



Local Development Scheme 2022 to 2025

Adopted October 2022

## **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 council.

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

This 2022 LDS, which supersedes previous versions, sets out a planning work programme for the Council over a three-year period from September 2022 to September 2025 or adoption of the replacement City of 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 LDF Core Strategy (adopted originally Nov 2010 revised 2014), remaining saved policies from the 2006 City of Leicester Local Plan and the Leicester and Leicestershire Waste Development Framework Core Strategy & Development Management Policy Document.

### **What new Development Plan Documents are to be prepared?**

Leicester City Council is preparing a replacement City of Leicester Local Plan which formally commenced preparation of in April 2014 which will eventually replace the adopted Core Strategy, and the remaining saved local plan policies and current proposals map.

The new local plan will contain, core policies, development management policies, waste policies, site allocation policies and a new policies map. It is expected that this will now be adopted in 2024.

A schedule setting out more detail on the preparation of the new Local Plan is set out on the next page.

Leicester City Council will be preparing a replacement waste local plan following the adoption of the replacement local plan. A proposed timetable is included on the next page.

### **What other documents are being produced?**

Leicester City Council has made various revisions to the statement of Community Involvement (SCI) including new version which took into account the recent changes within the NPPF & associated legalisation, which was adopted in Summer 2019.

In 2020 the council made the decision to adopt a temporary addendum to the adopted SCI to take into account the government changes to consultation practice as part of the current ‘on-going’ covid pandemic. It has been decided that these changes will stay in place for now.

Leicester City Council has yet to make a decision on whether it will adopt a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) so will wait till the adoption replacement Local Plan before a formal decision is made.

### **Neighbourhood Planning**

Leicester City has one defined neighbourhood area & associated forum covering an area of the Knighton Ward of Leicester. Further information regarding this including progress of the plan can be found the Leicester City Council website <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/policies-plans-and-strategies/planning-and-development/neighbourhood-planning/>

### **Timetables for the preparation of documents which form the Local Development Plan with the period 2021 to 2024.**

#### **1) The Replacement City of Leicester Local Plan.**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
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	June 2023
Adoption	By March 2024

#### **2) Replacement Waste Local Plan**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Issues & Options and Call for Sites	August 2023
Draft Plan	August 2024
Pre Submission	August 2025
Submission	Dec 2025
Adoption	Mid 2026

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 on the last page.

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

## **Development Plan Documents**

In regard to the replacement City of Leicester Local Plan the council has continued to work towards preparing a draft plan. The main reasons for slippage in timetable between this LDS and the previous LDS are ,

- The council has been working with the neighbouring districts in Leicestershire on a Statement of Common ground to address Leicester's unmet need including the 35% uplift to Leicester's housing requirements. Agreement has been reached with most of the districts and Leicestershire County Council.
- Other important legal changes particularly around climate change and biodiversity have been introduced which has meant that draft policies from the regulation 18 have needed to be amended to reflect these changes.

## **Other Documents**

As noted above Leicester 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 even in light of the 'on going' covid pandemic. Decisions will be made around the temporary addendum in due course.

Chart showing all Planning Policy documents to be produced by Leicester City Council for the period of 2022 to 2025

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