

**Agenda Item No:** 11

**Report To:** Cabinet

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**Report Title:** Local Development Scheme (LDS) Update (2023)

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**Summary:**

National Planning Policy states that Local Plans should be reviewed at least once every five years to determine whether policy revisions are needed to keep them up to date and/or whether new policies are required.

The appended LDS sets out the pathway that the Council intends to follow in terms of carrying out its review of the Ashford Local Plan 2030 by the summer of 2023; and subsequent drafting of a new Local Plan thereafter.

The LDS is required under legislation, and compliance with it is a legal requirement for the preparation of Local Plans. It is therefore essential that it is kept up-to-date. The appended LDS (2023) conforms with the relevant regulations.

**Key Decision:** NO

**Significantly Affected Wards:** None specifically.

**Recommendations:** **The Cabinet is recommended to:-**

- I. **Recommend to Full Council the adoption of the Local Development Scheme 2023, as required under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011), to have effect from the day following the Full Council meeting.**

**Policy Overview:** An up-to-date LDS is required under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). This revised LDS is in accordance with this legislation.

**Financial Implications:** None.

<b>Legal Implications:</b> <i>[text agreed by Principal Solicitor – Strategic Development on 15/02/23]</i>	<p>The statutory requirement upon each local planning authority to prepare and maintain an LDS is designed to help the local community and other stakeholders to understand what key planning documents (i.e. local plans) the authority intends to produce, their subject-matter and geographical area, and when they will undergo the various stages of production. An LDS is not required to include details of potential neighbourhood plans. An LDS must be adopted by Full Council, and publicised thereafter. Preparation of local plans in accordance with the adopted LDS is also a statutory requirement, and compliance is tested by inspectors at the examination stage of local plans.</p>
<b>Equalities Impact Assessment:</b>	<p>Not required as no policy changes proposed.</p>
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment:</b>	<p>None.</p>
<b>Risk Assessment (Risk Appetite Statement):</b>	<p>The risk of not producing the LDS is that stakeholders will be unclear about the Council's intentions for future plan making within the borough. The appended LDS will remove this lack of clarity and provide an up-to-date position.</p> <p>Given the scope and nature of plan making, there are always risks to a timetable. The LDS respects these risks and is based upon what is considered to be the most realistic pathway that can be pursued under the current planning regime. As members are aware, the Governments' proposed amendments to the national planning system are currently under consultation, and could result in significant changes.</p> <p>More widely, there is a risk that national planning reforms will change the way Local Plans are prepared in the future and these changes will be introduced before any revised Local Plan is adopted.</p> <p>Transitional arrangements are yet to be confirmed by Government, as such there remains a risk that the preparation of a new Local Plan may be impacted upon by the introduction of the potential new reform. However the alternative would be to not proceed with a review and update of the Ashford Local Plan, which would also have unfavourable consequences on decision making within the borough.</p>
<b>Sustainability Implications:</b>	<p>None.</p>
<b>Other Material Implications:</b>	<p>None.</p>

**Exempt from  
Publication:**

**NO**

**Background  
Papers:**

None.

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## **Report Title: Local Development Scheme (LDS) Update (2023)**

### **Introduction and Background**

1. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a key document that serves two principal functions. Firstly, it enables the local community to understand the current status of planning policies for their area; and secondly, it sets out the scope and timetable for the production of future Local Plan documents, including broad assumptions of when wider public consultation might occur.
2. The production of an LDS is required under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). Compliance with the adopted LDS timetable is a legal requirement, which is tested for Local Plans at Examination stage, and therefore it is essential that it is kept up-to-date.

### **Proposal**

3. The Spatial planning team are primarily responsible within the Planning and Development Service for producing Local Plans which are fundamental to delivering a number of corporate Council objectives, including the desire for a 'Greener' Ashford and the need to 'Target Growth'.
4. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) details that LPA's should assess whether they need to update the policies in their local plan at least once every five years. A review should consider the changing circumstances affecting the local area, the relevance and effectiveness of existing policy; and/or any recent changes in national policy.
5. This report seeks approval for the appended LDS (2023), which confirms that a review of the Ashford Local Plan 2030 will commence in the summer of 2023.
6. Officers anticipate that the review of the Ashford Local Plan 2030 will likely result in the preparation of a new Local Plan for the borough which will:
  - extend the current Local Plan timeframe to 2041;
  - revisit the objectively assessed needs for the new plan period relating to housing (including Gypsy and Travellers), employment, retail and leisure; and other key uses;
  - allocate new sites to meet an increase in development requirements;
  - introduce new areas of planning policy for the Council;
  - update some existing policies to reflect recent (and potential future) amendments to national planning policy and practice guidance.
  - retain existing key policies on account of them remaining consistent with current national planning policy and practice guidance.

7. The appended LDS also assumes that the Chilmington Green Area Action Plan will be reviewed again as part of any new Local Plan to 2041 in order to determine whether policy revisions are needed, or whether the policies can be incorporated into the new Local Plan.
8. The review of the Ashford Borough Local Plan 2030 is to take place in the summer of 2023, and will initiate the start of the preparation of a new Local Plan. The projected timetable is set out below:

<b>Local Plan Preparation Stage</b>	<b>Anticipated Date</b>
Review of Ashford Local Plan 2030	Q3, 2023
New Local Plan (2041) Regulation 18: public consultation	Q2, 2024
New Local Plan (2041) Regulation 19: public consultation	Q1, 2025
Regulation 22: Submission to Secretary of State	Q2, 2025
Local Plan Examination in Public	Q4, 2025
Ashford Local Plan (2041) adopted	Q3, 2026

9. The parameters of the timetable as set out above are subject to the timely resolution of the Stodmarsh issue, the scope of the Local Plan review, any future changes to National Planning Policy and the ability of the Planning Inspectorate to resource the Examination of the Plan in due course.
10. A fuller explanation of the timetable is provided in the LDS appended to this paper.

## **Key considerations for the preparation of a new Local Plan**

### **Meeting objectively assessed needs and the Plan period**

#### Housing

11. At present, a state of uncertainty exists around how local housing requirements will be calculated and administered in the future. Since 2018, the standard method has been applied to generate a 'minimum' housing need figure that local planning authorities have had to plan for. However, proposed changes to the NPPF, coming out of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill in December 2022, suggest that this approach could be amended to an 'advisory starting point'.
12. Regardless, any revision of the existing Local Plan will require a fresh calculation of housing need informed by the standard method. This figure will then be the foundation on which that Plan progresses, as well as impacting the needs for employment, retail and infrastructure provision, to ensure the creation of sustainable balanced communities.

#### Affordable Housing

13. Although the standard method is used to calculate an overall minimum average annual housing figure, it doesn't break this down into the housing

needs of individual groups. A revised or new local plan would also need to identify and plan for the housing needs of particular groups of people over the plan period, including affordable housing and the tenures within this housing.

### **New planning policy areas to be addressed**

#### Stodmarsh

14. In July 2020, Natural England issued Advice to the local planning authorities located in the Stour catchment setting out the deteriorating water quality at the Stodmarsh Lakes. Consequently, development which could have an impact on water quality in the Stodmarsh European-designated sites through increased nutrient levels from waste water discharges are now required to provide evidence of nutrient neutrality at the point of submission of the planning application.
15. The Council has been working to prepare its Stodmarsh Mitigation Strategy through the creation of new strategic wetlands, which will generate nitrogen and phosphorus 'credits' that can then be purchased by developers in order to achieve nutrient neutrality. A revised or new Local Plan will need to include policies on this issue.

#### Biodiversity Net Gain

16. The NPPF sets out that planning policies and decisions 'should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by minimising impact on and providing net gains for biodiversity'. Under the Environment Act 2021, it will become mandatory for all planning permissions granted in England to deliver at least 10% Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) from an as yet unconfirmed date, but expected to be November 2023.
17. BNG refers to the measureable gains in biodiversity (on or off-site) achieved through a new development that leaves biodiversity in a better state than before the development. Therefore, any future revision/new the Local Plan will need to include a policy that sets out the local circumstance and requirements for delivering biodiversity net gain.

#### Design codes

18. The 2021 update to the NPPF placed an increased emphasis on beauty, place-making and good design; and makes a requirement that design codes 'should be produced either as part of a development plan or as supplementary planning documents'. The aim of these documents is to help local authorities and communities decide what good quality design looks like in their area based on the local aspirations for how this area shall develop. Once created, the Design Code will be taken into account when determining planning applications. Any revised/new Local Plan will need to clearly articulate what this means for future developments in the borough.

#### Climate Change policies

19. At Cabinet in December 2022, the Council published informal guidance for developers, applicants and decision makers as to what the Council expects

certain types of new residential development to deliver in the way of infrastructure to help mitigate the impacts of climate change. Any future revision to the Local Plan may seek to include planning policies that supports, formalises and pushes the requirements yet further.

### **Existing Local Plan policies to be retained**

20. The Local Plan review will seek to identify those existing Local Plan policies that are being applied effectively in decision making, and which remain consistent with national planning guidance. Analysis through, for example, appeal decisions, will be undertaken.

### **The need to co-ordinate infrastructure to support growth**

21. In addition to the delivery of housing, employment and retail uses, there is a need to plan for the necessary supporting infrastructure including utilities, transport, schools, healthcare, and energy generation. The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill also includes important measures to capture uplifts in land value more effectively through a new Infrastructure Levy.
22. A new Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP) will need to be prepared to support a revised or new local plan. Its purpose to identify gaps in infrastructure provision and co-ordinate their timing, phasing, funding and delivery to support future growth within the borough.

### **The challenge of the timescale**

23. The plan making process is required to deal with a series of multifaceted and interwoven set of spatial considerations and challenges, as well as the need to engage and work with officers inside and outside the Planning Service, Members, service providers and the local community.
24. The management and co-ordination of all these different work streams to meet the timetable suggested in this paper is not an easy undertaking and shouldn't be under-estimated, especially with the backdrop of an ever-shifting national policy.
25. However, the Council remain committed to pursuing a plan-led system as the best means of controlling and influencing the market to achieve the Council's strategic vision and aspiration for the borough.

### **Implications of National Planning Reforms**

26. When the LDS was last updated in July 2022, the report noted the progress of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill through Parliament and how this may change the way in which Local Plans are prepared in future. The Bill has reached the House of Lords and is expected to be enacted later this year.
27. In December the Government launched a consultation into some of the ways that the planning system is likely to change as a result of the Bill alongside an amended National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Comments are invited up until 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the Council will be responding.

28. Among other things, views are sought on possible transitional arrangements for Local Planning Authorities at various stages of plan making. It is anticipated that after the consultation responses have been considered that these will be included in a revised NPPF.
29. Indicative arrangements suggest the new planning system will come into force late in 2024, after which Local Plans will have to be prepared based on the new processes introduced by the new Planning Act, Revised NPPF and accompanying Regulations.
30. The proposed transitional period for 'old style' plans is that they have to be submitted to the Secretary of State no later than 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and must be adopted by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026.
31. The draft LDS set out would be within these deadlines.

## **Equalities Impact Assessment**

32. Not required as no policy changes proposed.

## **Consultation Planned or Undertaken**

33. There is no requirement for public consultation on the LDS.

## **Other Options Considered**

34. Production of an up to date LDS is a statutory requirement, and therefore is not optional. However, the council can amend the LDS at anytime before a Public Examination is undertaken.
35. Some Local Planning Authorities have recently taken the decision to pause their plan making pending further clarification on the national planning reforms explained above. General advice from the Government and the Planning Inspectorate has always been to keep plans up to date using the best information and guidance available at the time.
36. The option exists of postponing the review until the new planning system has been introduced prior to preparing a new Local Plan. However, the Ashford Local Plan 2030 would effectively become out of date approximately 9 months before the new system is expected to come into force. This could leave the Council more vulnerable to planning appeals (and this could be extended if the Government timetable slips).

## **Reasons for Supporting Option Recommended**

37. Commencing the review of the Local Plan in the summer of 2023 demonstrates that the Council is responding to Government guidance by maintaining an up to date plan.



38. The review can address important issues that have arisen since the Local plan was adopted in 2019, such as those associated with nutrient neutrality at Stodmarsh Lakes and the implications of the Environment Act 2021, expected to come into force this November. It also provides an opportunity to refresh the Chilmington AAP and policy approach for Gypsies and Travellers.

### **Next Steps in Process**

39. Subject to Cabinet approval of the updated LDS the document will be published on the Council's website and the Planning Inspectorate informed.

### **Conclusion**

40. The revision of the LDS is essential to meet the requirements set out in Regulations, provides a useful tool to measure the current and future Local Plan progress and milestones.
41. The proposed timetable and scope for the review of the Ashford Local Plan 2030 will ensure that the necessary steps are being taken to keep the plan up to date and robust for development management purposes.

### **Portfolio Holder's Views**

42. The Portfolio Holder's views will be given at the meeting.

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**Ashford Borough Council**

# **Local Development Scheme**

**March 2023**





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## Introduction

### What is a Local Development Scheme?

Ashford Borough Council is required to prepare, maintain and publish a Local Development Scheme (LDS) in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

The LDS is a 'project plan' which sets out the timetable for the production of new or revised Local Plan Documents which will form part of the Council's Local Development Plan.

The LDS provides a starting point for the community to find out:

- The current Local Plan documents which make up the statutory Development Plan for Ashford.
- The subject matter and the geographical area to which each document being prepared relates.
- Any future Local Plan documents which are to be prepared, and their associated timescales.

The LDS will be reviewed annually through the [Authority Monitoring Reports](#).

### Previous LDS Documents

This LDS supersedes all previous versions. The Council produced its first LDS in March 2005, followed by subsequent schemes in July 2008, December 2010, July 2014, September 2015, May 2017, April 2018, March 2019, March 2021 and June 2022. In accordance with Regulations, all formerly adopted LDS timetables can be reviewed at Appendix 3 – [Previous Local Development Scheme Timetables \(now superseded\)](#).

## The Current adopted Development Plan documents:

### Development Plan Documents

The current Development Plan for Ashford borough comprises the Local Plan 2030 (2019), along with the Chilmington Green Area Action Plan (2013), the Wye Neighbourhood Plan (2016), the Pluckley Neighbourhood Plan (2017), the Rolvenden Neighbourhood Plan (2019), Boughton Aluph and Eastwell Neighbourhood Plan (2021), Egerton Neighbourhood Plan (2022) and the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan (2016) as well as the Kent Minerals and Waste Early Partial Review (2020).

[View the adopted Development Plan documents](#)

- **Ashford Local Plan to 2030 (Adopted February 2019)**

The Ashford Local Plan 2030 is the principal Development Plan document for the borough and sets out the overall vision and strategic objectives for the delivery of growth in Ashford until 2030, and establishes the level of new housing and employment development for Ashford borough for the life of the Plan. There is a statutory requirement to review the Local Plan within 5 years of adoption. This review has not commenced.

- **Chilmington Green Area Action Plan (AAP) (2013)**

The AAP provides a policy framework to deliver up to 5,750 new homes and 1,000 new jobs over the next 25 years at Chilmington Green. The AAP contains topic policies for community infrastructure, transport improvements, ecology and provides a framework for different character areas.

### **Adopted Neighbourhood Plans**

Provisions in the Localism Act (2011) allow local communities to prepare Neighbourhood Plans for their local areas. Neighbourhood Plans will form part of the Development Plan for the areas that they cover once they are formally 'made' by the Local Planning Authority. There are currently 5 adopted Neighbourhood Plans in the borough; Wye, Pluckley, Rolvenden, Boughton Aluph and Eastwell, and Egerton.

There are other emerging Neighbourhood Plans, but as they are produced by the parishes, there is no requirement to set out the timescales within this LDS.

[View more information on all the Neighbourhood Plans in the borough.](#)

### **Minerals and Waste Plan**

As the minerals and waste planning authority for Kent, Kent County Council have to plan for waste management capacity and mineral provision. The plan, and subsequent partial review in 2020, sets out the vision and strategy for waste management and mineral provision up until the year 2030.

[View the Kent County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-2030](#)

### **Supplementary Planning Documents and Guidance**

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) support the development plans. All matters covered in SPDs relate to policies within the Development Plan. Ashford has a number of adopted SPD's which are used as material considerations when assessing planning applications:

- Affordable Housing SPD (2009)
- Residential Parking SPD (2010)
- Sustainable Drainage SPD (2010)
- Residential Space and Layout SPD (2011)
- Landscape Character SPD (2011)
- Public Green Spaces and Water Environment SPD (2012)
- Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (2012)
- Stables, Arenas and other Horse Related Development SPD (2014)

- Dark Skies SPD (2014)
- Chilmington Design Code SPD (2016)
- Fibre to the Premises SPD (2020)

Similarly, the Council has a number of [Supplementary Planning Guidance \(SPG\) documents and guidance notes](#) which support policies in the Local Plan 2030 and provide more detailed advice on particular topics.

## Other relevant documents

### Statement of Community Involvement

The Ashford [Statement of Community Involvement \(SCI\)](#) was adopted in March 2020. The SCI sets out how the planning department intends to achieve community involvement, public participation and cooperation in all planning matters, including the preparation of local development documents, supplementary planning documents and arrangements for consultation on planning applications.

### Authority Monitoring Report

The Council publishes up-to-date authority monitoring information on its website. Not only does this information provide updates on the status of the LDS timetable, it also sets out the progress of the Local Plan 2030, reports on public consultations and duty-to-cooperate consultations, provides an update on neighbourhood planning within the borough and details borough-wide statistics on planning topic areas such as housing, employment, population, community, health, education, environment and transport.

[View the Council's Authority Monitoring Reports](#)

### Policies Map

Finally, the Council is required to produce a Policies Map, which shows the location of proposals in all current adopted local development documents on an ordnance survey based map. The map is web based and is kept up-to-date and reflects current adopted policies within the borough.

[Access the Adopted Local Plan Policies Map](#)

## Emerging Plans

### Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Council consulted on a Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule for an 8 week period in Summer 2016.

However, the process to introduce CIL in Ashford has been since put on hold, awaiting the government's review of CIL and developer contributions. Following the government's response to the review set out in the document 'Government response to supporting housing delivery through developer contributions' (October, 2018), the 'Planning for the Future' White Paper (August, 2020) and proposals for an Infrastructure Levy as part of the 'Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill' (May 2022) the Council is currently considering the options for taking forward CIL. The Council's developer contributions webpages will provide further updates on progress and timescales if and when they are available, but no timetable is set out in this LDS for production of CIL at this time.

## **Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Local Plan**

The intention had been that the outstanding Gypsy and Traveller need identified in the Ashford Local Plan 2030 would be addressed through the preparation of a separate Development Plan Document (SPD).

However, work on the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan was paused in 2020 following advice issued by Natural England regarding the water quality at the internationally important Stodmarsh Lakes. This required all development proposing overnight accommodation within the catchment of the River Stour to demonstrate 'nutrient neutrality' in order to prevent further deterioration of the Stodmarsh Lakes.

The constraint impacted on the Council's ability to sustainably plan for Gypsy and Traveller development across the borough whilst an appropriate mitigation strategy is prepared.

As a consequence, the decision has been taken that the preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan should be halted and considered as part of the future review of the Ashford Local Plan 2030; and addressed as part of a new Local Plan to 2041.

## **Reviewing the Ashford Local Plan 2030**

The Ashford Local Plan 2030 was adopted in 2019. Within paragraph 1.35 of the Local Plan it is set out that a decision as to whether to revise the Plan will be taken no later than five years from the adoption date of the Local Plan. This chimes with the NPPF in that Plans should be reviewed within five years of adoption.

The review of the Ashford Local Plan 2030 will conclude by third quarter of 2023. The review will determine which existing local plan policies are required to be updated or revised; and new policy areas to be explored.

The Review of the Local Plan 2030, shall also incorporate another review of the Chilmington Green Area Action Plan to determine the best pathway for that Local Plan.

It is anticipated that the review of the Ashford Local Plan 2030 will likely result in the preparation of a new Local Plan for the borough which will:

- extend the current Local Plan timeframe to 2041;



- revisit the objectively assessed needs for the new plan period relating to housing (including Gypsy and Travellers), employment, retail and leisure; and other key uses;
- the allocation of new sites to meet an increase in development requirements;
- update some existing policies to reflect recent (and potential future) amendments to national planning policy and practice guidance;
- introduce new policy areas for the Council;
- include policies for the Chilmington Green AAP area; and
- seek to retain existing key policies on account of them remaining consistent with current national planning policy and practice guidance.

The preparation of a new Ashford Local Plan to 2041 is expected to follow the anticipated table set out in Appendix 2. For reference each of the stages are explained in more detail below.

### **Pre-publication Stage (Regulation 18)**

Evidence gathering, engaging with the local community businesses and stakeholders on emerging issues and options, consulting with statutory environmental consultees on the scope of the sustainability appraisal, and infrastructure providers with regards to the development options.

The Regulation 18 consultation is expected in the second quarter of 2024.

### **Publication of submission draft Local Plan (Regulation 19)**

This stage includes a public consultation on the submission version of the Local Plan and would take place prior to the submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for an independent Examination.

The Regulation 19 consultation is expected in the first quarter of 2025.

### **Submission and Examination of the Local Plan (Regulation 22)**

Following Regulation 19 stage, the next stage for the council is to formally submit the draft Local Plan and evidence base to the Planning Inspectorate for examination on behalf of the Secretary of State. An independent Planning Inspector will assess the Plan against the tests of soundness contained in the NPPF, taking account of any representations (comments) received.

It is expected that the Local Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State in the second quarter of 2025, with the Examination commencing in the fourth quarter of 2025.

### **Adoption**

If the Plan is found to be 'sound', the Council may adopt the Plan as soon as practicable following the receipt of the Inspector's report, unless the Secretary of State intervenes. Once adopted, the Local Plan will form the main part of the statutory Development Plan for the borough.

It is expected that the Local Plan would be adopted in the third quarter of 2026.

## Monitoring

Monitoring systems will be maintained to assess the implementation of the Local Plan/Development Plan documents and to ensure that the evidence upon which the Development Plan is based is still relevant and up to date.

The Council produces an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). It will use the AMR to assess:

- Whether the Council is on track to meet the targets it has set itself in its LDS and if not the reasons why;
- What impact the Council's policies are having; and
- Whether the Council needs to review any policies in order to meet their sustainable development objectives.

The Council will keep this LDS, and the relevant planning documents, under regular review, and will amend its programme of work as necessary.

Appendix 1 – District Diagram, from the Ashford Borough Local Plan 2030 (Strategic Diagram 1)



## Appendix 2 – Adopted LDS Timetable (2023)

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	Review of the Ashford Local Plan 2030
	Evidence gathering and preparation for Regulation 18
	Regulation 18 - Initial Consultation
	Preparation for Regulation 19
	Regulation 19 - Publication of Draft Local Plan
	Preparation for Regulation 22
	Regulation 22 - Submission of document to Secretary of State; EiP = Examination Hearing; R = Inspector's Final Report; M = Modifications consultations
	Adoption of Local Plan

## Appendix 3 – Previous Local Development Scheme Timetables (now superseded)

### LDS Timetable March 2005

Table 1: Timetable for the Preparation of the Ashford Local Development Framework - 2005 - 2008

PO = Preferred Options S = Submission Document E = Examination IR = Inspector's Report A = Adoption R = Review DPD = Development Plan Document SPD = Supplementary Planning Document SEA = Strategic Environmental Appraisal SA = Sustainability Appraisal

LDF Document	2005												2006												2007												2008														
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Local Development Scheme			S										R												R																										
Statement of Community Involvement				S					E		A																																								
Core Strategy DPD				P											S						E					IR		A																							
SEA / SA				P											S																																				
Design Codes SPD															S														A																						
Ashford Town Centre AAP - DPD								P												S								E								IR		A													
SEA / SA								P										S																																	
Town Centre Design Guide SPD																		S																																	
Phase 1 Urban Development sites and infrastructure DPD													P							S								E									IR		A												
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	2005												2006												2007												2008														

## LDS Review Timetable July 2008

Timetable for the Preparation of the  
Ashford Local Development  
Framework – 2008 – 2011

Key:

C = Consultation on scope of SA

P = Publication of submission DPD for  
consultation or Publication of draft  
SPD for consultation (as appropriate)

S = Submission of DPD to Secretary of  
State

A = Adoption

1 = Pre Hearing Meeting

2 = Hearing Sessions Open

3 = Inspector Report Fact Check

4 = Inspector Report Final.

LDF Document	2008											2009											2010											2011																
	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		
Core Strategy							A																																											
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Urban Sites and Infrastructure DPD																		P			S		1	2			3	4	A																					
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Chilmington Green / Discovery Park AAP																			P			S		1	2			3	4	A																				
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Generic DC policy DPD																											C																							

Supplementary Planning Documents	2008												2009												2010												2011												
	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	
Affordable Housing SPD								P					A																																				
Sustainable Design & Construction SPD									P					A																																			
Infrastructure Contributions SPD										P				A																																			
Residential Space & Layout SPD													P							A																													
Green Spaces & Water Environment SPD													P							A																													
Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems																		P					A																										
Broadband & Telecommunications SPD																		P				A																											

## LDS Review Timetable December 2010

LDF Document	2010												2011												2012												2013											
	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
Ashford Town Centre AAP		A																																														
Urban Sites and Infrastructure DPD											27							30	PH	H		R	A																									
Tenterden & Rural Sites DPD		30	PH	H						R	A																																					
Chilmington Green / Discovery Park AAP																		27			30	PH	H			R	A																					
Cheesemans Green / Waterbrook AAP																																	27				30	PH	H				R	A				
Development Management DPD																		25								27				30	PH	H			R	A												
Gypsy, Traveller & Travelling Showpeople DPD			25															27			30	PH	H				R	A																				
Core Strategy (First Review) DPD																								25								27				30	PH	H				R	A					

	Plan preparation stages; 25 = Regulation 25 - Public Consultation on Issues and Options Report
	Regulation 27 - Publication/consultation on Development Plan Document
	Regulation 30 - Submission of document to Secretary of State; PH = Pre-Hearing Meeting; H = Examination Hearing; R = Inspector's Final Report
	Adoption of Development Plan Document; A = adoption

## LDS Review Timetable July 2014

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### Key

	Proposed Regulation 18 - Pre-publication stage
	Proposed Regulation 19 - Publication of Submission Draft DPD & Public Consultation
	Proposed Regulation 22 - Submission of document to Secretary of State; EIP = Examination Hearing; R = Inspector's Final Report;
	Proposed adoption of Development Plan Document: A = adoption

## LDS Timetable September 2015

Timetable Revised September 2015

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### Key

	Proposed Regulation 18 - Pre-publication stage
	Proposed Regulation 19 - Publication of Submission Draft DPD & Public Consultation
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## LDS Timetable May 2017

DPD	2016				2017				2018				2019			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Local Plan 2030			Reg 19 - Public Consultation				Reg 19 - Main Changes Consultation				EIP	R	A			
Gypsy & Traveller DPD								Reg 18 - Public Consultation		Reg 19 - Public Consultation		Reg 22 - Submission	EIP	R	A	

### KEY

	Regulation 18 - Initial Consultation and evidence gathering
	Regulation 19 - Publication of Draft DPD
	Regulation 19 - Main Changes to Draft DPD
	Regulation 22 - Submission of document to Secretary of State; EIP = Examination Hearing; R = Inspector's Final Report
A	Adoption of Development Plan Document

## LDS Timetable March 2018

DPD	2016				2017				2018				2019			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Local Plan 2030			Reg 19 - Public Consultation				Reg 19 - Main Changes Consultation		Reg 22 - Submission		EIP	R	A			
Gypsy & Traveller DPD								Reg 18 - Public Consultation				Reg 19 - Public Consultation	Reg 22 - Submission	EIP	R	A

### KEY

	Regulation 18 - Initial Consultation and evidence gathering
	Regulation 19 - Publication of Draft DPD
	Regulation 19 - Main Changes to Draft DPD
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A	Adoption of Development Plan Document

## LDS Timetable March 2019

Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation DPD – Timetable to 2020

Table for Gypsy and Traveller DPD only

DPD	2017				2018				2019				2020			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Gypsy & Traveller DPD				Reg 18 - Public Consultation							Reg 18-Public Consultation		Reg 19- Public Consultation	Reg 19- Submission		A

### KEY

	Regulation 18 - Initial Consultation and evidence gathering
	Regulation 19 - Publication of Draft DPD
	Regulation 19 - Main Changes to Draft DPD
	Regulation 22 - Submission of document to Secretary of State; EiP = Examination Hearing; R = Inspector's Final Report
A	Adoption of Development Plan Document

## LDS Timetable March 2021

## Gypsy and Travellers Accommodation DPD

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## KEY

	Regulation 18 - Initial Consultations on Issues and Options and evidence gathering
	Regulation 19 - Evidence Gathering and Preparation
	Regulation 19 - Publication of Draft Local Plan for consultation
	Regulation 22 - Submission of document to Secretary of State; EiP = Examination Hearing; R = Inspector's Final Report
	Adoption of Local Plan

# LDS Timetable June 2022

## Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Local Plan

DPD	2020				2021				2022			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Gypsy & Traveller Local Plan	Reg 18- Public Consultation				Reg 19 Preparation				To be progressed as part of future Local Plan Review			

	Regulation 18 - Initial Consultation and evidence gathering
	Regulation 19 - Publication of Draft Local Plan
	Regulation 22 - Submission of document to Secretary of State; EiP = Examination Hearing; R = Inspector's Final Report
	Adoption of Local Plan