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Introduction

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a three year project plan for the production and review of the planning policy documents that will make up the Development Plan for Redditch Borough. This is the sixth LDS for Redditch which covers the period from July 2014 to July 2017.

Redditch Borough Council is required to produce a LDS in order to comply with Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It provides residents and stakeholders information on the documents that will make up the Development Plan, the timescales they can expect for the preparation of these documents and the opportunities for involvement. Local Planning Authorities may revise their LDS at a time they consider appropriate or when directed to do so by the Secretary of State.

Since LDS No.5 was produced, the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4 has progressed through consultation, publication and submission into examination. As the production of the Local Plan is nearing the end of examination, resources allow the Council to commence production of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). This also allows production to commence on the Allocations Plan, which was discontinued in preference to the resource being put towards Local Plan production.

The timetable for the preparation of the Development Plan can be found on page 6.

Borough of Redditch Planning Policy Framework

Current Planning Policy Documents

The planning policy documents listed below make up the current planning policy framework for the Borough of Redditch.

Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3 (2001-2011)

The Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3 (2001-2011) was adopted 31st May 2006. The Local Plan is saved by the Secretary of State beyond May 2009. A list of the saved policies can be found [here](#). Since the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in March 2012, due weight can be given to the saved local plan policies according to their degree of consistency with the NPPF.

Adopted Local Development Documents

The Council has adopted a number of planning policy documents, which can be used as material considerations in the determination of planning applications, including:

- Affordable Housing Provision Supplementary Planning Document
- Church Hill District Centre Supplementary Planning Document
- Edward Street Supplementary Planning Document
- Auxerre Avenue Supplementary Planning Document
- Prospect Hill, Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document
- Land to the rear of Alexandra Hospital Supplementary Planning Document
- Church Road, Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document
- Open Space Provision Supplementary Planning Document
- Designing for Community Safety Supplementary Planning Document
- Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Guidance
- Planning Obligations for Education Contributions Supplementary Planning Document
- Encouraging Good Design Supplementary Planning Guidance
- Employment Land Monitoring Supplementary Planning Guidance

Emerging Planning Policy Documents

Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4

Local Plan No.4 will set out the Strategic Vision, objectives and policies for the Borough of Redditch up to 2030. The plan is currently at examination and progress on the examination can be seen at www.redditchbc.gov.uk/examination

Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4 Policies Map

The Council has prepared a Policies Map covering the geographical area of Redditch Borough alongside the Local Plan. When the Local Plan is adopted, the Policies Map will illustrate the core policies of Local Plan No.4 and when appropriate indicate proposed land use policies.

Waste Core Strategy for Worcestershire

The Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy Local Plan sets out how the County plans for waste management facilities in Worcestershire until 2027. The Waste Core Strategy Local Plan was adopted in November 2012 and is now part of the development plan.

Minerals Local Plan for Worcestershire

The emerging Minerals Local Plan will replace the existing Minerals Local Plan and minerals policies set out in the Structure Plan and will be used by the County Council to determine applications for minerals development. A second consultation on the emerging Minerals Local Plan ended in January 2014 and a draft policy framework is due in Spring/Summer 2014.

Delivering the Development Plan

This section details how the Council will produce its Development Plan.

Evidence Base

A range of technical studies and research will underpin the preparation of the Development Plan. Some of the key studies and research areas are listed below:

- Sustainability Appraisal
- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)
- A Strategic Housing Market Assessment
- Employment Land Review
- Open Space Needs Assessment
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Retail Needs Assessment

Adoption of Planning Policy Documents

All planning policy documents are taken to Executive Committee and Full Council to obtain Member approval. In the case of the Development Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy, these are subsequently submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for examination. PINS will report back to the Council after the examination to report on the documents legal compliance and soundness for adoption.

Monitoring

The Council will regularly monitor and review the progress of the Development Plan against the LDS timetable (set out on page 5). Monitoring will be set out in the Annual Monitoring Report.

Resources and Risk Assessment

There are no further resource implications for the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4, subject to its successful adoption following examination during 2014.

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is essential in order to collect and pool funding for much needed wider infrastructure projects across the Borough which would otherwise be lost. It is therefore critical that there are adequate resources for the production of the CIL. While some resources required for the production of the CIL can be met through existing budgets, a comprehensive evidence base needs to be in place to justify the CIL before and at its examination. Budget bids will be required to fund the evidence base and examination. As part of the CIL a percentage (up to 5%) can be recouped as administration fees. Given the Council's financial position, whilst it is not yet known what proportion would be applicable to recoup and how much this could cover the budget bid costs of evidence and examination, it is anticipated that a significant proportion will come back to the Council.

For the Allocations Plan, some resource can be met from existing budgets. Additional work particularly on retail needs and site appraisal will have resource implications which will be subject to separate budget bids. Examination of the Allocations Plan will also be subject to budget bids.

There may be a requirement to find transit sites for gypsies and travellers subject to the outcome of the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA). As a consequence this could have resource implications which will be subject to separate budget bids.

Assumptions have been made about the ability of PINS to service the requirements from this LDS. If PINS cannot meet the requirements of this LDS, then there will be some slippage in the programme. The Development Plans Team will adhere strongly to the advice and schedules provided by PINS.

Another potential unforeseen implication for the timing of the production of the CIL and Allocations Plan is the potential for Plan wide issues resulting from the duty to cooperate requiring the Council to prepare for a Local Plan Review.

Additional unforeseen pressures on staff time can never be predicted in advance.

Timetable

The timetable for the production of the remainder of the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4 is set out below. Any changes to the timetable will be advertised on the Council website.

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| Submission to Planning Inspectorate | 12 th March 2014 |
| Pre Examination Meeting | None scheduled |
| Commencement of Hearings | 16 th – 17 th June 2014 |
| Additional hearings | September 2014 |
| Receipt of binding report | December 2014 |
| Adoption | January 2015 |

The timetable for the production of the Community Infrastructure Levy is set out below. Preparation will be undertaken in line with the DCLG CIL Guidance (2014). Joint working with neighbouring Authorities will also be undertaken. Any changes to the timetable will be advertised on the Council website.

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| Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule Consultation | September 2014 |
| Draft Charging Schedule | September 2015 |
| Examination | January 2016 |
| Approval | June 2016 |

The timetable for the production of the Allocations Plan is set out below. Any changes to the timetable will be advertised on the Council website.

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| Scoping | May 2015 |
| Allocations Plan Issues and Options Consultation | December 2015 |
| Allocations Plan Consultation | May 2016 |
| Allocations Plan Proposed Submission Consultation | December 2016 |
| Submission | March 2017 |
| Adoption | October 2017 |