

# Local Development Scheme January 2016

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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This **Local Development Scheme (LDS)** provides information on the documents that the Council intends to produce to form its planning policy framework and sets out the timetable and programme for their production.
- 1.2 For each of the documents that will make up Camden's planning framework, we describe their purpose, status, the area they cover and their timetable. Section 3 below and Appendix 1 provide information on the planning policy documents that the Council intends to prepare and when they will be produced.

## 2 Camden's planning policy framework

- 2.1 The 'development plan' for Camden currently consists of the **Local Plan** and the Mayor's London Plan. The Council's decisions on planning applications should be taken in line with the development plan unless there are significant matters ('material considerations') that indicate otherwise. The Local Plan contains the Council's vision, policies and proposals for the use of land and buildings in the borough.
- 2.2 The Local Plan is currently made up of the following adopted documents:
  - Camden Core Strategy (adopted 2010)
  - Camden Development Policies (adopted 2010)
  - Site Allocations (adopted 2013)
  - Fitzrovia Area Action Plan (adopted 2014)
  - Euston Area Plan (adopted 2015)
  - Fortune Green and West Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan (adopted 2015)
- 2.3 These have been prepared through a formal review process, which includes an examination held by a government-appointed Inspector.
- 2.4 Supplementary planning documents (SPD) are subject to public consultation but are not subject to testing at an independent examination and therefore do not have the same weight in planning decisions as development plan documents. However, they have a valuable role in complementing development plan documents with more detailed advice on how policies can be implemented and can be given substantial weight in planning decisions. A list of Camden's adopted SPDs can be found in Appendix 2.
- 2.5 The Council's Statement of Community Involvement 2011 (SCI) sets out how we intend to involve the community in the preparation, alteration and review of its planning documents and in planning decisions. The production of the Council's planning documents should be in accordance with the SCI. The SCI is currently being updated and the programme is detailed below.

### **3 Planning documents being prepared by the Council**

3.1 The planning documents that Camden intends to prepare over the course of the period covered by this Local Development Scheme are listed below:

- Camden Local Plan
- Site Allocations
- North London Waste Plan
- Camden Planning Guidance updates
- Statement of Community Involvement

3.2 Detailed information on these documents is set out in the profiles in Appendix 1.

### **4 Neighbourhood plans**

4.1 Local communities have the power to influence the future of the places they live by preparing neighbourhood plans. Neighbourhood plans are led and prepared by the community, not the Council, although the Council has a statutory role to provide advice and support to those producing a plan. When neighbourhood plans are passed by an independent examiner and at a local referendum, the Council must adopt them a part of its planning framework and take them into account when it makes decisions on planning applications in the area, alongside our adopted development plan documents and the London Plan.

4.2 As neighbourhood plans are not prepared by the Council and their timetables are dependent on the progress made by the community, we have not included them in the list of documents in this Local Development Scheme.

4.3 The following neighbourhood forums and areas have been approved to date:

- Highgate (December 2012),
- Kentish Town (April 2013),
- Fortune Green and West Hampstead (May 2013),
- Somers Town (June 2013)
- Dartmouth Park (October 2013).
- Camley Street ( February 2014)
- Fitzrovia East (area only - April 2014)
- Church Row and Perrins Walk (September 2014)
- Redington and Frognaal (September 2014)
- Hampstead (October 2014)
- Mount Pleasant (February 2016)

Fortune Green and West Hampstead Neighbourhood Plan was the first Neighbourhood Plan in Camden to have passed examination and a local referendum and now forms part of the borough's statutory Development Plan and is used alongside the Council's own plans in planning decisions in the neighbourhood area.

## **5 Monitoring and review**

- 5.1 The Council will monitor the progress of the work set out in this Local Development Scheme and will publish the results as part of our annual Authority Monitoring Reports.
- 5.2 The Local Development Scheme will be updated or reviewed where the need to do so is identified.

## Appendix 1 - Document Profiles

### Camden Local Plan

#### Purpose / Content

The Core Strategy 2011 sets out the spatial vision and strategic objectives for Camden and the core strategic policies. Development Policies 2011 provide greater detail to those policies and sets out criteria against which planning applications will be considered.

The Local Plan will update the Core Strategy and Development Policies to create a single document. The production of the Local Plan will ensure that Camden continues to have robust, effective and up-to-date planning policies that reflect current circumstances. This will allow the Council to make planning decisions that deliver economic growth that brings benefit to the borough; secure healthy, sustainable communities; and contribute towards reducing inequalities.

#### Status

Local Plan / development plan document

#### Area covered

Whole borough

#### Produced by

London Borough of Camden Strategic Planning and Implementation Team

#### Indicative timetable

Initial consultation	Winter 2013 - Spring 2014
Consultation on Draft Plan	Winter / Spring 2015
Consultation on Proposed Submission Draft Plan	Early 2016
Submission to Secretary of State	Summer 2016
Public examination hearing	Autumn 2016
Inspector's Report	Winter 2016
Adoption	Winter 2016 / 2017

#### Community/stakeholder involvement

Consultation will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning Regulations and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

#### Review

Progress on the delivery of the effectiveness of the policies will be assessed through annual monitoring. This will identify the need any review.

#### Additional comments

The Policies Map will be updated accordingly with any changes.

## Site Allocations

### Purpose / Content

Camden's Sites Allocation Plan was adopted in September 2013 and sets out guidelines for future development on significant sites which are likely to be subject to development proposals. There is now a need for it to be updated. A number of the sites have come forward for development so can be removed and potential new major sites should be identified to meet Camden's need for homes, jobs and facilities. The Allocations will also need to be updated to ensure they are consistent with the Local Plan once it is adopted.

Work has progressed in relation to planning policy for gypsy and travellers, with an up to date Needs Assessment for Gypsy and Traveller Communities being published in 2014. Indicative targets have been incorporated into the revised Housing Policies in the Local Plan Submission Draft 2016. The approach remains that sites for travellers will be secured either by formally reserving Council owned land for traveller accommodation, obtaining planning permission and / or through a review of the Sites Allocation document.

### Status

Local plan / development plan document

### Area covered

Whole borough

### Produced by

London Borough of Camden Strategic Planning and Implementation Team

### Indicative timetable

Initial preparation / Call for Sites	Early 2017
Consultation on Draft Site Allocations	Autumn 2017
Publication of submission Draft	Spring / Summer 2018
Submission to Secretary of State	Summer 2018
Public examination hearing	Autumn 2018
Inspector's Report	Late 2018
Adoption	Early 2019

### Community/stakeholder involvement

Consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

### Review

Progress will be assessed through annual monitoring. This will identify the need for partial and/or full review.

## North London Waste Plan

### Purpose / Content

This will set out policies for matters relating to waste and identify sites for waste facilities. It is being prepared jointly by the seven North London waste planning authorities ([Barnet](#), [Camden](#), [Enfield](#), [Hackney](#), [Haringey](#), [Islington](#) and [Waltham Forest](#)).

### Status

Local plan / development plan document

### Area covered

London boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest.

### Produced by

London boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest.

### Indicative timetable

Initial consultation	April 2013
Consultation on Draft Plan	Summer 2015
Publication and consultation on Proposed submission draft	Aug-Oct 2016
Submission to Secretary of State	January 2017
Public examination hearing	April 2017
Inspector's Report	August 2017
Adoption	December 2017

### Community/stakeholder involvement

Consultation on the Draft Plan has been held in accordance with statutory procedures and the NLWP Consultation Protocol agreed by the seven boroughs, which incorporates borough Statements of Community Involvement. Meetings will continue to take place with key stakeholders throughout the plan-making process, including through Focus Group events, formal statutory consultation and dialogue with key stakeholders in line with the NLWP Duty to Co-operate Protocol.

### Review

This document will be reviewed and updated in the light of evolving national and London-wide policies as appropriate. This will take place outside of the period covered by this Local Development Scheme.

### Additional comments



## Camden Planning Guidance

### Purpose / Content

Camden Planning Guidance (CPG) is a set of documents that provide further detail to support the implementation of the Council's adopted planning policies. Camden has eight adopted CPG documents that deal with design, housing, sustainability, basements, town centres and employment, amenity, transport and planning obligations. The CPG documents were originally adopted in two phases in 2010 and 2011 and have been updated on an ongoing basis.

We have two planned updates to the CPG. A minor amendment to CPG2 – Housing is proposed to support the delivery of affordable housing and ensure that it is permanently available to those Camden Households with the greatest housing needs.

Following the adoption of the Local Plan all CPG documents will require updating to provide guidance on the Council's updated planning policies and strategic approach.

### Status

Supplementary planning document

### Area covered

Whole of borough

### Produced by

London Borough of Camden – Strategic Planning and Implementation Team

### Indicative timetable

Update 1 Minor update to CPG2 - Housing

Preparation	Winter 2016
Public consultation	Winter 2016
Single Member Approval / Adoption	Spring 2016

Update 2 – All CPG following adoption of the Local Plan

Preparation	Autumn 2016
Public consultation	Winter 2016 / 2017
Single Member Approval / Adoption	Spring / early summer 2017

### Community/stakeholder involvement

Subject to public consultation in line with our Statement of Community Involvement and the regulations for adoption of Supplementary Planning Documents.

### Review

We update Camden Planning Guidance as required in response to annual monitoring, feedback from the public, and other changes such as new or revised national guidance.

## Statement of Community Involvement - update

### Purpose / Content

The Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how we will involve local people when we consider planning applications and prepare our planning policies and is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Act 2004. Our first Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was adopted in 2006 and it was last revised in July 2011. Since then there have been a number of changes in planning legislation which have amended the statutory requirements and introduced the duty to co-operate and Neighbourhood Planning. We also need to consider the impacts of the Councils financial strategy and the opportunities that have arisen due to increased electronic working practices. We will therefore update the SCI to take these into account and update how we will involve the community in making decisions on planning applications. Once adopted, the Council is legally obliged to comply with the SCI.

### Status

Statement of Community Involvement

### Area covered

Whole of borough

### Produced by

London Borough of Camden Development Management Service

### Indicative timetable

Preparation	Summer / Autumn 2015
Public consultation	Dec 2015 / Jan 2016
Cabinet Approval / Adoption	Spring 2016

### Community/stakeholder involvement

Consultation has been carried out with the community and stakeholders.

### Review

This will be updated when or if circumstances change

## Appendix 2 - List of adopted Supplementary Planning Documents

### Camden Planning Guidance

Camden Planning Guidance (CPG) provides advice and information on how we will apply our planning policies.

	First adopted	Last Updated
CPG 1 Design	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	17 July 2015
CPG 2 Housing	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	17 July 2015
CPG 3 Sustainability	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	17 July 2015
CPG 4 Basements and light wells	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	17 July 2015
CPG 5 Town centres, retail and employment	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2013
CPG 6 Amenity	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	
CPG 7 Transport	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	
CPG 8 Planning obligations	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	17 July 2015

. All Camden Planning Guidance documents will be updated following adoption of the Local Plan

### Planning frameworks and briefs

Our planning frameworks and briefs summarise our guidelines, objectives and priorities with regards to the development of significant sites in the borough, and those that are particularly sensitive due to their location.

Planning frameworks and briefs	Adoption date
Athlone House Planning Brief	February 1999
Camden Town Underground Station Planning Brief	October 2007
Denmark Place Planning Brief	July 2004
Euston Planning Framework	April 2009
Former Post Office site 21-31 New Oxford Street Planning Brief	July 2004
Hawley Wharf Area Planning Framework	February 2009
King's Cross Opportunity Area Planning & Development Brief	January 2004
Midland Road Site, Land to Rear of British Library Planning Brief Addendum to the British Library Planning Brief	October 2003 July 2008
Mount Pleasant	February 2012
St. Giles Court Planning Brief	July 2004
Tottenham Court Road Underground Station and St Giles High Street Planning Framework	July 2004

### Conservation area appraisals and management strategies

Conservation area appraisals and management strategies help guide us in deciding on the types of alterations and developments that are acceptable in our designated conservation areas. Camden has prepared guidance for the following conservations areas:

Conservation area	Adoption date
Alexandra Road Estate	June 2005
Bartholomew Estate	June 2005
Belsize	November 2002
Bloomsbury	April 2011
Camden Broadway	February 2009
Camden Square	March 2011
Camden Town	October 2007
Charlotte Street	July 2008
Dartmouth Park	January 2009
Denmark Street	March 2010
Elsworthy	July 2009
Eton	November 2002
Fitzjohns and Netherhall	February 2001
Fitzroy Square	March 2010
Hampstead	October 2001
Hanway Street	March 2011
Harmood Street	September 2005
Hatton Garden	August 1999
Highgate	October 2007
Holly Lodge Estate	Dec 2012
Inkerman	October 2001
Kelly Street	March 2011
Kentish Town	March 2011
Kings Cross / St. Pancras	December 2003
Kingsway	June 2005
Jeffreys Street	November 2002
Mansfield	December 2008
Park Hill and Upper Park	July 2011
Priory Road	June 2005
Primrose Hill	June 2005
Redington / Frogna	January 2003
Rochester	December 2001
Regent's Canal	September 2008
Regent's Park	July 2011
Seven Dials Estate	June 2005
South Hampstead (formerly Swiss Cottage)	February 2011
South Hill Park Estate	January 2001
St. John's Wood	July 2009
West End Green	February 2011
West Kentish Town	September 2005

### **Sites of nature conservation importance Guidance (September 2006)**

Our Sites of Nature Conservation Importance Guidance provides information on sites within the borough that have valuable species and habitats requiring protection (as identified by ecologists, from the Greater London Authority ecology unit, who surveyed the borough in the summer of 2003). These sites are displayed on our proposals map.

### **Retrofitting planning guidance (June 2011)**

This is non-statutory guidance aimed at home owners who wish to make their home more sustainable. It is being updated to take account of new permitted development rights.

**Energy efficiency planning guidance for Dartmouth Park Conservation Area (August 2012) and Holly Lodge Estate Conservation Area (January 2013)**

We have prepared this planning guidance to provide advice and information to householders who are considering making energy efficiency improvements to their homes. Borough wide guidance will now be prepared.