

Nottingham City Local Development Scheme

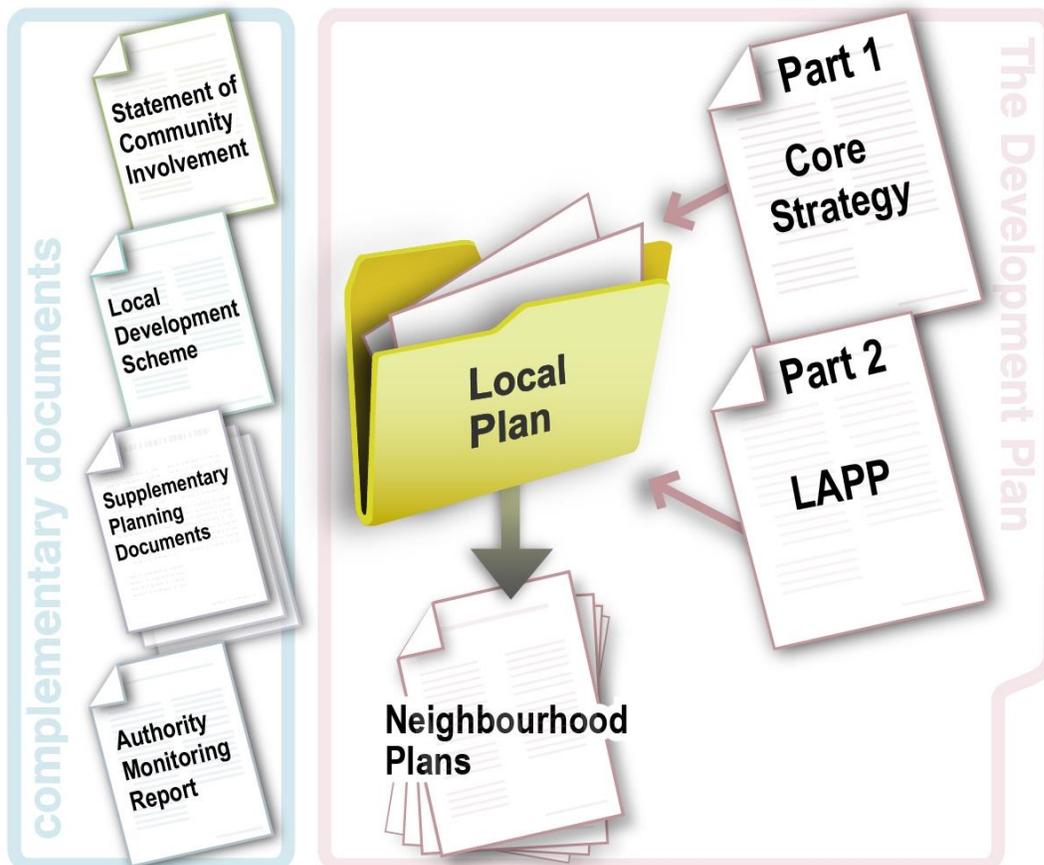
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1 Introduction to the Local Plan

- 1.1 Local Plans are the plan for the future development of the local area, drawn up by the local planning authority in consultation with the local community. In law these are described as Development Plan Documents adopted under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Current Core Strategies or other planning policies, which under the regulations would be considered to be the development plan documents, form part of the Local Plan. The term also includes old policies which have been saved under the 2004 Act.
- 1.2 Local Plans are key to delivering sustainable development that reflects the visions and aspirations of local communities. Planning decisions must be taken in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Each local authority should produce a Local Plan for its area. This can be reviewed in whole or in part to respond flexibly to changing circumstances
- 1.3 The diagram below illustrates the Local Plan and the planning policy documents that can be included within it.



- 1.4 **The Local Plan/Development Plan Documents (DPDs)** are the documents which form the statutory development plan, and are subject to independent examination.

The Local Plan/DPDs CAN include:

- **Site Specific Allocations and Development Management Policies Documents**, which set out detailed policy guidance and also land allocations ;
- **Current Core Strategies**, which set out the spatial vision, spatial objectives and core policies for the development of the local planning authority area;
- **Neighbourhood Plans**, new community plans introduced through the Localism Act 2011 which would form the basis for determining planning applications in the neighbourhood area. Neighbourhood Plans must be in general conformity with the Local Plan
- **Additional DPDs**, such as area specific documents. NPPF guidance states however, that these should only be used where clearly justified.

- 1.5 In Nottingham, the Local Plan consists of the Nottingham Aligned Core Strategy, adopted in 2014 and the Land & Planning Policies DPD 2020. The Core Strategy is Part 1 of the Local Plan, while the Land and Planning Policies DPD is Part 2. A review is underway of Part 1, the review is known as the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan. There was a Growth Options consultation 6 July to 14 September 2020. The Preferred Approach was consulted on 3 January 2023 to 14 February 2023. There was a consultation on Strategic Distribution 25 September 2023 to 7 November 2023. A Regulation 19 Document was consulted on 4 November 2024 to 16 December 2024.

- 1.6 The Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Core Strategy was also adopted in 2013 and forms Part 1 of the Waste Local Plan. Instead of producing the planned Waste Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Document it was proposed to start a review of the whole local plan (Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Revised Joint Waste Local Plan (incorporating review of Waste Core Strategy 2013) in 2019. The Regulation 18 Plan was published for public and stakeholder comment between the 7 February and the 4 April 2022. A Regulation 19 Pre-Submission/ Publication Draft consultation was undertaken between 30 August and the 11 October 2023. The Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on the 5 March 2024 for examination, the hearing sessions were 14 to 15 October 2024. Minerals matters are covered in the Land and Planning Policies DPD.

1.7 **Complementary documents** are important related documents which exist alongside the Local Plan/DPDs:

- **Supplementary Planning Documents**, add further detail to the policies of the Local Plan. They can be used to provide further guidance for development on specific sites, or on particular issues, such as design. SPDs are capable of being a material consideration in planning decisions but are not part of the Development Plan.
- A **Statement of Community Involvement**, specifies how the authority intends to involve communities and stakeholders in the process of preparing planning policy documents. The Planning Act 2008 removed the requirement for future reviews of the Statement of Community Involvement to be subject to examination.
- A **Local Development Scheme**, sets out details of planning policy documents to be produced and the time scales and arrangements for production.
- An **Authority Monitoring Report**, sets out progress in terms of producing planning policy documents and implementing policies.

1.8 Public bodies have a duty to cooperate on planning issues that cross administrative boundaries and joint working is expected on areas of common interest. Local planning authorities are encouraged to work collaboratively with other bodies to ensure that strategic priorities across local boundaries are properly coordinated and should consider producing joint planning policies on strategic matters. To this end, Nottingham City Council worked with the other councils on preparing Core Strategies across the Housing Market Area and the City Council continues to work with the other councils on preparing a Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan. The City Council continues to work with Nottinghamshire County Council to produce joint waste planning documents.

2 The Local Development Scheme

2.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is critical to the successful programme management of the Development Plan and complementary documents. It is a public statement identifying which planning policy documents will be produced, in what order and when. The LDS will be the starting point for the community and stakeholders to find out about the authority's planning policies in respect to a particular place or issue, and the status of those policies.

- 2.2 **Appendix 1** contains a map of the Nottingham City administrative area. **Appendix 2** sets out detailed profiles for each of the proposed planning policy documents. **Appendix 3** shows the proposed timetable and key milestones for producing the LDDs and related documents, and for carrying out monitoring and review. A glossary of terms and abbreviations is included in **Appendix 4**.
- 2.3 In preparing planning policy documents, the City Council will have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, 2020), The Nottingham Local Transport Plan, and all other relevant corporate strategy documents prepared and approved by Nottingham City Council and other partners. All Development Plan Documents must be in accordance with this Scheme.
- 2.4 This LDS relates solely to the City of Nottingham administrative area (see Appendix 1 for a map of geographical coverage). However, the Local Plan Part 1, the Aligned Core Strategy (aligned with Broxtowe and Gedling Boroughs), and the Joint Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste planning policy documents (also covers County area) have been adopted, and extend beyond the administrative boundaries of Nottingham City.

3 Summary of the Proposed Planning Policy Documents

- 3.1 New planning policy documents will be prepared in a rolling programme. These will include:-
- A Nottingham Local Plan Part 1: Review of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Policies sets out the spatial vision and objectives of the planning framework for the area.
 - A Nottingham Local Plan Part 2: Land and Planning Policies DPD, containing both site specific land allocations policies and Development Management Policies which will provide a more detailed suite of policies that, alongside the Core Strategy, will be used when considering planning applications.
 - A review of the whole Waste Local Plan started in 2019.
- 3.2 In addition to the planning policy documents referred to above, the City Council has prepared Supplementary Planning Documents which supplement and link to policies in the Aligned Core Strategy or Land and Planning Policies DPD. These are:
- Biodiversity SPD (February 2020)
 - Affordable Housing Contributions arising from Student Accommodation SPD (May 2021)
 - Education Contributions from Residential Development SPD (May 2021)
 - Reduction of Carbon in New Development Informal Planning Guidance (June 2022)

- Park Conservation SPD (March 2023)
- Eastside (July 2023)

3.3 The City Council also intends to prepare further SPDs as follows:

- PBSA Guidance SPD
- Revised Biodiversity guidance
- Reduction of Carbon in New Development SPD
- Updated Affordable Housing IPG

3.4 The City Council also has a large number of approved documents which were Supplementary Planning Guidance linked to policies in the adopted Local Plan and have been subject to public consultation. The City Council will retain these as informal planning guidance and they are available from the Planning Policy Team and on the City Council's web site at:-

<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/Localplan#SPD>

3.5 Up to date technical and survey information is required to support the preparation of planning policy documents. The City Council has a wide range of evidence base documents that have already been prepared. Evidence Base Documents can be viewed online on the City Council's web site at:-

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/the-local-plan-and-planning-policy/lapp-local-plan-part-2-examination/examination-library/>

3.6 Documents within the Development Plan are subject to Sustainability Appraisal (SA) which incorporates the requirement for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). This is an ongoing process to examine the likely environmental, social and economic effects of new policies and proposals. The SA informs the direction and content of each stage of the plan preparation process. The information used and the outcome of the appraisal process will be set out in an SA Report, which will accompany each Development Plan document. The timetable for this work will therefore run in parallel with each of the stages of plan preparation.

3.7 An Authority Monitoring Report will also be prepared which sets out progress in terms of producing the planning policy documents referred to above and implementing policies contained within those documents.

4 Community Involvement

4.1 The Statement of Community Involvement sets out the standards to be achieved by the City Council in involving stakeholders and the community in the preparation, alteration and continuing review of planning policy documents and planning applications. It contains the City Council's proposals for fully engaging

all sections of the community and stakeholders at an early stage in the preparation of each document. The current SCI was adopted in June 2023.

5 Local Development Scheme Monitoring and Review

- 5.1 An Authority Monitoring Report (AMR), previously known as an Annual Monitoring Report, will be prepared each year to assess progress in implementing the LDS, and subsequently to determine whether aims and objectives are being achieved through the policies and proposals of the planning policy documents. In the event that there have been unavoidable slippages in the LDS timetable, and 'milestones' have not been achieved, the AMR will explain what the reasons are for the delay. It will also set out any amendments to the LDS and the timetable for implementation to reflect the delay.
- 5.2 The AMR will also include annual technical monitoring information to provide the context for assessing the success of the policies and proposals in the planning policy documents.

6 Further Information

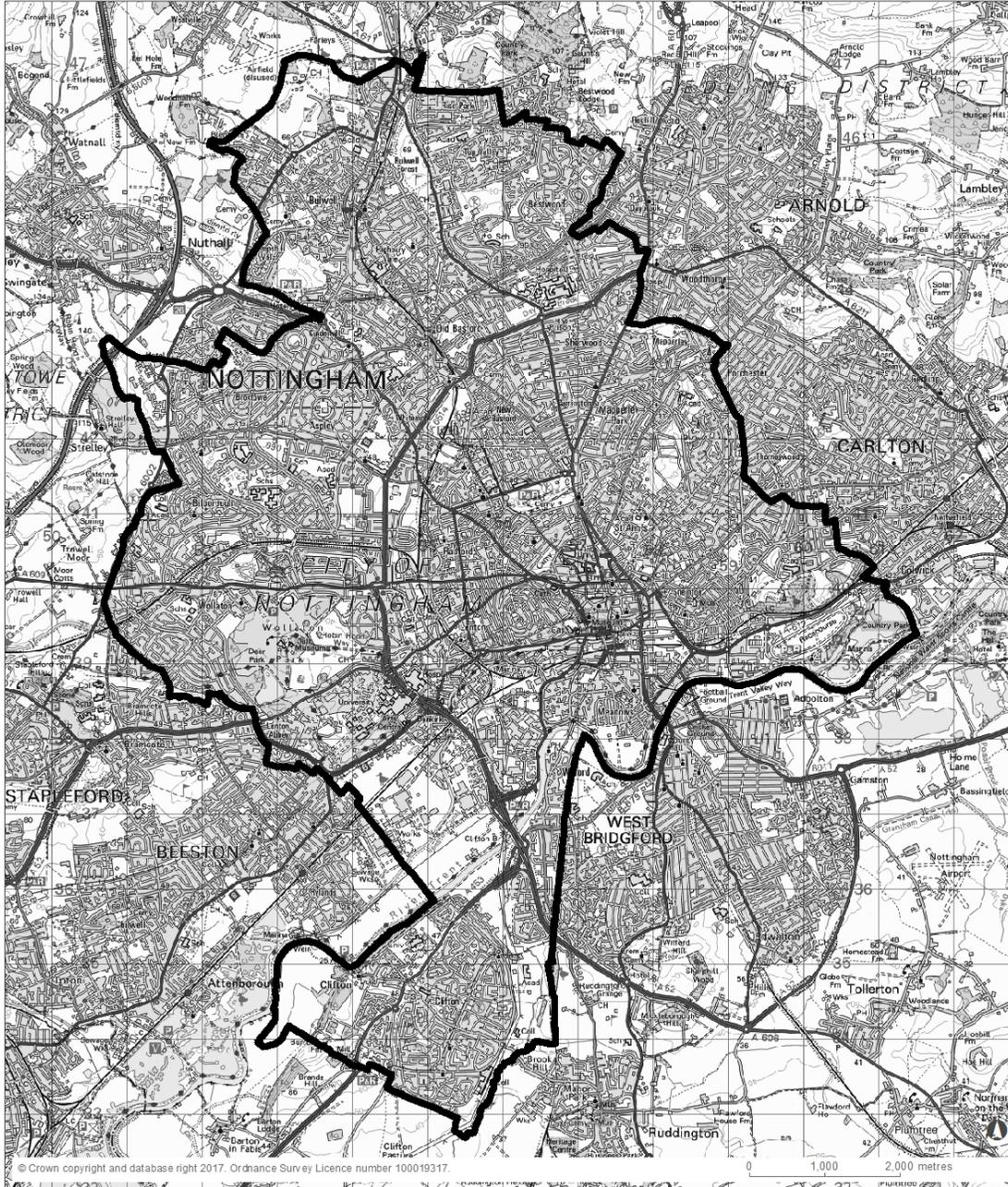
6.1 If you would like any further information about this LDS, please contact :-

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APPENDIX 1: MAP OF GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE OF THE LOCAL PLAN

Nottingham Local Development Scheme Area covered by the Local Plan



 Area covered by the Local Plan

APPENDIX 2: PROFILES OF THE PROPOSED PLANNING POLICY DOCUMENTS

1. Nottingham Local Plan Part 1: Review of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Policies

Overview

Role & Subject	A document forming part of the Local Plan which sets out the spatial vision and objectives, and strategic policies which will form the planning framework for the area.
Coverage	Greater Nottingham – Nottingham, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe
Status	DPD.

Timetable

Milestone	Dates
Pre-Submission / Publication Reg 19 Draft	March 2025
Submission of plan (Reg. 22)	September 2025
Examination in Public	October 2025
Receipt of Inspector's Report	August 2026
Estimated Adoption	September 2026

Arrangements for Production

Organisational Lead	City Council's Corporate Director of Growth & City Development
Political Management	Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board, City Council's Executive Member for Housing & Planning, Executive Board, and City Council.
Internal Resources	Expertise within Planning Policy and Research Team, with technical, legal and administrative support from other teams as needed.
External Resources	Use of consultants for gathering evidence base information. Outsource hard copy printing.
Community & Stakeholder	Informal and formal public consultation as set out in the City Council's SCI

Post Production

Monitoring and Review Mechanisms	AMR with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary.
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2. Nottingham Local Plan Part 2: Land and Planning Policies Development Plan Document

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Overview

Role & Subject	Identification of land for specific uses/policies, and criteria based policies for potential unforeseen proposals together with a limited suite of policies which, alongside the Strategic Plan, will be used in the consideration of planning applications. It also includes policies in relation to minerals development.
Coverage	City Wide
Status	DPD.

Timetable

Milestone	Dates
Commence production / Scoping of Issues & SA Scoping	September 2026
Consultation on Draft Plan	To be determined
Pre-Submission / Publication Reg 19 Draft	To be determined
Submission (Reg.22)	To be determined
Examination / hearing	To be determined
Receipt of Inspectors Report	To be determined
Adoption	To be determined

Arrangements for Production

Organisational Lead	City Council's Corporate Director of Growth & City Development
Political Management	City Council's City Council's Executive Member for Housing & Planning, Executive Board and City Council.
Internal Resources	Planning Policy and Research Team with technical, legal and administrative support from other teams as needed.
External Resources	Outsourcing of hard copy printing
Community & Stakeholder Involvement	Informal and formal public consultation as set out in the SCI.

Post Production

Monitoring and Review Mechanisms	AMR with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary.
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3. Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Revised Joint Waste Local Plan (incorporating review of Waste Core Strategy 2013)

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Overview

Role & Subject	Sets out locations and policies for future waste management facilities
Coverage	City Wide (also covers County area).
Status	DPD.

Timetable

Milestone	Dates
Pre-Submission / Publication Reg 19 Draft	August 2023
Submission of plan (Reg. 22)	March 2024
Examination/ hearing	October 2024
Receipt of Inspector's Report	April 2025
Estimated Adoption	July 2025

Arrangements for Production

Organisational Lead	City Council's Corporate Director of Growth & City Development
Political Management	City Council's Executive Member for Housing & Planning, Executive Board and City Council. County Council's equivalent.
Internal Resources	Expertise within Planning Policy and Research Team, with professional planning waste, technical, legal and administrative input from other teams as needed. County Council waste planning team.
External Resources	Outsource hardcopy printing.
Community & Stakeholder	Informal and formal public consultation as set out in the City Council's SCI and Nottinghamshire County Council's SCI

Post Production

Monitoring and Review Mechanisms	AMR with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary.
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APPENDIX 4: GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)	Monitors progress in relation to the Local Development Scheme and policies and proposals in the Local Plan and other planning policy documents.
Core Strategy (CS)	A document forming part of the Local Plan which sets out the spatial vision and objectives of the planning framework for an area.
Development Plan Document (DPD)	DPDs are the documents which form the statutory development plan, and are subject to independent examination.
Development Management Policies	A suite of policies which set out the criteria against which planning applications for the development and use of land and buildings will be considered.
Local Development Scheme (LDS)	The local planning authority's time-scaled programme for the preparation of planning policy documents.
Local Plan	The plan for the future development of the local area, drawn up by the local planning authority in consultation with the community. In law this is described as the development plan documents adopted under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Current core strategies or other planning policies, which under the regulations would be considered to be development plan documents, form part of the Local Plan. The term includes old policies which have been saved under the 2004 Act.
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	A consolidated national planning framework setting out guidance to local councils in drawing up local plans and on making decisions on planning applications
Saved Policies/Saved Plan	Policies within Unitary Development Plans, Local Plans, and Structure Plans that are saved for a time period during replacement production of Local Plans.
Site Specific Land Allocations Policies	Policies where land is allocated for specific uses.
Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	The SCI sets out standards to be achieved by the local authority in involving the community in the preparation, alteration and continuing review of planning policy documents and development management decisions.
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)	An environmental assessment of certain plans and programmes, including those in the field of planning and land use, which complies with the EU Directive 2001/42/EC. The environmental assessment involves the:

- preparation of an environmental report;
- carrying out of consultations;
- taking into account of the environmental report and the results of the consultations in decision making;
- provision of information when the plan or programme is adopted; and
- showing that the results of the environment assessment have been taken into account (see also Sustainability Appraisals).

**Supplementary
Planning Document
(SPD)**

Documents which add further detail to the policies of the Local Plan. They can be used to provide further guidance for development on specific sites, or on particular issues, such as design. SPDs are capable of being a material consideration in planning decisions but are not part of the development plan.

**Sustainability
Appraisal (SA)**

The process of weighing and assessing all the policies in a Development Plan, Local Development Document, or Regional Spatial Strategy, for their global, national and local implications. (See also Strategic Environmental Assessment).