



GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

**GEDLING BOROUGH
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
2016 - 2019**

February 2016

1. INTRODUCTION

Legislation¹ requires the Council to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). This document is the revised LDS for Gedling Borough which will replace the existing Gedling Borough LDS, 2013 – 2016. This revised LDS contains the timetable for completing the Local Plan which will replace the existing Gedling Borough Replacement Local Plan (saved policies 2014). Part 1 of the Local Plan - the Aligned Core Strategy for Gedling Borough is already in place. Part 2 of the Local Plan called the Local Planning Document for Gedling Borough is under preparation and this revised Local Development Scheme covers the period 2016 – 2019 coinciding with its adoption.

The Part 2 Local Planning Document prepared within the framework of the ACS includes non-strategic site allocations and detailed development management policies.

The Local Plan is also illustrated by a Policies Map which must be updated to reflect the policies and proposals of the Local Plan and therefore is included in this LDS programme.

What is the Local Plan (formerly Local Development Framework)?

1.1 The Local Plan consists of development plan documents which take account of local demands for development and growth and include planning policies to achieve sustainable development. The Local Plan may comprise a number of development plan documents and in combination this constitutes the Development Plan for the area. Development plan documents may include:

- Core Strategy – sets out the overarching spatial vision and the planning framework for other development plan documents;
- Development Management Policies – sets out policies for the management of development, against which planning applications for the development and use of land will be considered;
- Other site specific development plan documents – allocates specific sites and detailed policy guidance.

1.2 Documents which support the Local Plan include:

- Local Development Scheme – the timetable for the preparation of local development plans;
- Statement of Community Involvement (called the Gedling Borough Statement of Consultation) – sets out the Council's approach to engaging with local communities during plan preparation and when consulting on planning applications; and
- Authority Monitoring Report – sets out the progress in terms of producing development plan documents and implementing policies.

¹ As set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

- 1.3 The Local Plan will also include a Policies Map which illustrates the geographic extent of policies and proposals on a map base.
- 1.4 The government has also introduced a system of neighbourhood plans which can be prepared by parish, town councils or by specially designated neighbourhood forums in areas without a parish. Such plans are optional but must take account of national planning policy and be in general conformity with the Local Plan. Neighbourhood Plans are not local development plan documents and therefore cannot be included in this Local Development Scheme. However, if adopted they form part of the Development Plan for the area (further information on neighbourhood plans is on Gedling Borough's website).
- 1.5 The individual documents that will make up the Development Plan are set out in **Figure 1** below.

Figure 1 Local Plan



2. Progress on the Local Plan

- 2.1 Gedling Borough adopted its Statement of Consultation in June 2014. The Borough is committed to engaging with the local community on planning issues and this document sets out how and when the community will be consulted in the preparation of planning policy documents and also on planning applications.
- 2.2 Gedling Borough along with Broxtowe Borough and Nottingham City adopted aligned Core Strategies during 2014 and together with aligned Core Strategies adopted by Erewash and Rushcliffe Boroughs means there is a consistent and aligned strategic planning framework in place across the whole of the Greater Nottingham. The relevant Councils across the area have continued to work in cooperation and have commenced the preparation of separate but consistent Part 2 Local Plans. Gedling Borough's Local Planning Document has already been subject to two stages of public consultation and the detailed project plan for the remaining process is set out in appendix 1 below.

Supplementary Planning Documents

- 2.3 Councils may also produce Supplementary Planning Documents (which supersede Supplementary Planning Guidance) to give further guidance on their adopted policies. Supplementary Planning Documents may cover a range of issues, which may be either thematic (e.g. affordable housing or open space provision) or site specific (e.g. development briefs for allocations). It is not necessary for Supplementary Planning Documents to be covered in the LDS. However, these documents are subject to Member approval and will also be subject to consultation on a similar basis to the Local Plan as set out in the Statement of Consultation.

3. THE TIMETABLE

- 3.1 The Council has adopted a project management approach to preparing the various parts of its Local Planning Document and the detailed timetable for each stage is set out in the 'profile' attached as **Appendix 1**. Progress will be measured against 'milestones' to see whether there is any need to revise the published timetable.

The Proposals Map

- 3.2 Certain policies and proposals in the Gedling Borough Replacement Local Plan have been saved in their current form until their replacement under the new Local Plan format. As the Local Plan is adopted, the coverage of new policies and site-specific proposals will be included on a new composite Adopted Proposals Map.

Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Local Planning Document is subject to an ongoing process of Sustainability Appraisal, which will incorporate the requirements for Strategic Environmental Assessment. This will inform the direction and content of each stage of the plan preparation process. The information used and the outcome of the appraisal process will be set out in an 'environmental report', which will accompany each development plan document. The timetable for this work will therefore run in parallel with each of the stages of plan preparation.

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.4 Councils are also required by legislation to prepare an Equality Impact Assessment to make sure policies in the Local Plan do not discriminate against certain groups and that opportunities are taken to promote equality.

4. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 4.1 For further information on this Local Development Scheme please contact the Council at the address shown below. Information on the existing Local Plan and the new development plan process is also available on the Council's website.

By post: Gedling Borough Council
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APPENDIX 1

Local Planning Document for Gedling Borough

Title	<i>Local Planning Document for Gedling Borough</i>
Role and content	Development Management - A suite of criteria based policies which are required to ensure that all development within the area meets the vision and strategy set out in the Aligned Core strategy Site Specific Allocations - Identification of land for specific uses/policies and criteria based policies for potential unforeseen proposals
Status	Development Plan Document
Conformity with	Consistent with national planning policy, the Aligned Core Strategy and Sustainable Community Strategy.
Geographic coverage	Gedling Borough.

Timetable and milestones (key milestones are in bold italics)

Stage	Dates
Starting Evidence Base	Complete January 2013
<i>Consultation on SA scoping report</i>	
Consultation on Issues and Options	Complete December 2013
Consultation on Preferred Option	Complete July 2015
<i>Publication of Submission Document</i>	May/June 2016
<i>Submission of document and sustainability appraisal to Secretary of State</i>	September 2016
Pre-examination meeting	October 2016
Independent Examination	December 2016/January 2017
Receipt of Inspector's binding report	March 2017
<i>Adoption</i>	April 2017
Post production (monitoring and review mechanisms)	Ongoing

Arrangements for production

Organisational Lead	Planning Policy Manager
Political Management	Executive and Full Council
Internal Resources	Planning Policy Section, with technical, legal and administrative support from other teams as needed (including Development Management)
External Resources	Legal advice, outsource hardcopy printing
Community and Stakeholder involvement	Informal and formal public consultation as set out in the Statement of Community Involvement.

THE PROPOSALS MAP AND INSET PLANS

Title	<i>The Proposals MAP and Inset Plans</i>
Role and content	To map development plan policies, including 'saved' policies.
Status	Development Plan Document
Conformity with	The proposals map will conform to the adopted Local Plan.
Geographic coverage	Whole borough with detailed Inset Plan coverage of those parts of the borough affected by specific policies or proposals.

Timetable

Stage (Revised where necessary as each DPD adopted. Submission proposals map submitted with DPD to identify how the adopted proposals map will be amended or added to)	Dates
Local Planning Document	April 2017

Arrangements for production

Organisational Lead	Planning Policy Manager
Political Management	Executive and Full Council
Internal Resources	Planning Policy Section, with technical, legal and administrative support from other teams as needed.
External Resources	Possibly outsource hardcopy printing.
Community and Stakeholder involvement	Previous involvement in site specific consultations.