



BCP LOCAL PLAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Growth & Infrastructure – Strategic Planning

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Local planning authorities are required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) to publish and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS is required to set out Council's programme and timetable to produce new Local Development Documents (LDDs) such as Local Plans and other types of Development Plan Documents (DPDs).
- 1.2 The focus of this LDS is the production of a new Local Plan for the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole local planning authority area, and the adoption of new waste and mineral plans. The high-level timetable for adopting these plans is **Appendix 1**.
- 1.3 This LDS will cover the period from Autumn 2019 to Winter 2022.

Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Local Plan

- 1.4 The development plan for the BCP Council area currently consists of several area-based development plan documents (DPDs) that were adopted by the preceding Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Councils. Existing DPDs are:
 - Bournemouth Local Plan (saved policies) 2002
 - Bournemouth Affordable Housing DPD 2009
 - Bournemouth Core Strategy 2012
 - Bournemouth Town Centre Area Action Plan 2013
 - Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Plan 2002
 - Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Strategy 2014
 - Christchurch Local Plan (saved policies) 2001
 - East Dorset and Christchurch Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy 2014
 - Poole Local Plan 2018
- 1.5 The BCP Local Plan provides the opportunity to replace most of the above existing plans into an up to date planning framework that will guide development across the new local planning authority geography. A new plan is therefore needed to put in place a cohesive plan for the area as well as ensure conformity with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2019 including responding to the new standard method for calculating housing needs.
- 1.6 It will be an important element of the BCP Local Plan to ensure that the consolidated planning framework for the area also includes appropriate policies that embrace and strengthen the area's diverse sense of identity across its three towns and other areas and further the Councils objectives in respect of climate change. The plan will be developed through ongoing engagement with communities, in accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement. To ensure that the appropriate balance is struck to meet strategic development needs whilst at the same time strengthen the diverse nature of the area.
- 1.7 This LDS proposes to adopt the new BCP Local Plan by the end of 2022. The key milestones are set out in the to achieve this are as follows:
 - Approve Local Development Scheme – September 2019
 - Issues consultation and call for sites (Regulation 18 – Public Consultation October to November 2019). This will be the launch of the Local Plan process and ask views from communities on what issues the plan ought to address. The Council will also invite submission of any sites that may have potential for development or other uses to be

considered through the plan-making process.

- Issues and Options (Regulation 18 – Consultation Autumn / Winter 2020). Following the initial launch and collation of evidence, this stage will be to consult on more detailed issues and possible options to address them.
- Publish the draft BCP Local Plan (Regulation 19 – Consultation Autumn / Winter 2021) – The draft plan is published for further public participation before being submitted for Examination in Public.
- Submission (Regulation 22 – Winter 2021) – Formal submission of the draft plan for examination.
- Examination in Public (Regulation 24 – Winter 2021 to Winter 2022) work will continue on assessing responses and the evidence base on range of planning topics, the plan will be tested by an Independent Inspector at examination who will test the plan for ‘soundness’ and make recommendations on possible amendments prior to adoption.
- Adoption (Winter 2022).

- 1.8 To support preparation of the Local Plan, the Council will engage in constructive and ongoing dialogue with neighbouring Councils and other prescribed bodies to meet the statutory duty to cooperate. This will include working together on joint evidence base where necessary and cross boundary strategic planning issues.

Minerals and Waste Plans

- 1.9 The preceding BCP Councils had a long history of working collaboratively with Dorset County Council on minerals and waste planning. Most recently the preceding Councils prepared jointly a new draft Waste Plan (which will supersede the 2006 Waste Plan once adopted) and a draft Minerals Sites Plans (which will operate in tandem with the Minerals Strategy 2014).
- 1.10 Both of these plans have been through examination and had the final Inspector’s Reports issued in 2019 confirming that, as amended, they are capable of being adopted. This LDS proposes that the adoption of the Waste Plan and Minerals Sites Plan as amended through the examination process are considered at a BCP cabinet meeting later in 2019.

Neighbourhood Planning

- 1.11 The Localism Act 2011 enables local communities, through the establishment of Neighbourhood Forums, to prepare Neighbourhood Plans for their local area. The Plans should set out how growth in their areas will be accommodated, and how they conform with the strategic policies contained in the area-wide development plan.
- 1.12 The Council’s role in Neighbourhood Planning is to provide advice and support to communities to help them prepare their Plans, and once approved at independent Examination, to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan as part of the Development Plan. Adopted Neighbourhood Plans must be taken into account in planning application decision-making.
- 1.13 There are two adopted Neighbourhood Plans in the BCP area with a number in development. The new BCP Local Plan will provide an opportunity for more communities to come forward and develop neighbourhood plans for their areas. The LDS is not required to include Neighbourhood

Plan production in the programme but is cross referred due to the relationship with the BCP Local Plan strategic policies.

Supplementary Planning Documents

- 1.14 There are a wide range of existing Supplementary Planning Documents that have been inherited from the legacy BCP Councils. Over time these will need to be replaced and consolidated to accord with the new policies in the BCP Local Plan. The Planning policy team will prepare SPDs as required to help support the effective implementation of development plan policy.

Community Infrastructure Levy

- 1.15 BCP Council operates three Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedules based on the preceding administrative boundaries. These charging schedules will need to be consolidated in the future to provide a BCP-wide approach. It is envisaged that a BCP Charging Schedule will be developed alongside the BCP Local Plan for adoption in 2022 / 2023.

Conclusion

- 1.16 It is considered that the timetable for the production of the BCP Local Plan by 2022 and adoption of Minerals and Waste Plans in 2019 represents a realistic programme of work for the production of DPDs 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 and other planning policy work that will required over the period to 2022.

