



# Local Development Scheme for Bournemouth

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the Local Planning Authority's programme for the management of planning policy documents making up the Local Plan for Bournemouth. It is a public statement identifying which Development Plan Documents (DPDs) will be produced and when. The preparation of an LDS is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended by the Planning Act 2008, Localism Act 2011, Housing and Planning Act 2016 and Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017.
- 1.2 There are two main objectives:
- It is the starting point for the community and stakeholders to find out more about which planning policies will apply to a particular place or issue and the status of those policies.
  - It outlines the details of and timetable for the production of DPDs.
- 1.3 The Bournemouth Local Plan currently consists of a number of DPDs which may be based on a specific geographical area, or be topic based. DPDs are subject to community involvement, independent testing and have the weight of development plan status as defined by Section 38 (6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- 1.4 DPDs making up the Local Plan that have already been found sound and adopted currently consist of:
- **CORE STRATEGY** - setting out the vision, spatial strategy and core policies for the spatial development of the area (adopted October 2012);
  - **BOURNEMOUTH TOWN CENTRE AREA ACTION PLAN** - providing a detailed planning framework to guide change across the town centre (adopted March 2013);
  - **AFFORDABLE HOUSING DPD** - addressing the local need for affordable housing through the use of developer contributions (adopted December 2009).
- 1.5 In January 2016 the Council adopted the Bournemouth **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY** (CIL) which came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016. It is a levy that local authorities can charge on development in their area. CIL income is used to contribute towards the funding of infrastructure needed to support new development. The CIL proposals were considered by an independent Inspector at a public examination and (subject to

modification) was considered to provide an appropriate basis for the collection of the levy in Bournemouth.

- 1.6 The Council also produces Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) intended to provide additional information on development plan policies and proposals, alternatively they can take the form of design briefs, or area development briefs. They are not subject to independent testing and do not have development plan status but are subject to community involvement. Current SPDs can be found on the Council's website at:

<http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/PlanningBuilding/PlanningPolicy/Planning-Guidance/Planning-Guidance.aspx>

- 1.7 The Council has also produced a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which indicates how stakeholders and communities can be involved in the process of producing Local Development Documents (LDDs). The SCI was originally adopted in 2006 and subsequently updated in 2014.

## 2. Identified Local Development Documents and Timetable

- 2.1 The chart at Page 7 sets out the timetable for the production of Development Plan Documents in Bournemouth.

- 2.2 **BOURNEMOUTH LOCAL PLAN** - A new, consolidated Local Plan which will update the existing Core Strategy Town Centre Area Action Plan and Affordable Housing DPD as well as including site allocations and development management policies. The new Local Plan will, therefore, be a wide ranging document that will need to be supported by a robust evidence base.

- 2.3 **DORSET WIDE GYPSY AND TRAVELLER (INCLUDING TRAVELLING SHOW PEOPLE) SITE ALLOCATION DPD** - A joint document with all Dorset authorities to identify sufficient sites to meet the needs of both transit and resident communities across the County. This is a document that has already been subject to periods of public consultation and background work on the assessment of need and the appropriateness of possible sites. Work will be ongoing with a view to the adoption of a joint Dorset document following a public examination by an independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The evidence base has been reassessed due to changes to government guidance and as a result dates on the next stages of preparing the DPD have been established with authorities across Dorset.

- 2.4 **MINERALS AND WASTE** - Minerals and Waste planning documents are produced by Dorset County Council on behalf of Bournemouth and Poole Councils to give complete County wide coverage. Work has continued on the Waste Plan and Minerals Sites Plan during 2017 including public consultation on the pre-submission version of both documents. An LDS is produced by Dorset County Council as a joint document covering Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole. The current Minerals and Waste LDS is available on the Councils web site.
- 2.5 **CONCLUSION** - It is considered that the timetable for the production of DPDs into 2020 represents a realistic programme of work for the production of the individual LDDs given the internal and external resources available to the Local Planning Authority. It is necessary to carefully co-ordinate the various stages of the production of the documents along with the development of the supporting evidence base, to most efficiently utilise the available resources.

**BOURNEMOUTH LDS TIMETABLE**

Key Milestones	2017												2018												2019												2020											
	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	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
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### 3. Document Profiles

<b>Bournemouth Local Plan</b>	
• <b>Status</b>	Development Plan Document
• <b>Position in Chain of Conformity</b>	General conformity with National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance
• <b>Geographic Coverage</b>	Borough Wide
<p>The new Bournemouth Local Plan will update the existing Core Strategy, Town Centre Area Action Plan and Affordable Housing DPD as well as including site allocations and development management policies. The new Local Plan will, therefore, be a wide ranging document that will be supported by a robust evidence base</p>	
• Initial Consultation with Stakeholders (Reg. 18)	Oct - Nov 2017
• Consult Statutory Bodies on the Scope of the Sustainability Appraisal	Feb 2018
• Issues and Possible Options Public Consultation	July - Sept 2018
• Submission DPD “Soundness” Consultation	April - May 2019
• Date for Submission to Secretary of State	July 2019
• Estimated date for Adoption	March 2020

# DORSET WIDE GYPSY AND TRAVELLER (INCLUDING TRAVELLING SHOW PEOPLE) SITE ALLOCATIONS JOINT DPD

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Status</b></li> </ul>	Joint Development Plan Document
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Position in Chain of Conformity</b></li> </ul>	General conformity with National Planning Policy Framework and the Local Plans of each constituent Dorset Local Authority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Geographic Coverage</b></li> </ul>	Dorset Wide
<p>A joint document with all Dorset authorities with the intention to make provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople through the allocation of sufficient residential and transit sites to meet long term need.</p> <p>The DPD aims to set a clear delivery strategy, identifying how much development is to happen and where, when and by what means it will be delivered.</p> <p><b>TIMETABLE FOR KEY MILESTONES</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult Statutory Bodies on the Scope of the Sustainability Appraisal</li> </ul>	Completed 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial Consultation with Stakeholders</li> </ul>	Completed 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues and Options Consultation</li> </ul>	Completed 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation on Additional Sites</li> </ul>	Completed 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission DPD “Soundness” Consultation</li> </ul>	June - July 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date for Submission to Secretary of State</li> </ul>	September 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimated date for Adoption</li> </ul>	March 2019

## 4. Status of the Bournemouth District Wide Local Plan

- 4.1 The Bournemouth District Wide Local Plan was adopted in February 2002. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 allowed policies in existing Local Plans to retain their development plan status for three years following the introduction of the Local Development Framework System. Policies could also be ‘saved’ beyond this initial three-year period with the agreement of the Secretary of State and a formally agreed schedule was published in September of that year.
- 4.2 As newer DPDs have been adopted the majority of policies in the existing District Wide Local Plan have been superseded or been found to be no longer required. It is envisaged that the adoption of the new Bournemouth Local Plan will supersede any remaining policies from the District Wide Local Plan. A table can be viewed on the Council’s website that updates the situation with regard to the current status of those Bournemouth District Wide Local Plan policies saved in 2007. The table will continue to be updated as further documents are adopted.

## 5. Supplementary Planning Documents and Guidance (SPDs and SPGs)

- 5.1 The Council currently has 7 SPDs and 2 SPGs which are used to amplify planning policies in force in the Borough. They relate to the following issues:

### SPDs

- Affordable Housing - Replacement Advice Note for Developers (Nov 2011)
- The Dorset Heathlands Planning Framework 2015 - 2020 (Jan 2016)
- Bournemouth Public Realm Strategy - Guiding Principles (April 2013)
- Former Cliff End Hotel Site Development Brief (July 2013)
- Tourist Accommodation (April 2016)
- Bournemouth Town Centre Development Design Guide (April 2015)
- Parking (July 2014)

### SPGs

- Day Nurseries and Play Groups (Jan 2001)
- Conversion of Properties to Flats (July 1999)

5.2 In addition two residential design guide documents are in use and are material considerations in the consideration of planning applications. They are:

- Residential Development: a design guide; and
- Residential Extensions: a design guide for householders

5.3 It is intended to update the SPDs and SPGs as the need arises and resources allow. The situation with regard to new SPD subject areas will be reviewed on an annual basis to take account of changing circumstances.

## 6. Neighbourhood Plans

6.1 The Localism Act created the framework for communities to draw up Neighbourhood Plans. This gives the potential for local communities to come together to produce a plan for their local area. Provided the plan is in line with national planning policy, the strategic vision for the town set by the Council in its Local Plan and other legal requirements then local people will be able to vote on it in a referendum. If the plan is approved by a majority of those who vote, then the local authority can bring it into force.

6.2 The Council has approved an application by the community to designate the Boscombe and Pokesdown Neighbourhood Plan Forum and Neighbourhood Area. This allows the local community to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for their area. At the time of preparing this document this is the only area in Bournemouth to progress this opportunity.

## 7. Statement of Community Involvement

7.1 The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was adopted following an independent public examination in December 2006 and reviewed in 2014. This document indicates when and how the community will be consulted during the production of planning policy documents and when planning applications are received.

## 8. Monitoring and Review

8.1 Each year the Local Planning Authority will produce an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) assessing the implementation of the programme detailed in the Local

Development Scheme. The Local Development Scheme may need to be updated in the light of the findings of that report. Other ad-hoc updates or amendments are possible to address new or unforeseen circumstances.

8.2 The Authority Monitoring Report will include an assessment of:

- Whether policies and related targets/milestones in DPDs have been met or are on schedule to be achieved, or where they are not being met or on schedule to be achieved, and the reasons why.
- The extent to which the policies set out in the DPDs are being achieved.
- What impact the policies are having on meeting targets identified in the DPDs.

8.3 A trajectory of future housing supply against strategic housing requirements will also be included in the Authority Monitoring Report.

8.4 The timescales for preparing Local Plan Documents as set out in this LDS will be reviewed in light of any changes to local government arrangements.

## 10. Glossary of Terms

<b>Area Action Plan (AAP)</b>	Will focus upon implementation in areas of change pressure and regeneration. Will provide an important mechanism for ensuring development of an appropriate scale, mix and quality for these areas.
<b>Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)</b>	A report assessing the implementation of the programme detailed in the Local Development Scheme and containing a range of monitoring data.
<b>Core Strategy</b>	A Development Plan Document setting out the vision, spatial strategy and core policies for the development of Bournemouth.
<b>Development Plan Document (DPD)</b>	Planning documents prepared by the planning authority which are subject to independent examination by public inquiry.
<b>Local Development Scheme (LDS)</b>	The Local Development Scheme sets out the programme for preparing the Local Development Documents over a rolling three year period.
<b>National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)</b>	Sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. The guidance replaced a suite of Government Planning Policy Statements and Planning Policy Guidance in March 2012.
<b>Proposals Map</b>	A map illustrating all the policies and proposals in the Development Plan Documents
<b>Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)</b>	Document setting out how the authority intends to achieve continuous community involvement in the preparation of planning documents.
<b>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)</b>	An assessment of the environmental impacts of the policies and proposals contained within the Local Plan. Required under the European Directive 2001/42/EC
<b>Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)</b>	Non-statutory documents intended to expand upon the policies and proposals in Development Plan Documents. Not subject to independent examination
<b>Sustainability Appraisal (SA)</b>	An assessment of the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the policies and proposals contained within the Local Plan.

