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Introduction

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a project plan for the production and review of the planning policy documents that will make up the Development Plan for Redditch Borough. This LDS for Redditch which covers the period from February 2025 – July 2028

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.

The Borough of Redditch Local Plan No 4 (BORLP4) was adopted in January 2017. Since 2017 there have been numerous changes to the planning system and revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework including the government's approach to calculating housing need. As a result BORLP4 plan is now out of date and therefore a new plan need to be prepared.

The timetable for the preparation of the Development Plan can be found on page 6. It sets out the key opportunities for public and stakeholder involvement in plan production as well as periods of evidence gathering and plan preparation.

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.4 (2011-2030)

The Local Plan includes a vision and strategic objectives for the future development of the Borough, strategic policies which include site allocation policies to meet the development needs of Redditch. It also contains Development Management policies to guide decision making on planning applications. The key diagram and policies map visually represent the policies and site allocations.

BORLP 4 was adopted in 2017 and the Government requires all Local Plans to be reviewed within five years of adoption with the aim for all Councils to have up to date plans in place by 2023.

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:

- High Quality Design SPD (2019)
- Open Space Provision (2007)
- Planning Obligations for Education Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (2007)
- Employment Land Monitoring Supplementary Planning Guidance (2003)

Neighbourhood Planning

Under the Localism Act 2011, Neighbourhood Plans can be produced by a Parish Council or a designated Neighbourhood Forum, to provide more detailed planning guidance on specific local issues. Neighbourhood Plans are subject to independent examination and local referendum at which if approved then the Neighbourhood Plan is “made” and the Council must then bring this into force as part of the Local Development Framework. However, it is for Parish Councils or Neighbourhood Forums to decide whether to bring forward a Neighbourhood Plan and therefore the LDS does not specify when or how they will be produced.

Delivering the Development Plan

Evidence Base

A range of technical studies and research will inform the preparation of the Development Plan Review. These will be progressed as the plan progresses and will be published alongside the plan as part of the consultation and engagement process.

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, this is subsequently submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for examination. PINS will report back to the Council after the examination to report on the document's 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 4). Monitoring will be set out in the Annual Monitoring Report which is publicly available.

Timetable

The timetable for the key stages of the Borough of Redditch Local Plan Review is set out below. Any changes to the timetable will be advertised on the Council website. This timetable has been informed by the proposed changes to the plan making system, which require plans to be prepared in 30 months, once enacted should these reforms require a change to the timetable the Council will seek to update this LDS. In order to progress plan making in a timely manner the council will begin its formal stages of plan making with an issues and options consultation in spring 2025.

2025				2026												2027					2028																	
A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
Issues and options consultation				Notice of start of plan making under 30 month system				Gateway 1 (Advisory)				Public consultation (8 weeks)				Gateway 2 (Advisory)				Public consultation (6 weeks)				Gateway 3 (Stop/Go)				Examination				Finalisation and adoption						
				4 months' notice																													23 months					
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Summary Profile of Redditch Local Plan Review

Redditch Local Plan Review	
Role and Content	<p>Will review, update and extend the time horizon for the Local Plan up to 2043, setting out the vision, spatial strategy and policies and core policies for the spatial development of the Borough.</p> <p>Will include site allocations to accommodate Redditch's outstanding local development needs to 2043</p> <p>A Policies Map will need to accompany the BORLP, which will illustrate geographically the policies in the plan and replace the current Policies Map associated with the existing BORLP4.</p>
Status	Development Plan Document
Position in chain of conformity	General conformity with National Planning Policy Framework
Geographic coverage	Borough wide