

London Borough of Hillingdon

Local Development Scheme

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Introduction

- 1.1 The planning system is plan-led whereby planning applications must be determined in accordance with the Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. A Local Planning Authorities' Local Plan forms the key part of the Development Plan and sets policies for their area.
- 1.2 The Local Development Scheme sets out the documents that the Council intends to produce to form its Development Plan and a timetable for production. Local Planning Authorities must produce a Local Development Scheme under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

Hillingdon's existing planning policy framework

- 1.3 The adopted Development Plan for Hillingdon consists of the following documents:
- The Local Plan Part 1: Strategic Policies (November 2012)
 - The Local Plan Part 2: Development Management Policies (January 2020)
 - The Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations (January 2020)
 - The West London Waste Plan (July 2015)
 - The London Plan (March 2021)
- 1.4 The Development Plan is supported by the following Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD):
- Planning Obligations SPD (July 2014)
 - Accessible Hillingdon SPD (September 2017)
 - RAF Uxbridge SPD (January 2009)
- 1.5 SPDs do not form part of the statutory Development Plan for Hillingdon. As such, the programme for future SPDs is not identified in this LDS.

Hillingdon's future planning policy framework

The Local Plan

- 1.6 Hillingdon's Local Plan currently comprises three separate documents:
- Local Plan Part 1: Strategic Policies (November 2012)
 - Local Plan Part 2: Development Managements Policies (January 2020)
 - Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Designations (January 2020)
- 1.7 The Council is in the process of updating the Local Plan. The Local Plan applies to the whole of the London Borough of Hillingdon. The review of the Local Plan combines the Strategic Policies and the Development Management Policies documents of the Local Plan into a single document and will produce a new Site Allocations document. All Local Plan document will be updated to reflect the most recent National Planning Policy

Framework and the London Plan (2021). The proposed Local Plan will comprise:

- Strategic and Development Management Policies
- Site Allocations

1.8 The review commenced in 2023 and is programmed to complete by mid-2026. The timetable is set out in Appendix 1.

The West London Waste Plan

1.9 The West London Waste Plan (WLWP) was adopted in July 2015. The WLWP is a joint plan between six London boroughs (Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames). The Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) was officially created in April 2015 and also adopted the WLWP.

1.10 Hillingdon Council and the other West London boroughs commenced work on a new West London Waste Plan in 2024. The project is being undertaken with the aid of a technical consultant.

1.11 The timetable estimates the Regulation 18 consultation to be undertaken November 2025 to January 2026. Agreement from Cabinet will be required to undertake this consultation and represent the next formal stage of the process.

Neighbourhood plans

1.12 There are no adopted Neighbourhood Plans or formally registered Neighbourhood Forums in Hillingdon.

Monitoring and review

1.13 The Local Development Scheme will be publicised. It will be monitored at least annually and updated, if necessary, with commentary provided on progress in the Authority Monitoring Report.

Appendix 1: Indicative timetable for Development Plan documents currently being reviewed

Document	Evidence gathering and preparation	Regulation 18 consultation¹ Call for Views	Regulation 18 consultation² Draft Plan	Regulation 19 consultation³ Proposed Submission	Submission to the Secretary of State	Examination	Adoption
Hillingdon Local Plan: Strategic and Development Management Policies Site Allocations	2023 to March 2024 (complete)	April 2024 to June 2024 (complete)	October - November 2025	April-May 2026	August 2026	November 2026-June 2027	June-July 2027
West London Waste Plan	August 2024 (complete)	n/a	November 2025 – January 2026	October 2026 – November 2026	December 2026	March – June 2027	February 2028

¹ Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

² Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

³ Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012