October 2016 <u>December 2017</u>	<p>Saved policy 9/6 Northern Fringe in the Cambridge Local Plan 2006 or Policy 14: Northern Fringe East and land surrounding the proposed Cambridge Science Park Station Area of Major Change in the Cambridge Local Plan 2014: Proposed Submission (dependent on which policy is adopted at the time).</p> <p>Policy SP/17 Rail Infrastructure in</p>

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							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)

Further Information Sources

Below are links to websites which will assist should you require further information on LDSs

- The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/5/contents>
- The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/767/contents/made>
- Planning Advisory Service:
<http://www.pas.gov.uk>
- Planning Portal:
<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk>
- Planning Practice Guidance
<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/>