

Leicester City Council

Local Development Scheme 2024 to 2027

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Introduction

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced the requirement for councils such as Leicester City Council to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). An LDS sets out a timetable for the production of new or revised development plan documents (such as a local plan) by the local authority.

The City Council prepared its first LDS in 2005, formally reviewed it in 2014, and since then has issued regular updates via its website and other forms of City Council communication.

This 2024 LDS, which supersedes previous versions, sets out a planning work programme for the City Council over a three-year period from January 2024 to December 2026 or adoption of the replacement Leicester Local Plan depending on which happens first. It will be regularly reviewed to keep it up to date.

What are the current adopted Development Plan Documents for Leicester?

The current development plan documents for Leicester are the Leicester Local Development Framework Core Strategy (originally adopted in November 2010, and revised in 2014), saved policies from the 2006 City of Leicester Local Plan, and the Leicester and Leicestershire Waste Development Framework Core Strategy & Development Management Policy Document (2009).

What new Development Plan Documents are to be prepared?

Leicester City Council is preparing a replacement local plan. Formal preparation commenced in April 2014. It will eventually replace the adopted core strategy, the saved local plan policies, and the current proposals map.

The new local plan will contain strategic policies, development management policies, site allocation policies, and a new policy map. It is expected that the new local plan will be adopted in early 2025.

Table 1 on the following page sets out a preparation schedule for the new local plan.

The City Council will be preparing a Minerals and Waste Local Plan following the adoption of the replacement local plan. Table 2 on the following page sets out a proposed timetable for the preparation of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

What other documents are being produced?

The City Council has made various revisions to the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), including a version which considered changes within the NPPF and associated legislation. This was adopted in the summer of 2019.

In 2020, the City Council made the decision to adopt a temporary addendum to the SCI to take into account the government changes to consultation as part of the

Covid-19 pandemic. It has been decided that these changes will stay in place for now.

Leicester City Council has yet to decide on whether it will adopt a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The City Council will wait until the adoption of the replacement local plan before a formal decision will be made.

Timetables for the preparation of documents which will form the Local Development Plan:

Table 1. Leicester Local Plan

Stage	Dates
Issues and Options	October 2014 to Jan 2015
Emerging Options consultation	July to December 2017
Draft local plan stage (preferred options)	September 2020 to December 2020
Pre-Submission Consultation	January to February 2023
Submission	September 2023
Adoption	Early 2025

Table 2. Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Stage	Dates
Issues & Options and Call for Sites	October 2024
Draft Plan	October 2025
Pre-Submission	October 2026
Submission	March 2027
Adoption	End 2027

A detailed Gantt chart showing a timetable for the preparation of all proposed planning documents to be prepared during this LDS period can be found in Figure 1 on the final page of this document.

What has been the progress since the last Local Development Scheme?

Development Plan Documents

Following Regulation 19 public consultation on the replacement Leicester Local Plan in January and February 2023, the City Council submitted the draft plan to Government in September 2023. There was slippage in the timetable between this LDS and the previous LDS due to:

- Ongoing work with the neighbouring districts in Leicestershire on a Statement of Common Ground to address Leicester’s declared unmet need. Agreement has been reached with all councils except Hinckley & Bosworth Borough

Council who will consider the Statement of Common Ground at the end of January 2024.

Other Documents

As noted above, the City Council has also adopted a revised Statement of Community Involvement and has reviewed and amended that document with a temporary addendum to ensure that consultation can continue during Covid-19 pandemic.

