



London Borough  
of Hounslow

# Local Development Scheme

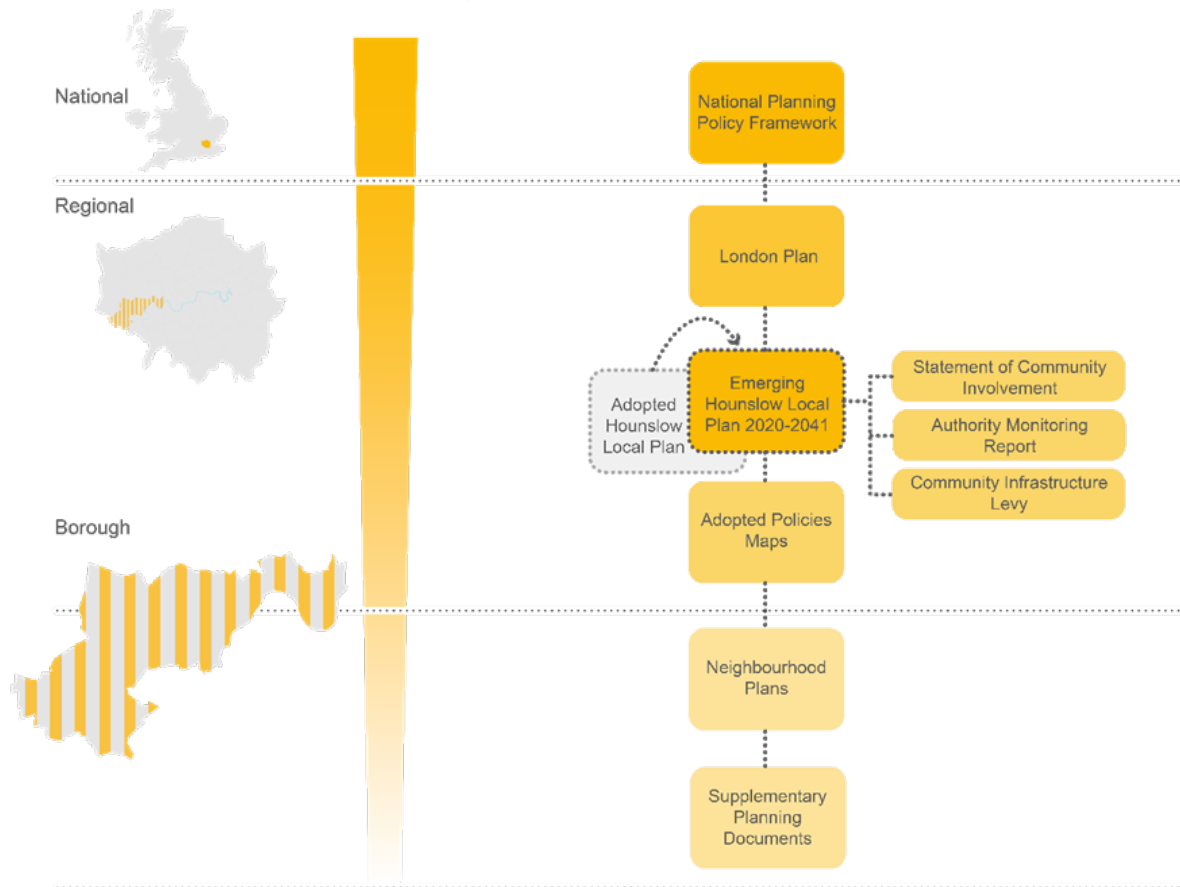
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# Introduction

1. This Local Development Scheme (LDS) has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). The Act requires the LDS to be revised at such times as the Local Planning Authority considers appropriate.
2. Section 19 of the Act (as amended) requires Development Plan Documents (DPDs) to be prepared in accordance with the LDS. As such, progress made against the LDS will be monitored and reported on a regular basis, as part of the Authority’s Monitoring Report (AMR).
3. This document is the Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2025 – 2026 for the London Borough of Hounslow. The LDS is a programme for the preparation of the Council’s statutory Local Plan, which together with the London Plan, the West London Waste Plan and any adopted Neighbourhood Plans form the Borough’s statutory development plan.
4. This LDS sets out the updated timeline for the production of the Council’s Local Plan review. The Council also prepares Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), but the programme for preparation of these documents is subject to change, and there is no requirement for a LDS to include a programme for SPD production. A review of the Council’s Community Infrastructure Charging Schedule is not currently programmed.



**Figure 1: Policy status and relationship**

## National, London and Local Plan Policies

5. The NPPF requires all Local Planning Authorities to have an up-to-date Local Plan consistent with the principles of the framework including the presumption in favour of sustainable development. The London Plan forms part of Hounslow's development plan. It sets the overall strategic plan for London, and it provides a fully integrated economic, environmental, transport and social framework for the development of the capital to 2041.
6. The Local Plan forms the overarching spatial strategy for the Borough of Hounslow and includes a spatial vision for the borough, and strategic and development management policies, as well as strategic site allocations to deliver this. It was adopted at a meeting of Full Council on 15 September 2015.
7. Until summer 2023, the Council had been undertaking a Local Plan Review that consisted of three core Development Plan Documents (DPDs):
  - Volume 2 – Site Allocations DPD
  - Volume 3 – West of Borough Area DPD
  - Volume 4 – Great West Corridor DPD
8. The Council submitted these three DPDs to the Secretary of State for independent examination by Planning Inspectors. The inspectors started to examine the documents in November 2021.
9. To ensure consistency across all the Council's Local Plan documents, the Council then commenced a focussed review of its adopted Local Plan 2015 (Volume 1), thereby widening the scope of the Local Plan Review. In late 2022 the Planning Inspectors who were examining the three Local Plan Review DPDs advised the existing Local Plan (2015-2030) would need to be updated separately with its own examination process, and the Local Plan Review examination would need to be paused until this separate process concluded. The Council determined the most efficient and effective way to progress the review of Local Plan would be by withdrawing Volumes 2, 3 and 4 from examination, before combining the area based plans and borough-wide Site Allocations document with an updated version of the 2015 Local Plan, also making necessary updates to Volumes 2, 3 and 4, to produce a new single Local Plan.
10. On 11 July 2023, the Full Council agreed to a formal withdrawal of Volumes 2, 3 and 4 of the Local Plan from examination in accordance with this strategy. Subsequently, on 5 September 2023, the Council's Cabinet agreed to a focused consultation (Regulation 18) on the Council's proposed approach of combining all four Local Plan Review documents into a single Local Plan, with necessary updates. The single Local Plan is now referred to as the emerging Hounslow Local Plan 2020-2041. On 23 July 2024 the Full Council agreed to a Regulation 19 consultation on the proposed submission version of the emerging Hounslow Local Plan 2020-2041. This took place from September to October 2024 for a period of more than seven weeks.

11. The Council is therefore now at an advanced stage in the production of the emerging Hounslow Local Plan 2020-2041, and the programme for this is set out in Table 2.

## **Hounslow Development Plan Documents (DPDs)**

12. The current Development Plan for Hounslow Borough comprises the Local Plan Volumes 1 and 2 (adopted 2015), alongside the London Plan (adopted 2021) and the West London Waste Plan (adopted 2015).

13. As set out above, the Local Plan is being reviewed. Once adopted, the new Local Plan 2020-2041 will be the starting point for planning decisions in the Borough (in conjunction with the London Plan).

14. In line with the requirements for preparing and reviewing plans set out in the NPPF, '*Policies in local plans and spatial development strategies should be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every five years, and should then be updated as necessary*', the Council intends to review or partially review its plan every 5 years.

## **Statement of Community Involvement**

15. The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how stakeholders and the community as a whole will be involved in the process of preparing the Local Plan, Supplementary Planning Documents, Neighbourhood Planning as well as outlining how they will be consulted on planning applications.

16. The Council will ensure that any consultation is safe, meaningful and available to those without internet access.

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## **Authority Monitoring Reports**

17. Under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012, local planning authorities are required to monitor the targets and indicators associated with the policies and proposals within their Local Plan, as well as progress against the milestones set out within the LDS. There is no longer a requirement that a monitoring report be produced on an annual basis and submitted to the Secretary of State. However, the Council continues to monitor the implementation of the LDS and the extent to which key policies in the Local Plan are being achieved, the results of which are published in the Authority's Monitoring Reports (AMR) as either a single comprehensive document for a given reporting year or as multiple thematic documents which together make up the AMR. This includes statistics relating to housebuilding and affordable

housing, the 5 year housing land supply and housing trajectory, as well as monitoring of employment floorspace and the loss of designated Open Space to inappropriate development. The AMRs can be found on the adopted Local Plan webpage at the following link:

[https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20034/planning\\_policy/1108/local\\_plan](https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20034/planning_policy/1108/local_plan)

## **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

18. The Planning Act 2008 and the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) provide local planning authorities with the power to prepare and adopt a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for their areas.
19. The adoption of a CIL allows local authorities in England and Wales to raise funds from developers undertaking new build projects in their area. The money can then be used to help fund a wide range of infrastructure that is needed as a result of development including road schemes, flood defences, schools, hospitals and other health and social care facilities, park improvements, green spaces and leisure centres.
20. The Hounslow Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule was adopted in July 2015.
21. Although not formally part of the Development Plan for the area, CIL is a key delivery mechanism that helps to ensure that new infrastructure is provided in a timely way in order to support the planned level of growth. An updated and revised Infrastructure Delivery Plan has also been prepared as part of the evidence base for the emerging Hounslow Local Plan 2020-2041, aligning planned growth with necessary new supporting infrastructure.
22. A review of the Council's Community Infrastructure Charging Schedule is not currently programmed.

## **West London Waste Plan**

23. The West London Waste Plan (2015) forms part of Hounslow's development plan. This DPD plans for all waste in six west London Boroughs (Hounslow, Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, and Richmond upon Thames) and the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation area until 2031. The Waste Plan provides a planning strategy for sustainable waste management, including policies which enable the adequate provision of waste management facilities in appropriate locations for various waste streams.
24. Work has now begun to update the West London Waste Plan (WLWP). The revised WLWP will take account of the latest national and regional waste policies and be based on an up to date and robust evidence base. Furthermore, the new WLWP will identify sufficient opportunities to meet the identified needs of the

West London Waste Authority area for the management of all required waste streams, and will identify sites or areas for new or enhanced waste management facilities in appropriate locations. The new WLWP will ensure Hounslow meets the identified apportionment of waste as set out in the London Plan 2021, and addresses the Mayor of London's priorities around waste reduction, promotion of the circular economy and improving resource efficiency.

25. As the new WLWP is being produced jointly, the programme may have to be amended due to the complexities of joint working at this scale, and the need for each authority to agree on plan content and gain authorisation through their own democratic approval processes at key stages. In terms of timescales, it is currently anticipated that the evidence base and supporting documents (including the initial Sustainability Appraisal) will be completed by August 2025. A first draft of the WLWP (Regulation 18 stage) is anticipated to be consulted upon in Winter 2025/26, followed by further development of the plan ahead of a final (Regulation 19) consultation on the proposed submission version of the Waste Plan anticipated for Summer 2026, with submission in December 2026 and examination thereafter. It is envisaged that the Plan will be adopted in early 2028. The programme for the preparation of the new WLWP is set out in table 3 below.

## **Neighbourhood Plans**

26. The Localism Act 2011 amended the Town and Country Planning Act to make provisions for the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans by Neighbourhood Forums. These Plans can set planning policies to guide future development in a defined Neighbourhood Area and must be in general conformity with national policy as well as the London Plan and the Local Planning Authority's Local Plan. A Local Planning Authority must adopt a Neighbourhood Plan as part of its development plan if it passes with a majority vote in a local referendum.
27. The Council has approved applications for a Neighbourhood Area and Forum for Butts Farm and Hounslow Town Centre and a Neighbourhood Area for Osterley. A Neighbourhood Plan proposal has not yet come forward.

## **Supplementary Planning Documents**

28. Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) provide further guidance on policies set out in the Local Plan (and the London Plan). It is not a requirement to include detailed information about what SPDs will be prepared and when in a LDS, however, in the interests of transparency, where they are known, Hounslow has published these details below.
29. Hounslow Council has adopted the following SPDs:

- Air quality (2008)
- Planning obligations and CIL SPD (2015)
- Houses in Multiple Occupation SPD (2017)
- Feltham MOD Planning Brief SPD (2017)
- Planning Brief for the Cavalry Barracks site (2019)
- Character, Sustainability and Design Codes SPD (2024)

30. The Council is currently preparing a further SPD called the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation SPD. The Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation SPD will provide guidance for developers on how they can deliver new and refurbished buildings which are sustainable, zero carbon and adapted to the changing climate, supporting delivery of policies in the adopted local development plan.

31. Furthermore, the Council will be seeking to update the Planning Obligations and CIL SPD in the near future, although a programme hasn't yet been agreed.

32. Further information, including the adopted SPDs as well as emerging SPDs can be found on [Hounslow Council's website](https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20034/planning_policy/1156/supplementary_planning_documents_and_guidance) at:  
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33. In addition, Hounslow Council may produce other guidance, such as the Hounslow Public Realm Design Guidance, which is currently being prepared, having commenced production in 2024.

**Table 1: Programme for the development of the Hounslow Local Plan 2020-2041**

Document	Regulation 18 consultation	Preparation of Regulation 19 Plan	Regulation 19 consultation	Submission of the plan to the Secretary of State for examination	Indicative Examination	Indicative Adoption
Hounslow Local Plan 2020-2041	Completed  November - December 2023	Completed  Early 2024 – Summer 2024	Completed  September - October 2024	June 2025	Autumn 2025 – Winter 2026 (subject to Inspector’s timetabling)	Summer 2026 (subject to Inspector’s timetabling)

**Table 2: Programme for the development of the West London Waste Plan**

Document	Complete evidence gathering and preparation	Regulation 18 consultation	Regulation 19 consultation	Submission to Secretary of State	Indicative Examination	Indicative Adoption
New West London Waste Plan (WLWP)	December 2024-August 2025	November 2025-January 2026	Summer 2026	December 2026	March – November 2027	February 2028

**Table 3: Adopted Development Plan Documents**

<b>Development Plan Documents</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Status</b>
Hounslow Local Plan	The plan for the future development of Hounslow including spatial, strategic and development management policies as well as site allocations	Adopted 2015
Joint Waste DPD	A plan produced jointly with the other West London Waste Authorities to facilitate the management of all waste streams consistent with the London Plan waste apportionment.	Adopted 2015

**Table 4: CIL Charging Schedule**

<b>CIL Charging Schedule</b>	To set out the Council’s proposed CIL charges	Adopted 2015
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