

Borough Council of King's and West Norfolk Local Plan Review (2016 – 2036)

Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2017 -2019

1. We have already commenced work on the Review of the Local Plan, Core Strategy (CS) (2011) and the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Plan (SADMP) (2016), as required by the SADMP Inspector through the Examination. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out projected milestones in the preparation of this new Plan. It is a legal requirement to have one and keep it up to date. The new LDS will replace the previous one, which was prepared in 2014.
2. We are required by Regulations to keep our Local Development Scheme up to date, and publish it on our website. Having recently adopted the SADMP it is an appropriate time to be clear about the programme for the Local Plan Review.
3. We last published an LDS in 2014, and it dealt primarily with the SADMP which was about to commence its final formal stages at Examination. The precise format and timings for the Local Plan review were not known then.
4. As well as publishing the LDS and ensuring it is up to date, it is also a requirement to monitor progress against this within an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). This requirement has been adhered to and the '2014/15 & 2015/16 AMR' contains a commentary of progress made during that time period in comparison to what we said we would do, as outlined in the LDS. It also includes reasons as why what occurred was not in line with the LDS.
5. This new LDS covers the time period from the start of 2017 through to the end of 2019. It is anticipated that that Local Plan Review will travel through the various local plan process stages and will be adopted within this time frame.
6. The Government in the Housing White Paper is placing increased emphasis on keeping plans up to date with a new one expected every five years, and we need to make sure we have a reasonable project plan for its preparation. The Government intend to use Local Planning Authority's (LPA) own LDS to monitor their progress with Local Plan preparation. This is a drive from Government to ensure that every LPA has a Local Plan in place that is NPPF compliant. The risk to not either having such a Plan or not preparing a plan in a timely fashion is plan intervention from the Government.
7. To conclude the LDS is an important document which is legally required, it has been made public via the website, and plan progress will measure against it. In our next AMR we will assess the progress made.