



**Newark & Sherwood Local Development Framework
Local Development Scheme**

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the timetable for the production and review of Newark & Sherwood's Development Plan. The Development Plan is made up of a series of documents which are known as Development Plan Documents (DPDs or Local Plans). These documents are important because they help shape the future development of the District and are used by the authority as the basis for decision making. Additional, more detailed guidance on particular issues is provided by Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), and in relation to how consultation is undertaken, by a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). DPDs, SPDs and the SCI are together known as the Local Development Framework (LDF).
- 1.2 Since the current system of plan making was introduced in 2004 the District Council has developed various elements of the LDF. Progress to date is shown in the table below:

DPD	Content	Status
<i>Core Strategy</i>	<i>Sets out the District Council's strategy for delivering growth in the District.</i>	<i>Was adopted in 29 March 2011 (replaced on 7.3.19) (see below)</i>
Amended Core Strategy DPD	Sets out the District Council's strategy for delivering growth in the District.	Adopted 7 March 2019
Allocations & Development Management DPD	Allocations of Housing, Employment and other development in the main settlements of the District. Policies for Development Management.	Adopted 16 July 2013
SPD	Content	Status
Affordable Housing SPD	Provides guidance on the District Council's criteria for the provision of affordable housing.	Adopted June 2013
Landscape Character Assessment SPD	Provides guidance on the Landscape Character of the District and the sensitivity and policy considerations different elements of the landscape have	Adopted November 2013
Developer Contributions & Planning Contributions SPD	Provides the framework for detailed negotiation of developer contributions (not covered by CIL).	Adopted December 2013
Wind Energy SPD	Provide guidance to applicants and the public on the District Council's considerations relating to Wind Energy proposals.	Adopted March 2014
Conversion of Traditional Rural Buildings SPD	Provides guidance for the redevelopment of traditional rural buildings.	Adopted November 2014

Shopfront and Advertisements Design Guide SPD	Provides guidance on appropriate design of shop fronts and advertisements.	Adopted November 2014
Householder Development SPD	Provides guidance on policy and design in relation to householder development	Adopted November 2014
Residential Cycling & Car Parking Design Standards SPD	Provides guidance on the design of parking spaces for cycles and cars as part of new residential development	Adopted June 2021
SCI	Content	Status
<i>Statement of Community Involvement</i>	<i>Sets out how the District Council will consult on planning applications and on documents in the LDF</i>	<i>Adopted March 2015 and replaced on 4.6.24 See below</i>
Statement of Community Involvement	Sets out how the District Council will consult on planning applications and on documents in the LDF	Adopted June 2024

- 1.3 The Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD is currently being examined once this process is completed the District Council will commence a new Local Plan. This LDS sets out the timetable for production of the new Local Plan with two options to reflect the fact that currently the Government are introducing a reformed system of plan making next year. This Local Development Scheme came into effect on the 17th December 2024 subsequent to the decision of the authority's Cabinet on the 10th December 2024.

2 LDF PROPOSED DOCUMENTS

2.1.0 This section sets out the various documents which the District Council intends to produce, and the timescale envisaged for the production of the DPDs and the new Local Plan.

2.2.0 CURRENT PLAN REVIEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS (LOCAL PLANS)

2.2.1 **Plan Review** - In adopting the Allocations & Development Management DPD the Council has committed to an early review of the already adopted DPDs in 2015/16. The Amended Core Strategy was adopted in March 2019 and the timetable for the review of the remaining element of the development plan, namely the Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD, is set out below:

PROFILE – PLAN REVIEW	
Title:	Newark & Sherwood Allocations & Development Management DPD Review part of the 'Plan Review' process
Role and Content:	To review progress of the Allocations & Development Management DPD to ensure that the policies and proposals within the DPD are still fit for purpose, to prepare policies and allocations to meet pitch provision for Gypsies & Travellers and update Housing Policies to replace those in the Amended Core Strategy.
Status:	Development Plan Document (Local Plan)
Chain of Conformity:	National Planning Policy Framework
Geographic Coverage:	Newark and Sherwood District
Timetable for Production	
<u>Work already undertaken:</u>	
Public Consultation on Plan Review Issues Paper and Integrated Impact Assessment Scoping Report (October/November 2015)	
Consideration of representations and discussions with community and stakeholders and formulation of a Draft Plan	
Public Consultation on 'Preferred Approach - Strategy (July/August/September 2016) and Sites & Settlements/Main Town Centre & Retail (January/February 2017)	
The Amended Core Strategy was then finalised, submitted and examined being finally adopted in March 2019 .	
The Inspector examining the Amended Core Strategy has set out that the District Council needs to carry out a new Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA), this will be carried out over the next nine months at the same time a review of Development Management Policies will be undertaken to ensure that they are in line with the newly published version of the National Planning Policy Framework.	

PROFILE – PLAN REVIEW

Public Consultation on Plan Review Issues Paper (July/August 2019)

Consideration of representations and discussions with community and stakeholders and formulation of an Options Report.

Public Consultation on Plan Review Options Report (July/August/September 2021)

Consideration of representations and discussions with community and stakeholders and formulation of a Draft Plan.

Public Consultation on Plan Review Publication Draft Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD (November / December 2022)

Consideration of representations and discussions with community and stakeholders on the contents of Publication Draft Plan.

Public Consultation on Plan Review Second Publication Draft Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD (September/October/November 2023)

Consideration of representations and any potential amendments

Submission of DPD to Secretary of State (January 2024)

Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD

Examination by Inspector beginning February 2024

Consultation on Main Modifications (Winter 2025)

Receipt of Inspector's Report (Spring 2025)

Adoption and Publication (Spring 2025)

Arrangements for Production

Newark & Sherwood District Council Planning Policy & Infrastructure Business Unit will lead the process, along with support from other relevant Business Units within the Council. Managed by Planning Policy & Infrastructure Business Manager currently reporting to Planning Policy Board and Cabinet. Resourced in-house with joint working with other Nottinghamshire Councils.

2.3.0 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

2.3.1 The Council's suite of SPDs was fully updated following the previous round of plan making (Amended Core Strategy and Allocations & Development Management DPDs). As the Amended Allocations & Development Management DPD is now the subject of examination the Council has begun the process of reviewing its SPDs. In the summer the Council consulted on a Draft Solar Energy SPD and a Draft Affordable Housing SPD. Given the proposed changes in national planning policy the Council is currently considering the results of the consultation and will await the publication of the new NPPF before determining what to do next.

2.3.2 Alongside a review of the existing SPDs, a Sustainable Design Guide SPD and an Air Quality SPD are proposed following the completion of the Plan Review.

2.4.0 STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI)

2.4.1 The SCI sets out how the District Council intends to involve the community and other interested parties in the preparation, alteration and continuing review of the various elements of the Local Development Framework and how it consults on and considers planning applications. The SCI was produced in 2024 and adopted in June 2024.

2.5.0 NEW NEWARK & SHERWOOD LOCAL PLAN

2.5.1 The District Council is committed to preparing a new Local Plan for the District to replace the Amended Core Strategy and the allocations and development management policies. This reflects the fact that new housing targets will uplift significantly the amount of housing needing to be delivered and will require new locations for growth to be identified. The government are intending to introduce changes to the process of Plan Making, therefore the LDS includes a timetable under the current system and under the proposed new system.

PROFILE – NEWARK & SHERWOOD LOCAL PLAN	
Title:	Newark & Sherwood Local Plan
Role and Content:	Local Plan to set out vision, objectives, strategic and non-strategic policies to shape new development in the District of Newark & Sherwood.
Status:	Local Plan (Development Plan Document)
Chain of Conformity:	National Planning Policy Framework
Geographic Coverage:	Newark and Sherwood District
<u>Timetable for Production under current system</u>	
<p>This timetable assumes the current system stays in place for enough time for the Council to submit a plan under the current system. If the government does introduce a reformed plan making system next summer/autumn, as currently stated then the Local Plan Issues & Options Paper stage can help inform the Notice of Intention to Commence Plan Making Stage accordingly as set out in the timetable for production under the proposed new system.</p>	
Public Consultation on Local Plan Issues & Options Paper and Integrated Impact Assessment Scoping Report (October/November 2025)	
Consideration of representations and discussions with community and stakeholders and formulation of a Draft Plan	
Public Consultation on a Draft Local Plan (September/October 2026)	
Consideration of representations and discussions with community and stakeholders and formulation of a Pre-Submission Local Plan	
Public Consultation Pre-Submission Local Plan (March/April 2027)	
Consideration of representations and any potential amendments	
Submission of the Local Plan (June 2027)	

PROFILE – NEWARK & SHERWOOD LOCAL PLAN

Examination Process June 2027 – December 2027

Adoption January 2028

Timetable for production under the proposed new system

Stage	Date
4 Month Notice of Plan Making	
Scoping & Early Participation	September – December 2025
23 Months Preparation	
Gateway 1	January 2026
8 Week Public Consultation – Plan Vision and Strategy	Spring/Summer 2026
Gateway 2	December 2026
6 Week Consultation on Draft Plan	April/May 2027
Gateway 3	November 2027
6 Month Examination Process	
Examination Process - including hearing sessions	December 2027 – May 2028
Adoption	June 2028

Arrangements for
Production

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- 3.1 In setting out the proposed timetable for work on the DPDs and SPDs and new Local Plan, it is important to ensure that the targets set are realistic, achievable and take account of possible problems that may arise. The Council has identified the following issues which give rise to risks in relation to progressing the Local Development Framework:
- Delays and Changes in Plan Making Reforms – There could be delays to preparing a new Local Plan if plan making reforms are introduced differently than currently proposed. At this point this becomes apparent the Council will need to decide how best to pursue a new Local Plan.
 - Consultation outcomes – The consultation process could identify additional/new issues that may need to be evaluated and a heavy scale of responses could increase workloads. Extensive pre-submission consultation carried out ahead of the actual submission stage will help to reduce this risk.
 - Staff resources – Staff leaving or failing to be replaced, or long-term sicknesses, could impact upon progression of the new Local Plan and SPDs. These factors are being monitored by the District Council, which is giving high priority to plan delivery. To address this risk, the Council may appoint temporary staff or consultants or look to seconding existing staff from other teams to the Planning Policy & Infrastructure Business Unit.
 - Evidence base requirements – This may cause potential delays and is being monitored to ensure early action can be taken to address any new requirements that become apparent, this is especially apparent when working with neighbouring Local Planning Authorities to produce evidence.
 - Soundness of Plan – If any DPD/Local Plan is deemed unsound by an Inspector, this would have major implications for progression. We will minimise this risk by working closely with our partners and the Planning Inspectorate, including in the run up to the Submission stage of Development Plan Documents/Local Plan.
- 3.2 The Council will keep the LDS under regular review and will monitor performance in our Annual Monitoring Report. This report will also monitor the implementation of the policies and proposal contained within the Development.