

South Tyneside Local Plan

A Local Development Scheme for South Tyneside

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Councils must prepare and keep updated development plan documents (known as “Local Plans”). These set a framework for how areas will grow and change over 15-20 years and provide the starting point in determining all planning applications. Government requires new or updated Plans to be delivered as soon as practical to support the delivery of more homes.

1.2 Accordingly, this Local Development Scheme provides information on:

- The development plan document(s) we will prepare over the next 3 years (i.e. 2022-2025)
- The subject matter of those documents and the geographical area they cover
- The timetable for the preparation and adoption of those documents

2. LOCAL PLAN FOR SOUTH TYNESIDE

CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

2.1 Our current development plan comprises several documents that were adopted in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Document	Subject Matter
Core Strategy Development Plan Document (2007)	Strategic policies for the development of the Borough that also influences subsequent plans prepared.
South Shields Town Centre & Waterfront Area Action Plan (2008)	Guide change and growth across the three defined areas they cover.
Hebburn Town Centre Area Action Plan (2008)	
Central Jarrow Area Action Plan (2010)	
Development Management Policies (2011)	Borough wide development management policies.
Site-Specific Allocations (2012)	Sets out sites to be allocated for development and land designated for other purposes.
International Advanced Manufacturing Park Area Action Plan (2017)	Guides the economic growth to the north of Nissan, setting out the necessary infrastructure requirements and environmental enhancements.

MOVING TOWARDS A NEW LOCAL PLAN

2.2 The South Tyneside Development Plan is made up of two Local Plan Documents:

- The South Tyneside Local Plan
- The International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) Area Action Plan

South Tyneside Local Plan

2.3 The South Tyneside Local Plan will:

- Set the need for our future housing, employment and retail and allocate those sites needed
- Addresses future infrastructure requirements such as transport, telecommunications, waste management, water supply, flooding and coastal change, and the provision of minerals
- Make provision for community facilities, such as health, education and cultural infrastructure
- Address climate change mitigation and adaptation, and the conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environments, including landscape and green infrastructure

2.4 Once adopted the Local Plan will supersede all documents listed above except for the IAMP AAP.

The International Advanced Manufacturing Park Area Action Plan

2.5 The International Advanced Manufacturing Park Area Action Plan is a cross-boundary plan with Sunderland City Council, which establishes a framework for development within its boundary.

OTHER POLICY DOCUMENTS

Supplementary Planning Documents

2.6 Supplementary Planning Documents are intended to expand upon or provide further details to policies in the Local Plan.

2.7 Supplementary Planning Documents are not subject to examination but are adopted by the City Council, having been informed by community and stakeholder involvement in their preparation. Once adopted, Supplementary Planning Documents will form part of the Local Plan as non-statutory documents.

Statement of Community Involvement

2.1 The Council must also produce a Statement of Community Involvement setting out how it intends to consult and involve the community in the preparation and review of local development documents and in development management decisions.

Authority Monitoring Report

2.2 The Annual Monitoring Report assesses whether policies, targets and milestones have been met and will inform the review of the Local Development Scheme.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

2.3 Neighbourhood Plans were introduced through the Localism Act 2011. These are community-led frameworks that guide the future development and growth of an area whilst conforming to the strategic policies of the adopted Local Plan. Neighbourhood Plans once “made” (i.e. approved via a community referendum) will be adopted as part of the overall development plan.

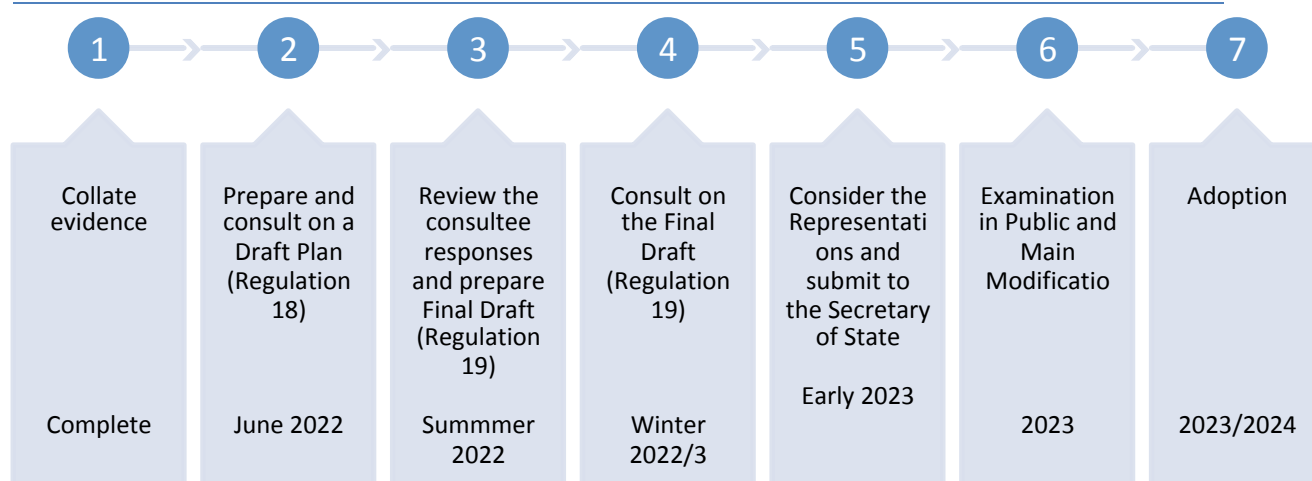
2.4 To date, two Neighbourhood Forums have been designated for East Boldon and Whitburn. East Boldon Neighbourhood Plan is adopted, and Whitburn Neighbourhood Plan is being progressed. Neighbourhood Plans sit and work alongside our own Local Plan and form part of the Development Plan. Neighbourhood Plans are prepared independently and are excluded from this Local Development Scheme. However, the Council will continue to work with and support those respective Neighbourhood Forums (and others) that want to pursue Neighbourhood Plans.

3. LOCAL PLAN AND OTHER POLICY DOCUMENTS TIMETABLE

LOCAL PLAN

Role and Purpose	Set out strategic policies to deliver needs for the borough, setting out the opportunities for development and clear guidance on what will or will not be permitted where.
Coverage	Borough wide
Status	Development Plan

TIMETABLE



IAMP AAP

Role and Purpose	Sets out policies to support the delivery of an advanced manufacturing park on land to the north of the Nissan Motoring Manufacturing site.
Coverage	Advanced Manufacturing Park Area Action Plan Area
Status	Development Plan
Adopted	2017
Review	Autumn 2022

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

Adopted Supplementary Planning Documents	
SPD1: Sustainable Construction and Development	To be reviewed once the Local Plan is adopted.
SPD3: Green Infrastructure Strategy	
SPD4: Affordable Housing	
SPD6 Parking Standards	
SPD7 Travel Plans	
SPD8: South Shields Riverside Regeneration	
SPD9: Householder Developments	
SPD10: Westoe Conservation Area Management Plan	
SPD11: West Boldon Conservation Area Management Plan	
SPD12: Whitburn Conservation Area Management Plan	
SPD13: St Paul's Conservation Area Management Plan	
SPD14: Cleadon Conservation Area Management Plan	
SPD15: East Boldon Conservation Area Management Plan	
SPD16: Hebburn Hall Conservation Area Management Plan	
SPD17: Monkton Conservation Area Management Plan	
SPD18: Cleadon Hills Conservation Area Management Plan	
SPD19: Mill Dam Conservation Area Management Plan	
SPD20: Mariners' Cottages Conservation Area Management Plan	
SPD21: Locally Listed Heritage Assets	
SPD22: Hot Food Takeaways and Health	
Interim SPD23: Mitigation Strategy for European Sites	

Emerging Supplementary Planning Documents	
Biodiversity SPD	This will provide additional guidance on biodiversity net gains.

MONITORING

3.1 The Council's Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) will assess on an annual basis progress against this Local Development Scheme. Furthermore, the AMR will also assess the extent to which the

new Local Plan policies are delivering their intended purpose when measured against related targets, i.e.

- Have targets either been met or are on schedule to be achieved; or if not
- Why, considering the introduction of certain contingency measures.

3.2 The National Planning Policy Framework requires us to assess the Plan's strategic policies at least once every 5 years post adoption, including a new timetable for when any necessary alterations will be brought forward.

3.3 Wider mechanisms also exist that may trigger a change to the Local Development Scheme:

- The Secretary of State can intervene where councils are failing to bring plans forward quickly enough or even direct councils to amend their Local Development Scheme to accelerate plan production
- The Government's new Housing Delivery Test imposes a series of remedial actions on councils where delivery falls below certain thresholds.

4. DELIVERING THE LOCAL PLAN AND OTHER POLICY DOCUMENTS

4.1 It is essential that our Local Development Scheme remains challenging enough to meet the Government's agenda on plan production whilst remaining realistic against the available resources and issues we must address.

MANAGEMENT

4.2 Cabinet meets monthly and oversees the Plan's preparation, approving documents for consultation. The power to approve the Plan's adoption lies with Full Council. Management is overseen by our Director for Economic Regeneration and Senior Development Services Manager. Day to day management is undertaken by the Spatial Planning Team.

4.3 Specialist expertise from wider teams from across the Council including Highways and Engineering, Environmental Health, Asset Management and Countryside support the production of the Plan. We have and will continue to use external advice to support the preparation of the evidence and studies.

BUDGET

4.4 Budgetary requirements are monitored in line with our existing corporate budgetary processes.

GOVERNANCE

4.5 Regular briefings will be provided to the Council's Chief officers to ensure that the preparation of the Local Plan helps to deliver corporate priorities. Key elected Members such as the Housing and Regeneration Portfolio Holder will be briefed, as appropriate.

EVIDENCE PREPARATION

4.6 The complex nature of the Local Plan means that external advice and evidence preparation will continue to be required at all stages of plan preparation. The engagement of these services will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's established procurement processes.

RISK ASSESSMENT

4.7 To ensure that we can deliver our Plan in accordance with this Local Development Scheme, the following risk assessment offers a range of contingency actions to minimise the impact of those risks should they arise.

Risk Factor	Likelihood / Scale of Impact &	Contingency Actions
Programme Slippage	Medium / High Slippage could lead to reputational issues + Government is now exercising its intervention powers where plans have slipped against published milestones.	▪ Continue to ensure progress is carefully monitored and contingency actions are implemented where appropriate
Work demands that are not programmed (notably Neighbourhood	High / High Providing technical support to the two extant Neighbourhood Forums could redirect staff resources from meeting key milestones	▪ Manage inputs to the Neighbourhood Plans and prioritise inputs and scale of support required ▪ Maintain ongoing dialogue with Neighbourhood Forums to monitor their

Plans)		programmes and identify and manage potential peaks in demand in advance.
Changes to National planning legislation, policy and guidance	Medium / High Changes may affect the content and direction of both the evidence and the policies (triggering additional work)	▪ Monitor new and emerging policy at the point of publication and prioritise managing any impacts on the Local Development Scheme key milestones ▪ Where necessary, continue to seek advice from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, the Planning Inspectorate, and the Planning Advisory Service ▪ Continue to monitor any key issues arising from other Local Plan examinations.
Staff Resources	Medium/High Loss of staff will impact on evidential and plan production – leading to delays	▪ Ensure sufficient resources with necessary experience and expertise are available ▪ Continue to liaise with other Operational Managers regarding the internal specialist expertise that is being provided ▪ Consider use of consultants / short term contracts to provide specialist advice ▪ Continue 'buddy' system so officers are aware of other's workloads.
Budgetary Limitations	Medium/High Government spending cuts continue to affect resources across the Council. Sufficient financial resources are required to prepare documents and consult.	▪ Continue to apply corporate budgetary management processes ▪ Provide budgetary spend profile based upon the Local Development Scheme including anticipated costs of external support.
Legal compliance / Soundness and Legal Challenge	Medium/High Failure to prepare a plan that is sound or legally compliant may result in the Plan being rejected by the Planning Inspectorate or result in a successful high court challenge	▪ Ensure the plan is based upon robust evidence ▪ Work closely with the Planning Inspectorate ▪ Ensure an ongoing and effective dialogue with adjoining authorities and key stakeholders recorded in statements of common ground ▪ Maintain the Planning Advisory Service Legal and Soundness Self- Assessment Checklists.