

Local Development Scheme for Spelthorne Borough Council 2018 - 2023

Introduction

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) introduced the requirement for local planning authorities to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). This is a plan that sets out the timetable for producing a new Local Plan, including the production of new or revised documents that it will contain.

Current Development Plan Documents for Spelthorne

The current Local Plan for Spelthorne comprises the following documents:

- Core Strategy & Policies DPD (adopted 2009)
- Allocations DPD (adopted 2009)
- Six policies from the 2001 Local Plan remain in force and still form part of the Development Plan for Spelthorne
- South East Plan policy NRM6: Thames Basin Heaths

Although not forming part of the Development Plan for Spelthorne the following documents support the adopted DPDs and continue to be a significant material consideration in determining planning applications:

- Flooding SPD
- Housing Size & Type SPD
- Design of Residential Extensions & New Residential Development SPD
- Parking Standards SPG

New Local Plan

The Council is proposing to prepare a single Local Plan to fully replace the existing Core Strategy & Policies DPD, Allocations DPD and saved policies from the 2001 Local Plan. As such, the Local Plan documents will be:

- The Spelthorne Local Plan 2020-2035. This will be a Local Plan setting out the Council's vision and objectives for the area and include all development policies and allocations
- Staines Development Framework SPD to support the Local Plan
- Policies Map

Further information and the provisional 'milestones' for the production of the Local Plan that need to be achieved in order to progress towards adoption are set out in Appendices A & B.

Once the Local Plan is adopted, further supporting Supplementary Planning Documents may be prepared or existing SPDs updated.

Duty to Cooperate

The Borough of Spelthorne is influenced by and relates to its neighbouring authorities for a whole range of spatial planning, social, economic, transport and environmental

issues. There are also links beyond adjacent authorities to those in London, across the area of influence of Heathrow Airport and the wider South East. The Council will continue to work with its neighbours on issues of common and cross-boundary interest and consider joint evidence and development documents as appropriate, mindful of the differing timetables for Local Plan adoption. Through the various networks, groups and relationships, Spelthorne will ensure it meets the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate.

Sustainability Appraisal

Each stage of Local Plan preparation must be subject to Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in accordance with statutory requirements and processes. The two appraisals are normally combined into one assessment and simply called Sustainability Appraisal. This process is an integral part of plan making and has an important role in helping to secure sound plans. Each Local Plan document must be supported by an SA. The SA is subject to examination along with the Submission Local Plan. The key stages at which SA reports will be produced to support the various plan making stages are as follows:

- Preparation of an SA Scoping Report – this precedes the Issues & Options stage in the plan making process and was produced and subsequently published in November 2017. The Scoping Report identifies:
 - a) Other plans, policies and programmes they may influence the plan with their key objectives/messages
 - b) A sustainability framework to assess future plan options and policies
 - c) An appraisal of the sustainability/environmental baseline with predicted future trends of how this would evolve in the absence of the plan
 - d) Key sustainability and environmental issues which the plan should seek to address
- Preparation of an Interim SA Report to update the scoping exercise and appraise options and alternatives at the Issues & Options and Preferred Options stages of plan making
- Preparation of an updated Interim SA Report to support the Pre-Publication Local Plan which appraises any further options/alternatives, justifies which options have been taken forward and which have been rejected and why as well as appraising policy wording and cumulative effects
- Preparation of a Final SA report with the Publication Local Plan which appraises any changes to policy wording from the Pre-Publication document

Appendix A: Summary details of proposed Spelthorne Local Plan Documents

Document Title	Brief Description	Chain of Conformity	Start of preparation process	Consultation on Issues & Options (Reg 18)	Consultation on Preferred Options (Reg 18)	Consultation on Publication Local Plan (Reg 19)	Date for Submission	Proposed Date for Adoption ¹
Spelthorne Local Plan	Will set out vision, objectives, spatial development strategy, development management policies and allocations for the whole Borough.	Consistent with NPPF, but no formal chain of conformity with other plans	Oct 2017 – March 2018	May 2018 – June 2018 (6 weeks)	November 2019 – January 2020 (11 weeks)	February 2022 – March 2022 (6 weeks)	June 2022	June 2023
Staines Development Framework SPD	Sets out the vision for Staines upon Thames, opportunities for growth and infrastructure requirements	To reflect the Local Plan and support site allocations	January 2020	May 2020 – June 2020 (6 weeks)	Draft Framework consultation November 2021 – December 2021	Not required	June 2022	June 2023
Policies Map	Shows geographically policy designations and allocations. Applies to the whole Borough and is updated to reflect changes in policy designations resulting from Local Plan review.	To reflect the Local Plan above and the County Minerals and Waste Plans.	N/A	N/A	November 2019 – January 2020 (11 weeks)	February 2022 – March 2022 (6 weeks)	June 2022	June 2023

¹ Adoption dates are provisional and subject to timing of Examination and Inspector's report. Where possible the Council will be seeking to progress the documents earlier than timetabled.

Appendix B: Programme for Preparing Local Plan Documents²

Local Plan	2021												2022												2023									
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O
Prepare Publication Local Plan	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█																							
Staines DF preparation	█	█	█	█					█	█																								
Staines DF I&O consultation					█	█																												
Consider reps SDF I&O consultation							█	█																										
Draft Staines DF consultation										█	█																							
Consider reps and final prep - SDF												█	█																					
Publication Local Plan consultation													█	█																				
Consider LP reps and final prep															█	█																		
Submission to Secretary of State																		█																
Examination of Local Plan ³																						█												
Inspector's report post-examination																									█									
Adoption of Local Plan and SDF																														█				

² See previous LDS updates for earlier sections of overall programme

³ The Staines Development Framework will be an SPD and therefore does not need to be examined but will be submitted with the Local Plan as the two are intrinsically linked

Policies Map	2021												2022												2023									
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O
Publish draft changes																																		
Publish final changes																																		
Adoption of Policies Map																																		