

Mid Devon District Council

Local Development Scheme – 18th May 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Mid Devon District Council is required to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the district. The LDS provides interested people and organisations with the Council's project plan for the preparation of local development documents. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that the LDS must specify:

- The local development documents which are to be 'development plan documents'
- The subject matter and geographical area to which each development plan document relates
- The timetable for preparation and revision of the development plan documents

1.2 Local authorities can update their LDS at such times as considered appropriate. The previous Mid Devon version has been in place since November 2016.

2. THE LOCAL PLAN

2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that Local Plans are key to delivering sustainable development and that local authorities should produce a Local Plan for their area. The Local Plan can then be reviewed in whole or in part to respond flexibly to changing circumstances.

2.2 Mid Devon's Local Plan is currently made up of three parts, all of which are development plan documents. The three documents are:

Document	Adopted	Scope	Subject matter
Local Plan Part 1 - Core Strategy 2006 to 2026	July 2007	Mid Devon	The Core Strategy is part 1 of the district's Local Plan. It was adopted in accordance with the timetable set out in the Council's first Local Development Scheme. It sets out a spatial strategy and strategic policies for Mid Devon and its settlements.
Local Plan Part 2 – Allocations and Infrastructure Development Plan Document (AIDPD)	October 2010	Mid Devon	The AIDPD is part 2 of the district's Local Plan. It allocates sites for housing, retail and employment development, whilst setting necessary infrastructure requirements, with policies on the Community Infrastructure Levy, public open space, affordable housing, education provision, green infrastructure and carbon footprint reduction.
Local Plan Part 3 – Development management policies (LP3)	October 2013	Mid Devon	LP3 is part 3 of the district's Local Plan. It provides the detailed development control policies to deal with the specifics of planning applications

2.3 Devon County Council has a strategic planning role and is responsible for minerals and waste planning in Devon including the production of mineral and waste plans. The Devon Minerals and Waste Plan is currently made up of two parts which are development plan documents. The two documents are:

Document	Adopted	Scope	Subject matter
Devon Minerals Plan 2011-2033	February 2017	Devon	The Devon Minerals Plan contains the Council's vision and objectives for minerals planning and provides the policy framework and site proposals to maintain the supply of minerals and limit the impacts of their working.
Devon Waste Plan	December 2014	Devon	The role of the Devon Waste Plan is to establish the overarching principles and policy direction for waste planning in Devon, it also identifies strategic sites for energy recovery across the County and a series of planning policies for making decisions on planning applications. The Plan covers the period to 2031.

2.4 Neighbourhood Plans were introduced through the Localism Act 2011. Neighbourhood Plans are a community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of an area which conform to the strategic policies of the Local Plan. Neighbourhood Plans, once 'made' will be adopted as part of the overall development plan. The following Neighbourhood Plans are currently under development within the Mid Devon area:

- Crediton Neighbourhood Plan
- Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan
- Silverton Neighbourhood Plan
- Tiverton and Halberton Neighbourhood Plan

2.5 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) are not part of the Local Plan, nor are they considered to be development plan documents. Therefore, information on their production is not set out within the LDS. Instead, such information can be found on the Mid Devon website at <https://new.middevon.gov.uk/planning-policy/supplementary-planning-documents/>.

3.0 NEW LOCAL PLAN

Local Plan Review (Core Strategy, AIDPD and LP3)

Adoption Target: 2018

3.1 The existing Core Strategy has been in place for approximately eleven years and the AIDPD for eight years. A review process began prior to the adoption of LP3 in October 2013 to reflect the need to adhere to the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework. This review process includes all strategic policies and allocations for the district, and incorporates development management policies such as those in LP3. The updated document will replace the existing Core Strategy, the AIDPD and LP3 to produce a single Local Plan for the district (effectively a review of parts 1, 2 and 3 of the current Local Plan). The new document will extend the time period of the plan to 2033.

3.2 The reviewed Local Plan will contain:

- Strategic policies guiding housing, employment and retail distribution across the district;
- The development focus for each of the three towns of Tiverton, Cullompton and Cullompton, the villages of the district and the open countryside;
- Site allocations for housing, employment, retail development, community facilities and infrastructure; and
- Development management policies.

3.3 The evidence base for the Local Plan includes a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, Strategic Housing Market Assessment, Open Space and Play Area Strategy, Viability Assessment, Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment, Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Screening Study, Landscape Character Assessment, Habitat Regulations Assessment, Transport Assessment, Town and Village Character Assessment, Retail Study, Employment Land Review, Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. A Community Infrastructure Levy charging schedule has also been produced alongside the Local Plan review.

3.4 Coverage: Mid Devon District (excluding part of the district within the parish of Cheriton Bishop that is situated within the Dartmoor National Park. The Dartmoor National Park Authority is responsible for preparing a Local Plan for the Dartmoor National Park area).

3.5 Conformity: the document will be produced in conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework.

3.6 The following table sets out the timetable for production and adoption of the Local Plan review:

Stage	Date
Sustainability Appraisal Scoping	May 2013 (completed)
Preparation Stage Consultation	January 2014 (completed)
Publication Stage Consultation	February – April 2015 (completed)
Modifications Consultation	January – February 2017 (completed)
Submission	March 2017 (completed)
Hearings	July - September 2018*
Adoption	December 2018*
Review	2020

*subject to hearing dates set by the Planning Inspectorate and receipt of the Inspector's report.

4.0 Greater Exeter Strategic Plan

4.1 The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan will cover the local planning authority areas of East Devon, Exeter, Mid Devon and Teignbridge (i.e. those Councils' administrative areas excluding Dartmoor National Park). It will be prepared jointly by those four local planning authorities with the support of Devon County Council under Section 28 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act. It will:

- set an overall vision and strategy for the development of the area in the context of national and other high level policy;
- include overarching, cross-boundary and strategic targets, policies and proposals for development and conservation;
- guide the overall level and distribution of development;
- make strategic development and infrastructure proposals;
- contain other strategic policies necessary to implement the vision and strategy; and
- cover the period 2020 to 2040.

4.2 Once adopted it will supersede specific strategic parts of the East Devon Local Plan, Exeter Core Strategy, Exeter Local Plan, Mid Devon Local Plan, Teignbridge Local Plan and any other Development Plan Documents as necessary.

4.3 The following table sets out the timetable for production and adoption of the document:

Stage	Date
Issues Consultation	February 2017 (completed)
Draft Plan Consultation	June 2019
Publication (Proposed Submission)	September 2020
Submission	March 2021
Hearings	May 2021
Adoption	December 2021

5.0 PROGRESS REPORTING

5.1 The Council produces an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) in December each year, covering the 'monitoring year' (of the preceding April-March period). The AMR sets out the list of documents that are included within the LDS, their timetable for preparation, the stage they are currently at, and if they are behind schedule the reasons for this.

5.2 The AMR is made available on the Mid Devon website and can be seen at:

<https://new.middevon.gov.uk/planning-policy/monitoring/>

6.0 IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 This LDS will have effect from 18th May 2018.

7.0 REVIEW

7.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that local authorities can revise their LDS at such times as they consider appropriate. The Mid Devon District Council website will be updated to set out if the LDS has been subject to further revision. Proposed changes are subject to ratification by Cabinet.