

Dudley Council - planning services

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

2020-2024



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Dudley Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS)

Frequently asked questions

What is a Local Development Scheme? (LDS)

This local development scheme provides a summary of the planning policy documents which Dudley Council is currently progressing. It also includes timescales for the various stages of each plan, including their anticipated date of adoption. These policy documents are referred to collectively as the 'Dudley local plan'.

Why does Dudley Council produce an LDS?

Under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, councils are required to produce a LDS, which must specify the documents, comprising the local plan for their area. This document must then be publicly available on the councils' website and kept up to date, enabling local communities and other interested parties to keep track of progress.

What does National Guidance say on the LDS?

- The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires plans to be kept up to date for them to be considered effective and relevant
- Dudley Council therefore needs to review its portfolio of planning documents at regular intervals to assess whether any need updating: national guidance states that most local plans are likely to require updating in whole, or in part, at least every 5 years
- This LDS therefore provides information of the timetabling of a number of existing approved planning documents, considered necessary to review
- It also lists planning policy documents which have already been adopted and are used as working documents, particularly in the assessment of planning applications

How are the planning documents set out within the LDS?

The LDS programme is set out in detail in the following 2 tables:-

Table 1 Timetable for planning policy documents currently being processed during the 2020-2024 period

Table 2 Planning policy documents currently in use and main evidence base

How frequently is the LDS updated?

The LDS is usually updated when required

The latest, updated version is available on Dudley Council's webpage:

www.dudley.gov.uk/resident/planning/planning-policy/local-development-framework/local-development-scheme/

Why do we need planning policy documents?

Planning policy documents, as set out within the LDS, inform and assess development proposals, enabling speedy, effective and legally sound planning decisions.

Planning policy is pivotal to the shaping and implementation of the council's community council agenda. It provides a framework to deliver the maximum appropriate sustainable economic growth and investment responsive to the borough's environmental assets, Dudley's proud heritage and the aspirations of Dudley's local communities.

Planning policy is therefore a significant component in the delivery of the council plan, particularly in terms of helping to deliver the aims of:

- Building a place where people want to live
- Providing attractive green spaces
- Protecting Dudley's heritage and enhancing the environment
- Attracting new business and building new homes
- Growing the economy and creating jobs and making Dudley better connected

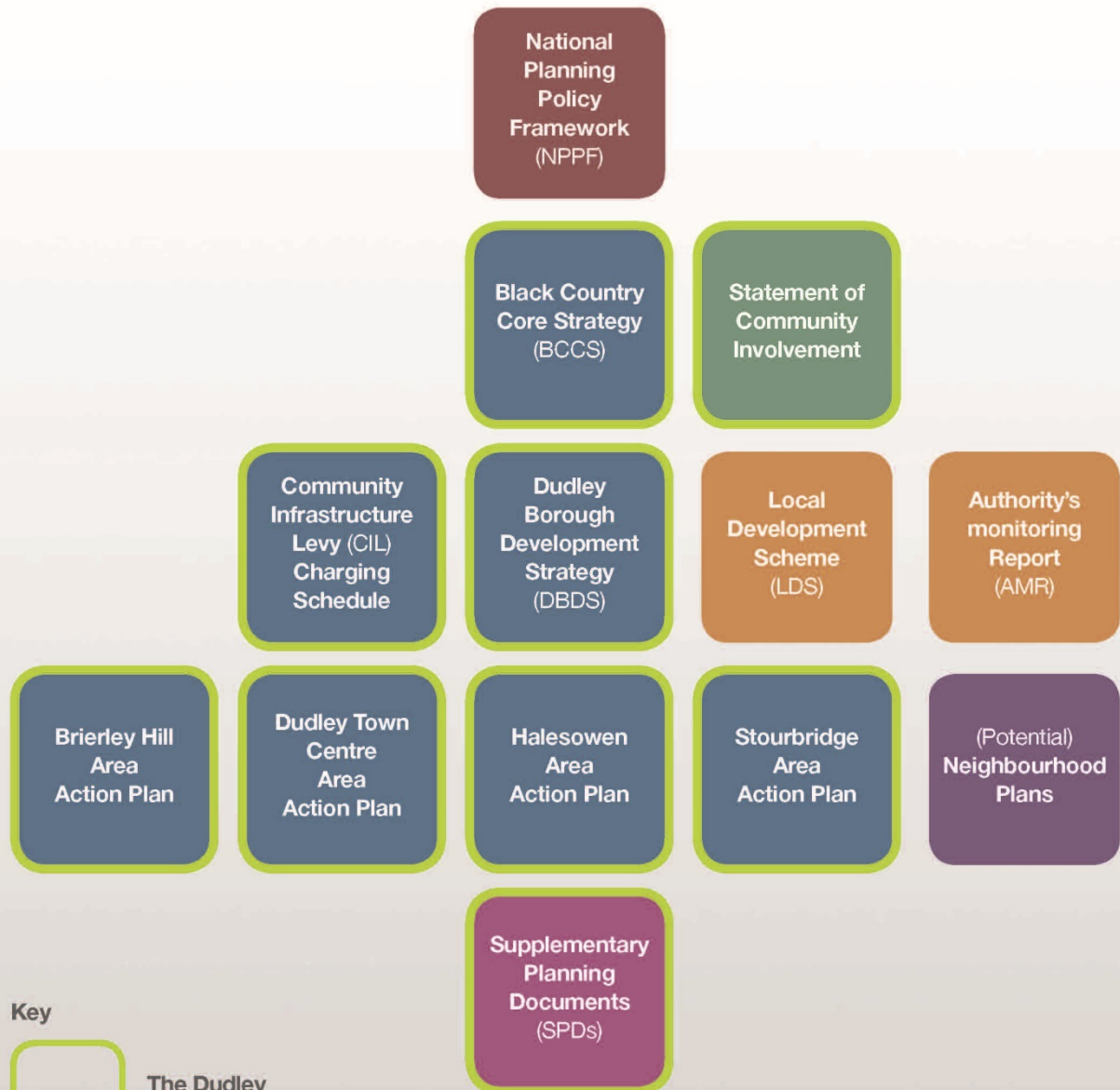
What types of planning document are included in the LDS?

- The NPPF (2012) (NPPF) refers to the collection of documents, making up the statutory plan for the local planning authority as the local plan
- In turn, the local plan forms part of the development plan: planning legislation states that planning applications must be determined in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations dictate otherwise
- The development plan also includes neighbourhood plans (there are none currently in Dudley Borough), this LDS and the authority monitoring report (AMR)
- This LDS is a timetable for the documents which form Dudley's local plan – it includes plans referred to as development plan documents (DPDs) and supplementary planning documents (SPDs)
- Refer to figure 1 on the next page, which represents Dudley's development plan structure
- DPDs are development plan documents, such as the Black Country core strategy and the Dudley Borough development strategy
- They also include area action plans or AAPS - which are plans focusing on policies and site allocations for towns within the Dudley Borough.
- SPDs provide more detailed advice, or guidance, on the policies in the local plan - they are used to help applicants make successful applications, or aid infrastructure delivery
- While SPDs are subject to public consultation and are capable of being a material consideration in planning decisions and form part of the local plan, they are not required to be subject to an independent examination and cannot be considered as part of the development plan
- The householder and Blackbrook Valley local development orders (LDO) are also set out within this LDS - while an LDO cannot be regarded as part of the local plan, these LDOs provide locally focussed regulations involved in the delivery of the planning service in the borough

Who do I contact for further information on the LDS?

- Ring **01384 814136** or e-mail development.control@dudley.gov.uk

Figure 1: Dudley's development plan structure



SUMMARY OF THE PLANNING POLICY DOCUMENTS CURRENTLY BEING PREPARED

The Black Country Plan (formerly Black Country Core Strategy)

Dudley Council is currently working with Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton Councils to review the Black Country Plan (formerly known as the Black Country Core Strategy). The scope of the new Black Country Plan will be wider than the existing Core Strategy, including new site allocations and a review of existing allocations, where appropriate. The new Plan will include all the strategic policies for the Black Country, as defined in the 2019 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The Black Country Core Strategy will in future be known as the “Black Country Plan” to reflect the guidance set out in the NPPF.

Brierley Hill Plan (AAP review)

A review of this AAP is being progressed in order for the revised growth targets which are likely to result from the Black Country Plan to be translated into site allocations and policies for Brierley Hill Strategic Centre. It is also necessary for a review to the AAP to respond to newly advancing local infrastructure projects, such as the Midland Metro Link and DY5 Enterprise Zone. As this AAP strongly aligns with the potential strategies and evidence base of the Black Country Plan, it is intended to be progressed with a timetable that runs slightly behind that of the Black Country Plan

Residential Design Guide (SPD)

The Residential Design Guide SPD provides detailed guidance on implementation of housing policy in respect of design and density, so that local character and distinctiveness are paramount and poor design is rejected. Advocating a design led approach for decision making is supported by the National Planning Policy Framework (2019) The SPD will cover extensions to existing properties as well as new build developments.

Lye SPD and Conservation Area Appraisal

The Lye SPD aims to provide more detailed development proposals for sustainable housing led regeneration around Lye using garden city principles. It will focus on land in and around the District Centre and include Lye train station, a section of the River Stour corridor, plus surrounding employment and housing sites. An Appraisal to see if a Conservation Area should be designated will also be carried out.

TABLE 1 TIMETABLE FOR PLANNING POLICY DOCUMENTS BEING PREPARED OR ADOPTED – 2020 TO 2024

Planning Document	Evidence gathering	Consult Stage 1 Issues and options	Consult Stage 2 Preferred option/draft plan	Consult Stage 3 Publication	Consult Draft Document (SPD & CA review only)	Submission	Examination in public/WR procedure	Adoption
The Black Country Plan	Winter 2015/2016	3 rd July 2017 to 8 th September 2017	August – September 2021	August – September 2022	N/A	March 2023	April 2023 - March 2024	April 2024
Brierley Hill Plan (AAP Review)	Spring 2017 onwards	Autumn/Winter 2021	Spring/Summer 2022	Spring/summer 2023	N/A	Late autumn 2023	Autumn 2023 – Autumn 2024	Autumn 2024
Residential Design Guide SPD	Autumn/Winter 2019 - 2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	January 2021	N/A	N/A	September 2021
Lye SPD and Lye CA	Autumn 2019 - 2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	Autumn 2021	N/A	N/A	Spring 2022

KEY

	Delivered Stage
	Stage in Progress
	Programmed Stage
n/a	Not applicable

Table 2 – Planning policy documents currently in use and main evidence

Planning document/ Webpage Link	When adopted or published	Comments
Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)		
Black Country Air Quality SPD -BCAQSPD	21 September 2016	
Nature Conservation SPD NCSPD	21 September 2016	
Planning Obligations SPD - POSPD	29 June 2016	
Renewable Energy SPD RESPD	28 October 2015	
Planning for Health SPD PfHSPD	September 2013	Start date of review: April 2017
New Housing development SPD NHDSPD	February 2013	Start date of review: Autumn/Winter 2019
Design in Brierley Hill Town Centre SPD DBHTCSPD	December 2012	-
Access for all SPD webpage link-AfASPD	September 2011	-
Glass Quarter SPD -GQSPD	December 2009	-
Open Space, Sport and Recreation SPD-OSSRSPD	June 2007	-

PLANNING DOCUMENT/ Webpage Link	WHEN ADOPTED OR PUBLISHED	COMMENTS
Main Evidence Base and Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) – ongoing or published within the last 5 years		
Authority Monitoring report (AMR)-AMR	May 2018	The AMR is updated annually
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) - SHLAA	May 2018 (2016/2017 version)	The SHLAA 2016/2017 update is now available to view on the website
Centres Review-CenR	August 2017	This is an annual review of the Borough's shopping centres – e.g. % of vacant units
Householder LDO - H LDO	September 2017	
Blackbrook Valley Area LDO	21 March 2018	
Dudley Conservation Area Management Plan (CAMP) - Dudley CAMP	September 2017	
CIL Regulation 123 List Review CIL123R	August 2019	update twice a year
Statement of Community Involvement -SCI	February 2017	

Planning document/ Webpage Link	When adopted or published	Comments
Strategic Development Plan Documents		
Black Country Core Strategy (BCCS) - BCCS TO BE SUPERCEDED BY BLACK COUNTRY PLAN (BCP)	February 2011	Start date of review: January 2016
Dudley Borough Development Strategy- DBDS	27 February 2017	
Area Action Plans (AAPS)		
Dudley Area Action Plan - DAAP	27 February 2017	
Halesowen Area Action Plan HAAP	October 2013	-
Stourbridge Area Action Plan - SAAP	October 2013	-
Brierley Hill Area Action Plan (AAP) - BHAAP	August 2011	Start date of review: Spring 2017
Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)		
Historic Environment SPD - HESPD	13 September 2017	
Parking Standards SPD-PSSPD	13 September 2017	
Shop fronts and Advertisement SPD - SHADSPD	13 September 2017	

PLANNING DOCUMENT/ Webpage Link	WHEN ADOPTED OR PUBLISHED	COMMENTS
Main Evidence Base and Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) – older than 5 years		
Parks and Green Space Strategy -PaGS	June 2009	
Design for Community Safety (SPG) - DfCS	March 2002	
A Strategy for Dudley's Canals - SfDCs	July 1999	
Locally Listed Building Review - LLBR	December 1996	Under review - updated assessment criteria were approved by the Council on 23/2/2016.