

# **Local Development Framework**

## **Local Development Scheme for Huntingdonshire**

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# 1 Introduction

1.1 This document is the District Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS). It sets out the proposed programme for the production of documents that will form part of the Local Development Framework for Huntingdonshire over the next three years. The programme includes key milestones to inform people about opportunities to be involved in the plan-making process.

1.2 In June 2008 the Government issued a revised Planning Policy Statement<sup>12</sup>: Local Spatial Planning which has altered the production process for Development Plan Documents. As a result the LDS has been revised to reflect the amendments to the plan-making process.

1.3 The Local Development Framework will comprise a series of documents which may be either statutory Development Plan Documents or non-statutory Supplementary Planning Documents:

- Development Plan Documents (DPD) are the spatial planning documents that will be subject to independent examination. These will include the Core Strategy, site specific allocations of land, area action plans, development management policies and the proposals map.
- Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) will provide more detailed guidance on specific policies or proposals in the Development Plan Documents. These will not form part of the Development Plan or be subject to independent examination. The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendments) Regulations 2009 removed the requirement for SPDs to be specified in the LDS.

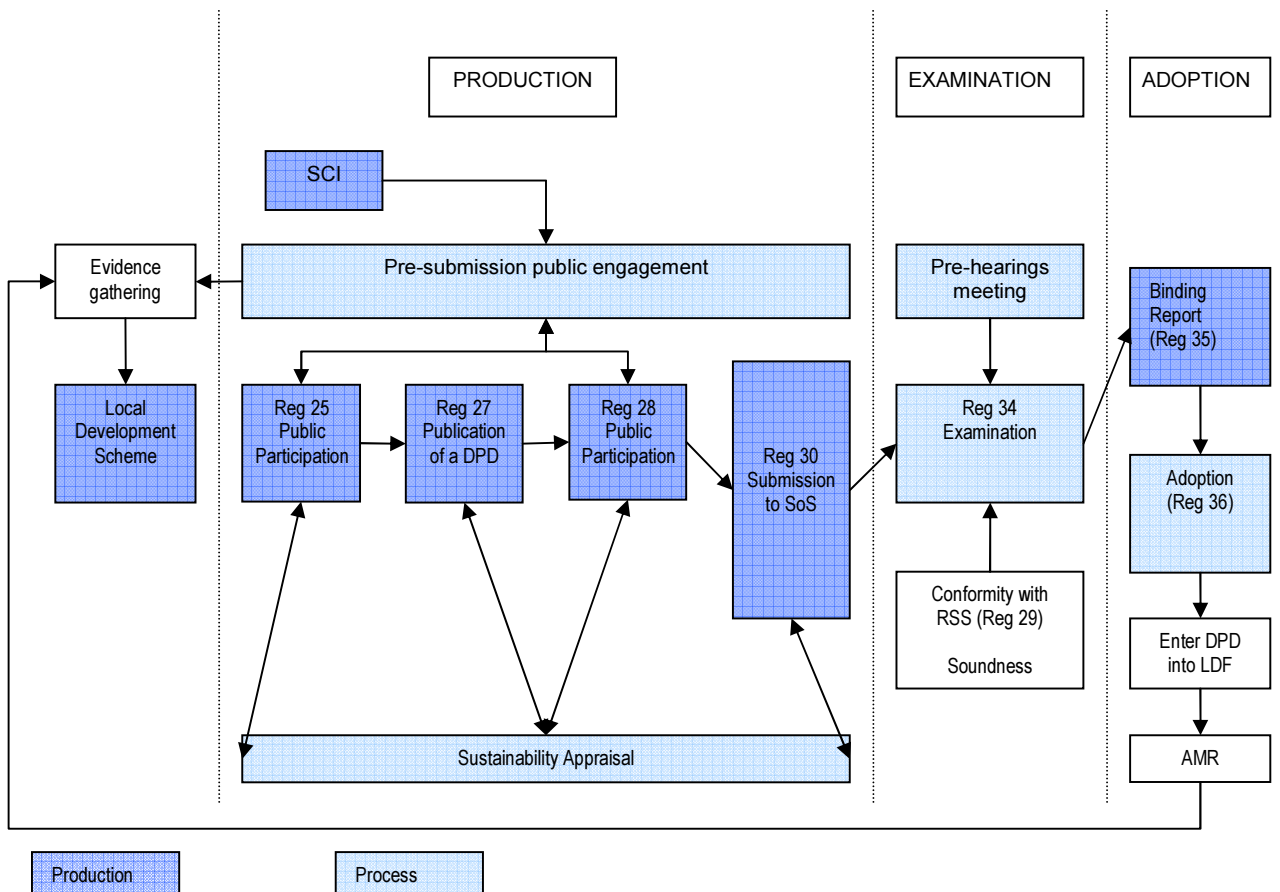
1.4 DPDs, along with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS), comprise the statutory development plan which is the basis upon which all planning decisions are made. Huntingdonshire is not a minerals and waste planning authority so this LDS does not deal with these matters. However, the proposals in adopted Minerals and Waste Development Plans produced by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council will be shown on the Proposals Map where relevant.

1.5 The provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) allow for existing statutory plans and accompanying Supplementary Planning Guidance to be saved until they are replaced by new documents that form part of the LDF. The Secretary of State issued a direction in September 2007 setting out which policies will remain saved. These are policies which reflect the principles of local development frameworks and are broadly consistent with current regional and national guidance. Thus, the LDF will progressively replace the saved policies of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan (1995), the Huntingdonshire Local Plan Alteration (2002), and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan (2003) as indicated in Appendix 1.

## 2 Development Planning Process

2.1 The process of preparing and adopting development plan documents was amended by the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and is quite complex. A summary is set out in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Summary of the Development Planning Process



## **Public participation**

- 2.2 The Council will undertake early public participation in the preparation of all development plan documents before their submission to the Secretary of State to ensure that they are sound. Early community involvement is a key philosophy of the plan making process. This will involve methods appropriate to the issues and communities involved. All documentation will be available on the District Council's website and the Council will endeavour to make material available in specialist formats where requested. The scale and nature of community involvement will vary according to the nature of the development plan documents, its geographical coverage and the issues addressed. This equates to Regulation 25 Public participation as shown in the diagram above.
- 2.3 All issues raised during the community involvement process and each individual response received will be considered carefully and used to help shape the development plan document as it is prepared for publication and submission. Regulation 25 is the community's opportunity to shape the contents of the forthcoming DPD.

## **Publication and Submission**

- 2.4 On completion of the Regulation 25 phase of public participation the District Council will prepare the development plan document and complete a Sustainability Appraisal of it, incorporating any amendments arising from this into the DPD, for publication. This will then be published under Regulation 27 and representations on issues of soundness invited under Regulation 28. These will then be considered at Examination by an independent Inspector. At publication stage the development plan documents will be made available on the District Council's website, at the Council's offices and at libraries throughout the District. Specific consultees and interested parties will be notified by email informing them of the formal consultation period and how to make representations. Once the Regulation 28 phase of public participation is complete limited, minor amendments may be made to the development plan document before it is formally submitted under Regulation 30 to the Secretary of State for examination under Regulation 34. An independent Inspector is appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct the examination into the soundness and legal compliance of the development plan documents.

## **Sustainability Appraisals and Strategic Environmental Assessment**

- 2.5 To fully comply with the European SEA Directive and the UK SEA Regulations and to provide a robust evidence base the Council will adopt an integrated approach towards meeting the requirements for both sustainability appraisal and strategic environmental assessment of all local development documents. The appraisals area a systematic, iterative process, integrated into each phase of document production. Their purpose is to assess the extent to which emerging policies and proposals will help achieve relevant environmental, social and economic objectives.

- 2.6 A sustainability appraisal will be carried out at each phase of document production to inform the engagement process, assist in refining policies and proposals and support submitted DPDs during the examination process. The Council has developed a scoping report which identifies appropriate high level objectives against which policies and proposals will be appraised. The Scoping Report will be updated and amended to reflect the specific nature of individual DPDs as appropriate.
- 2.7 Amendments were introduced in the UK Conservation (Habitats & etc) Regulations 1994 in September 2006. These result in Appropriate Assessment under Article 6(3) and (4) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC being required for all plans likely to have a significant effect on a European site. Habitats Regulations Assessments will be undertaken prior to submission of a DPD.

### **Examination**

- 2.8 Once a development plan document, its sustainability appraisal and all other supporting documentation have been submitted to the Secretary of State it must be examined by an independent Inspector before the Council can adopt it. The Inspector is charged under Section 20(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 with examining whether the development plan document complies with legislation and is sound.
- 2.9 Development plan documents must be prepared within the context of national and regional policy. DPDs should be in accordance with higher level guidance unless strong local evidence supports deviation from this would provide better outcomes in the specific local context of Huntingdonshire. To examine whether the submitted PD is legally compliant the Inspector will check that it:
- has been prepared in accordance with the Local Development Scheme and in compliance with the Statement of Community Involvement and the Regulations
  - has been subject to sustainability appraisal
  - has regard to national policy
  - conforms generally to the Regional Spatial; Strategy, and
  - has regard to any sustainable community strategy for the area
- 2.10 The Inspector is also charged with determining whether the submitted DPD is 'sound'. To be considered sound it should be justified, effective and consistent with national policy. PPS12 provides the following guidance on soundness:
- justified means that the document must be founded on a robust and credible evidence base and that it must represent the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives
  - effective means that the document must be deliverable, flexible and able to be monitored

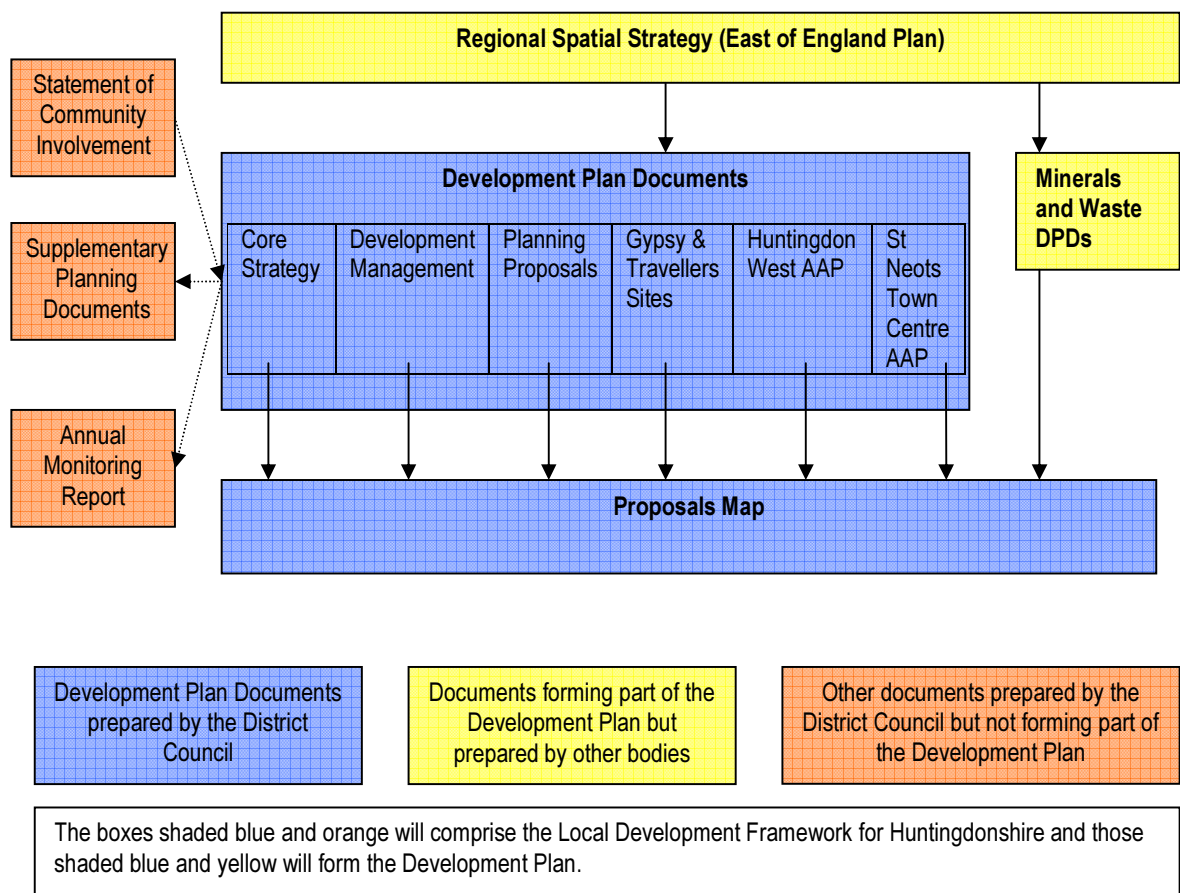
### 3 Huntingdonshire's Local Development Framework

3.1 In Huntingdonshire the Local Development Framework will comprise a number of documents prepared over some years. Within the strategic context provided by the Regional Spatial Strategy the District Council has already produced:

- Local Development Scheme – the previous version approved in March 2007 will be superseded by this document.
- Statement of Community Involvement – adopted November 2006
- Core Strategy – adopted September 2009 which provides the spatial framework for the District and for all other DPDs.
- Developer Contributions towards Affordable Housing SPD
- Landscape and Townscape SPD
- Design Guide SPD

3.2 Figure 2 summarises the overall planning policy framework proposed for Huntingdonshire.

**Figure 2: Planning Policy Framework**



## **4 New Development Plan Documents and Production Programme**

4.1 The Council's priorities for the period 2010-2013 are:

- Huntingdon West AAP - published for Regulation 27 public participation on 11 December 2009 which provides guidance for an area of Huntingdon facing significant change over the next 15 years.
- Development Management DPD - will be published for Regulation 27 public participation in March 2010 and will provide policies for managing development and guide the determination of planning applications.
- Gypsy and Traveller Sites DPD which will allocate specific sites for gypsy and traveller accommodation
- Planning Proposals DPD which will allocate specific sites for housing and business development and other uses.
- St Neots Town Centre AAP which will provide guidance for reinvigoration of St Neots town centre.

4.2 Table 1 below lists the development plan documents that will be produced and summarises the anticipated timetable for their production. It also shows the 'chain of conformity' for each document which is the relationship with higher levels of policy making.



**Table 1: Timetable for New Development Plan Documents**

Document title	Role & content	Chain of conformity	Timetable			
			Consultation on scoping report	Publication	Submission to Secretary of State	Adoption
Development Management DPD	Sets out policies for managing development in the area	Consistent with national planning guidance and in general conformity with Regional Spatial Strategy	February 2007	March 2010	October 2010	July 2011
Planning Proposals DPD	Contains site-specific proposals for different forms of development up to 2021, plus policies relating to the overall scale and timing of growth	Consistent with spatial framework set out in the Core Strategy	May 2010	September 2011	March 2012	December 2012
Huntingdon West AAP	Contains site-specific proposals for different forms of development and redevelopment in a mixed area where significant changes in land-use are proposed	Consistent with spatial framework set out in the Core Strategy	February 2007	December 2009	April 2010	January 2011
Gypsy & Traveller Sites DPD	Contains site-specific proposals for gypsy and traveller sites to meet identified needs up to 2021, plus policies relating to the overall scale of site provision	Consistent with spatial framework set out in the Core Strategy	July 2010	December 2011	July 2012	April 2013
St Neots Town Centre AAP	Contains site specific proposals for redevelopment within a mixed use area with a vision for revitalisation of the town centre.	Consistent with spatial framework set out in the Core Strategy	July 2010	February 2012	September 2012	June 2013

**Figure 3: Production Programme**

	2010												2011												2012												2013									
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Gypsy and Traveller Sites DPD	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	P	Reg 27	Reg 27	Reg 27	Reg 27	S	Reg 27	Reg 27	Reg 27	H	Reg 27	Reg 27	A	
St Neots Town Centre AAP	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	Reg 25	P	Reg 27	Reg 27	Reg 27	Reg 27	Reg 27	Reg 27	Reg 27	Reg 27	Reg 27	Reg 27	Reg 27	A

Key:

	Regulation 25 preparation of document and public participation
	Regulation 27 publication and regulation 28 public participation; P = publication
	Regulation 30 submission and regulation 34 examination; S = submission; H = anticipated hearings date
	Regulation 36 adoption; A = adoption

## 5 Resources, Monitoring and Review

- 5.1 The Council's Development Plans team will take the lead in preparing all development plan documents, the annual monitoring report, the Statement of Community Involvement and some supplementary planning documents. Specialist skills available elsewhere in the Council will also be involved where relevant, in particular:
- Within Planning Services the Development Management teams, the Urban Design, Trees and Landscape team, the Transportation team and the Heritage and Conservation team
  - Environmental and Community Health Services
  - Environmental Management
  - Housing Services
  - People, Performance and Partnerships division
- 5.2 Advice is also obtained from Cambridgeshire County Council in relation to socio-economic research, countryside, biodiversity and archaeology. Expertise and information is also sought where relevant from other partners such as the Environment Agency or consultants may be employed to conduct specialist research. The budget for Planning Services makes allowance for anticipated costs of development plan production, including examination and limited funding for consultancy work.
- 5.3 The Local Development Scheme will be monitored each year through the Annual Monitoring Review, this will consider performance from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March of the next year, but is required to be published in December. The Annual Monitoring Report will:
- indicate out how the Council is performing against the milestones set out for that year in the Local Development Scheme, giving reasons if any local development document is behind the anticipated timetable
  - provide information on the policy targets and indicators set out in the local development documents which will help to assess the success of individual policies and their contribution to spatial and sustainability objectives
  - identify whether any development plan documents need to be reviewed to update or alter policies, or whether any new development plan documents are required, or whether any can be deleted from the LDS
  - provide a progress report on the delivery of housing, including a housing trajectory to set out anticipated housing delivery throughout the Core Strategy period
  - identify which, if any, of the saved planning policies have been replaced or are redundant

## **6 Document Profiles**

- 6.1 The following pages set out a profile for each document detailing its role, status, coverage, timetable, production arrangements and monitoring arrangements.

## DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT DPD

<b>Overview</b>	
Status	Development Plan Document
Role and purpose	Sets out local policies for managing development in the area.
Coverage	All of Huntingdonshire
Conformity	Consistent with spatial framework set out in the Core Strategy.
<b>Proposed timetable</b>	
Consultation on scope of Sustainability Appraisal	2007
Issues and options	July 2007 – consultation under previous regulation 25
Publication	March 2010
Submission to Secretary of State	October 2010
Examination hearing	February 2011
Adoption	July 2011
<b>Production arrangements</b>	
Organisational lead	Head of Planning Services / Executive Member for Planning Strategy.
Production resources	Development Plans Team of the District Council.
Approval	The Council, prior to its submission to the Secretary of State.
Community engagement	Opportunities to participate at key stages throughout the process in accordance with the basic requirements set out in the Regulations, and the proposals contained in the Statement of Community Involvement.
<b>Monitoring &amp; review</b>	
Document production and implementation (once adopted) to be reviewed annually, and reported in the Annual Monitoring Report.	

## HUNTINGDON WEST AAP

<b>Overview</b>	
Status	Development Plan Document
Role and purpose	Contains site-specific proposals for a mixed area where significant changes in land-use are proposed, including redevelopment proposals for the area west of the town centre, changes to the road system as a result of the A14 proposals, and a vision for the Hinchingsbrooke Community Campus including an extension to the Country Park.
Coverage	Land in Huntingdon and Brampton, including west of the town centre, Views Common and Hinchingsbrooke
Conformity	Consistent with spatial framework set out in the Core Strategy.

<b>Proposed timetable</b>	
Consultation on scope of Sustainability Appraisal	2007
Issues and options	June 2007 – consultation under previous reg. 25
Publication	December 2009
Submission to Secretary of State	April 2010
Examination hearing	July 2010
Adoption	January 2011

<b>Production arrangements</b>	
Organisational lead	Head of Planning Services / Executive Member for Planning Strategy.
Production resources	Development Plans Team of the District Council.
Approval	The Council, prior to its publication.
Community engagement	Opportunities to participate at key stages throughout the process in accordance with the basic requirements set out in the Regulations, and the proposals contained in the Statement of Community Involvement.

<b>Monitoring &amp; review</b>	
Document production and implementation (once adopted) to be reviewed annually, and reported in the Annual Monitoring Report.	

## PLANNING PROPOSALS DPD

<b>Overview</b>	
Status	Development Plan Document
Role and purpose	Contains site specific proposals for different forms of development up to 2026, plus policies relating to the overall scale and timing growth.
Coverage	All of Huntingdonshire
Conformity	Consistent with spatial framework set out in the Core Strategy.

<b>Proposed timetable</b>	
Consultation on scope of Sustainability Appraisal	May 2010
Issues and options	April 2010
Publication	September 2011
Submission to Secretary of State	March 2012
Examination hearing	July 2012
Adoption	December 2012

<b>Production arrangements</b>	
Organisational lead	Head of Planning Services / Executive Member for Planning Strategy.
Production resources	Development Plans Team of the District Council.
Approval	The Council, prior to its publication.
Community engagement	Opportunities to participate at key stages throughout the process in accordance with the basic requirements set out in the Regulations, and the proposals contained in the Statement of Community Involvement.

<b>Monitoring &amp; review</b>	
Document production and implementation (once adopted) to be reviewed annually, and reported in the Annual Monitoring Report.	

## GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITES DPD

<b>Overview</b>	
Status	Development Plan Document
Role and purpose	Contains site specific proposals for gypsy and travellers sites to meet identified needs up to 2026, plus policies relating to the overall scale of provision.
Coverage	All of Huntingdonshire
Conformity	Consistent with spatial framework set out in the Core Strategy and in general conformity with the RSS gypsy and traveller review.

<b>Proposed timetable</b>	
Consultation on scope of Sustainability Appraisal	July 2010
Issues and options	September 2006
Publication	December 2011
Submission to Secretary of State	July 2012
Examination hearing	November 2012
Adoption	April 2013

<b>Production arrangements</b>	
Organisational lead	Head of Planning Services / Executive Member for Planning Strategy.
Production resources	Development Plans Team of the District Council.
Approval	The Council, prior to its publication.
Community engagement	Opportunities to participate at key stages throughout the process in accordance with the basic requirements set out in the Regulations, and the proposals contained in the Statement of Community Involvement.

<b>Monitoring &amp; review</b>	
Document production and implementation (once adopted) to be reviewed annually, and reported in the Annual Monitoring Report.	



## ST NEOTS TOWN CENTRE AAP

Overview	
Status	Development Plan Document
Role and purpose	Contains site specific proposals for redevelopment within a mixed use area with a vision for revitalisation of the town centre.
Coverage	Land in St Neots town centre including the Priory area and St Mary's urban village.
Conformity	Consistent with spatial framework set out in the Core Strategy.

Proposed timetable	
Consultation on scope of Sustainability Appraisal	July 2010
Issues and options	March 2010
Publication	December 2011
Submission to Secretary of State	September 2012
Examination hearing	January 2013 (to avoid clash with hearings for Gypsy and Traveller Sites DPD)
Adoption	June 2013

Production arrangements	
Organisational lead	Head of Planning Services / Executive Member for Planning Strategy.
Production resources	Urban Design, Trees and Landscape and Development Plans Teams of the District Council.
Approval	The Council, prior to its publication.
Community engagement	Opportunities to participate at key stages throughout the process in accordance with the basic requirements set out in the Regulations, and the proposals contained in the Statement of Community Involvement.

Monitoring & review	
Document production and implementation (once adopted) to be reviewed annually, and reported in the Annual Monitoring Report.	

## APPENDIX 1: TERMINOLOGY

Within each definition links to other terms are shown in italics.

<b>Action Area Plan</b>	A <i>Development Plan Document</i> setting out detailed policies and proposals for a small area.
<b>Adoption</b>	The point at which the final agreed version of a document comes into use.
<b>Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)</b>	Document produced each year to report on progress in producing the <i>Local Development Framework</i> and implementing its policies.
<b>Core Strategy</b>	The <i>Development Plan Document</i> which contains the overall vision, objectives and policies for managing development in Huntingdonshire.
<b>Development Plan</b>	The documents which together provide the main point of reference when considering planning proposals. Under the new system the Development Plan includes the <i>Regional Spatial Strategy</i> and <i>Development Plan Documents</i> .
<b>Development Plan Document (DPD)</b>	A document containing local planning policies or proposals which forms part of the <i>Development Plan</i> , and which has been subject to independent <i>examination</i> .
<b>Examination</b>	Independent inquiry into the soundness of a draft <i>Development Plan Document</i> (or draft <i>Statement of Community Involvement</i> ), chaired by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.
<b>Interim Planning Guidance</b>	Informal guidance for sites or areas where development is proposed, but no allocation exists in a <i>Development Plan Document</i> .
<b>Local Development Framework (LDF)</b>	The collection of documents to be produced by Huntingdonshire District Council that will provide the new planning policy framework for the district.

<b>Local Development Scheme (LDS)</b>	Sets out the Council's programme for preparing and reviewing statutory planning documents.
<b>Local Plan</b>	The existing document containing local planning policies and proposals for Huntingdonshire. Under the new system it will be phased out and replaced by <i>Development Plan Documents</i> .
<b>Material Considerations</b>	Factors that may be taken into account when making planning decisions.
<b>Proposals Map</b>	Shows the spatial extent of <i>adopted</i> planning policies and proposals affecting Huntingdonshire.
<b>Publication</b>	Point at which a draft <i>Development Plan Document</i> is issued for consultation prior to its submission to the Secretary of State for examination.
<b>Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)</b>	Plan covering the East of England as a whole, and setting out strategic policies and proposals for managing land-use change.
<b>Saved policies</b>	Policies contained within the adopted <i>Structure Plan</i> or <i>Local Plan</i> which remain in force pending their replacement by the <i>Regional Spatial Strategy</i> or a <i>Development Plan Document</i> .
<b>Scoping Report</b>	Report produced as the first stage of <i>Sustainability Appraisal</i> . It examines existing environmental, social and economic conditions in the district, and identifies appropriate objectives to appraise policies against.
<b>Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)</b>	Document setting out the Council's approach to involving the community in preparing planning documents and making significant development control decisions.
<b>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)</b>	Process undertaken during plan production, to assess the potential environmental effects of emerging policies and proposals. It is incorporated within <i>Sustainability Appraisal</i> .

<b>Structure Plan</b>	The existing document containing strategic planning policies and proposals for the county. Under the new system it will be phased out and replaced by policies in the <i>Regional Spatial Strategy and Development Plan Documents</i> .
<b>Submission</b>	Following the publication and ensuing consultation the point at which a draft <i>Development Plan Document</i> is submitted to the Secretary of State along with representations the received for <i>examination</i> .
<b>Supplementary Guidance</b>	Guidance to assist the delivery of development prepared by other bodies.
<b>Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)</b>	Provides additional guidance on the interpretation or application of policies and proposals in the <i>Local Plan</i> or <i>Structure Plan</i> . These are being phased out and replaced by <i>Supplementary Planning Documents</i> .
<b>Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)</b>	Provides additional guidance on the interpretation or application of policies and proposals in a <i>Development Plan Document</i> .
<b>Sustainability Appraisal</b>	Process undertaken during plan production, to assess the extent to which emerging policies and proposals will help to achieve environmental, social and economic objectives. It incorporates <i>Strategic Environmental Assessment</i> .

## APPENDIX 2: REPLACEMENT OF 'SAVED' POLICIES

The following tables show how the issues addressed by existing Local Plan policies will be considered in Development Plan Documents. This does not mean the existing approach will necessarily be continued, as circumstances may have changed since the original policies were prepared. Some policies are listed as having no direct replacement meaning that their subject matter is unlikely to be addressed by one of the new DPDs. This is because the issues are covered by national guidance or other policy areas.

Table 3 shows Local Plan (1995) policies superseded by the Core Strategy (2009). Table 4 shows Local Plan Alteration (2002) policies superseded by the Core Strategy (2009).

<b>Saved Policies</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Core Strategy Policy</b>
H22	Agricultural Land Protection	CS1 Sustainable Development
H44	Gypsy Sites	CS6 Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople
E9	Employment in Ramsey	CS7 Employment
E13	Employment Development Causing Environmental Problems	CS1 Sustainable Development
S15	Vacant floorspace over shops in town centres	CS1 Sustainable Development
T21	Public Transport Services	CS10 Infrastructure Provision
R14	Grafham Water	CS9 Areas of Strategic Greenspace Enhancement
R16	After Use of Gravel and Claypits	CS9 Areas of Strategic Greenspace Enhancement
R18	Provision for Art	CS10 Infrastructure Provision

<b>Saved Policies</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Core Strategy Policy</b>
STR1	The Huntingdonshire settlement hierarchy	CS3 Settlement Hierarchy
STR2	Housing development definitions	CS3 Settlement Hierarchy
STR3	Settlements designated as market towns	CS3 Settlement Hierarchy
STR4	Yaxley designated as a rural	CS3 Settlement Hierarchy

	growth village	
STR5	Settlements designated as group villages	CS3 Settlement Hierarchy
STR6	Settlements designated as infill villages	CS3 Settlement Hierarchy
HL7	Previously developed land and buildings	CS1 Sustainable Development
HL8	Scale of development appropriate in group villages	CS3 Settlement Hierarchy
HL9	Scale of development appropriate in infill villages	CS3 Settlement Hierarchy
AH4	Site targets for affordable housing	CS4 Affordable housing
AH5	Rural exceptions policy	CS4 Affordable housing and P5 Rural exceptions
OB1	Nature and scale of obligations sought	CS10 Infrastructure requirements

Tables 5 and 6 detail those policies from the Huntingdonshire Local Plan 1995 and the Huntingdonshire Local Plan Alteration 2002 which are currently saved that will be superseded by policies contained in the Development Management DPD (in line with Regulation 13(5)).

<b>Saved Policy</b>	<b>Superseded by</b>
H11 'Housing in town centres'	No direct replacement
H12 'Housing redevelopment in town centres'	No direct replacement
H23 'Housing development outside environmental limits'	Homes in the Countryside
H24 'Agricultural dwellings'	Homes in the Countryside
H25 'Restrictive occupancy'	No direct replacement
H26 'Refurbishment of rural dwellings'	No direct replacement
H27 'Replacement dwellings in the countryside'	H 5 Homes in the Countryside
H28 'Replacement dwellings in the countryside (criteria for)'	H 5 Homes in the Countryside
H29 'Conversion of buildings in the countryside to dwellings'	P 8 Rural Buildings
H30 'Residential amenity protection'	H 7 Amenity
H31 'Residential privacy and amenity'	H 7 Amenity

standards'	
H32 'Sub-division of large curtilages'	E 3 Heritage Assets
H33 'Sub-division of large curtilages (affecting protected buildings or features)'	E 3 Heritage Assets
H34 'Residential privacy and amenity for extensions'	H 7 Amenity
H35 'Tandem development'	H 7 Amenity
H37 'Housing and environmental pollution'	H 7 Amenity
H38 'Housing and noise pollution'	H 7 Amenity
H41 'Temporary use of residential caravans'	H 5 Homes in the Countryside
H43 'Hostels and homes'	H 4 Supported Housing
E1 'Promotion of economic and employment growth'	P 1 Large Scale Businesses P 2 Small Businesses P 3 Safeguarding Employment Areas
E2 'Range of employment sites'	P 1 Large Scale Businesses P 2 Small Businesses P 3 Safeguarding Employment Areas
E7 'Small businesses establishment or expansion'	P 2 Small Businesses
E8 'Small scale employment in villages'	P 2 Small Businesses
E10 'Re-use of rural buildings'	P 8 Rural Buildings
E11 'Expansion of existing firms'	P 2 Small Businesses
E15 'Special and heavy industries'	P 1 Large Scale Businesses
S2 'Location and design criteria for shopping proposals'	P 5 Local Shopping and Services
S7 'Local shopping proposals in existing residential areas'	P 5 Local Shopping and Services
S10 'Protection and enhancement of town centre viability and vitality'	P 4 Town Centre Uses and Retail Designations
S12 'Retention of existing retail units in town centres'	P 4 Town Centre Uses and Retail Designations
S13 'Primary shopping frontages of market towns'	P 4 Town Centre Uses and Retail Designations
S14 'A3 uses (food and drink) assessment criteria'	H 7 Amenity
S16 'Local shopping proposals in built up areas'	P 5 Local Shopping and Services
S17 'Retention of rural shopping facilities'	P 6 Protecting Local Services and Facilities
T18 'Access requirements for new	E 8 Sustainable Travel

development'	
T19 'Footpath provision in new development'	E 8 Sustainable Travel
T20 'Cycleway provision in new development'	E 8 Sustainable Travel
T24 'Car park allocations in Market Towns'	No direct replacement
R1 'Promotion and monitoring of recreation and leisure'	No direct replacement
R2 'Assessment criteria for new recreation facilities'	D 1 Green Space, Play and Sports Facilities Contributions
R3 'Minimum recreation open space provision standards'	D 1 Green Space, Play and Sports Facilities Contributions
R6 'Recreation provision in new developments in market towns'	D 1 Green Space, Play and Sports Facilities Contributions
R7 'Open playspace provision standards in new housing schemes'	D 1 Green Space, Play and Sports Facilities Contributions
R8 'Commutation of open playspace'	D 1 Green Space, Play and Sports Facilities Contributions
R11 'Recreational provision (or financial contributions) in non residential schemes'	D 1 Green Space, Play and Sports Facilities Contributions
R12 'Children's play areas'	D 1 Green Space, Play and Sports Facilities Contributions
R13 'Informal countryside recreation'	D 1 Green Space, Play and Sports Facilities Contributions
R15 'Public Rights of Way'	E 8 Sustainable Travel
R17 'Alternative development on recreation and amenity areas and school playing fields'	D 1 Green Space, Play and Sports Facilities Contributions
En1 'Demolition of listed buildings'	E 3 Heritage Assets
En2 'Character and setting of listed buildings'	E 3 Heritage Assets
En3 'Alternative uses for listed buildings'	E 3 Heritage Assets
En5 'Conservation areas character'	E 3 Heritage Assets
En6 'Design standards in conservation areas'	E 1 Development Context E 3 Heritage Assets
En7 'Outline applications in conservation areas and sites adjoining listed buildings'	E 3 Heritage Assets
En8 'Conservation area consent for demolition'	E 3 Heritage Assets
En9 'Open spaces, trees and street scenes in conservation areas'	E 5 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows



En11 'Ancient monuments and archaeological sites'	E 3 Heritage Assets
En12 'Archaeological recording'	E 3 Heritage Assets
En13 'Archaeological potential evaluation'	E 3 Heritage Assets
En14 'Open spaces, frontages and gaps in the built up framework'	E 1 Development Context E 3 Heritage Assets
En15 'Open spaces and gaps identified for protection'	D 1 Green Space, Play and Sports Facilities Contributions
En16 'Frontages identified for protection'	E 3 Heritage Assets
En17 'Development in the countryside'	E 1 Development Context E 3 Heritage Assets P 7 Development in the Countryside
En18 'Protection of countryside features'	E 5 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows
En19 'Tree preservation orders'	E 5 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows
En20 'Landscaping schemes for new development'	E 1 Development Context
En22 'Nature and wildlife conservation'	E 4 Biodiversity and Protected Habitats and Species
En23 'Sites of Special Scientific Interest and national nature reserves'	E 4 Biodiversity and Protected Habitats and Species
En24 'Access provision for the disabled'	No direct replacement
En25 'General design criteria'	E 1 Development Context
EN27 'Shopfront design'	E 1 Development Context
En28 'Advertisements on listed buildings and in conservation areas'	E 3 Heritage Assets
En30 'Advertisement control'	H 7 Amenity
En32 'Design of road signs and street furniture'	E 1 Development Context E 3 Heritage Assets
To1 'Development of tourism opportunities'	P 10 Tourist Facilities and Attractions P 11 Water-based Tourism and Leisure P 12 Tourist Accommodation
To2 'New tourist facilities'	P 10 Tourist Facilities and Attractions P 11 Water-based Tourism and Leisure P 12 Tourist Accommodation
To3 'Re-use of rural buildings for tourism'	P 10 Tourist Facilities and Attractions P 11 Water-based Tourism and Leisure P 12 Tourist Accommodation
To7 'Adaptation of existing buildings for tourist accommodation'	P 10 Tourist Facilities and Attractions P 11 Water-based Tourism and Leisure P 12 Tourist Accommodation
To8 'New accommodation and conference'	P 10 Tourist Facilities and Attractions

centre locational criteria'	P 11 Water-based Tourism and Leisure P 12 Tourist Accommodation
To9 'Caravan and camping sites'	P 10 Tourist Facilities and Attractions P 11 Water-based Tourism and Leisure P 12 Tourist Accommodation
To11 'Farm based tourism developments'	P 10 Tourist Facilities and Attractions P 11 Water-based Tourism and Leisure P 12 Tourist Accommodation
CS5 'Development of health and social care facilities'	P 5 Local Shopping and Services
CS6 'Improvements to library services'	P 5 Local Shopping and Services
CS8 'Water supply, sewerage, sewage disposal and surface water drainage requirements'	C 5 Flood Risk and Water Management
CS9 'Flood water management'	C 5 Flood Risk and Water Management

**Table 6: Saved policies from the Local Plan Alteration 2002 that are superseded by Development Management Policies**

<b>Saved Policy</b>	<b>Superseded by</b>
HL4 'Estate-scale development at Ramsey'	No direct replacement
HL5 'Good design and layout'	E 1 Development Context
HL6 'Housing densities'	H 1 Efficient Use of Housing Land
HL10 'Meeting the range of housing needs'	H 2 Housing Mix

### **Saved Structure Plan**

Saved Structure Plan policies can only be replaced in their entirety by policies in the relevant RSS. However, the following Structure Plan policies are no longer considered to be materially relevant for Huntingdonshire. The identified policies will take precedence when considering planning applications.

**Table 7: Saved policies from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003 that are superseded by Development Management Policies**

<b>Saved Policy</b>	<b>Superseded by</b>
P2/5 Distribution, Warehousing & Manufacture	P 1 Large Scale Businesses P 3 Safeguarding Employment Areas
P4/4 Water-based Recreation	P13 Water-based Leisure

Most policies in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan have been superseded by those in the Regional Spatial Strategy. However, the RSS lists some Structure Plan policies that have not been replaced, as they deal with relatively local issues. Table 10 shows how these 'saved' Structure Plan policies will be considered.

## Outstanding Saved Policies

**Table 8: Outstanding saved policies from the Local Plan 1995**

<b>Saved Policies</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Proposed Replacement</b>
E3	Employment allocations	Planning Proposals DPD
E5	Phasing	Planning Proposals DPD
S6	Local shopping allocations	Planning Proposals DPD
T2	A14 upgrade	Planning Proposals DPD
R9	Open space allocations	Planning Proposals DPD

**Table 9: Outstanding saved policies from the Local Plan Alteration 2002**

<b>Saved Policies</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Proposed Replacement</b>
HL3-HL4	Housing allocations	Planning Proposals DPD

**Table 10: Outstanding saved policies from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003**

<b>Saved Policy</b>	<b>Superseded by</b>
P2/3 Strategic employment locations	Planning Proposals DPD
P8/10 Transport Investment Priorities	Planning Proposals DPD
P10/3 Market Towns	Planning Proposals DPD

### APPENDIX 3: SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

Table 11 lists adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG), which will remain a material consideration in planning decisions until the Local Plan and Structure Plan are replaced. The table also shows what is expected to happen to the SPGs.

**Table 11: Adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance**

Title	Date	How will it be dealt with in the LDF?
Conservation Area Character Statements	Various	Will be retained and continue to carry weight by virtue of the legislation governing conservation areas <sup>1</sup>
Cambridgeshire Landscape Guidelines	1990	Will be retained and continue to carry weight as a material consideration and will be reviewed if necessary.
External Artificial Lighting	1998	May be updated and reissued as an advice note
Trees and Development	1998	May be updated and reissued as an advice note
Shopfronts	1999	Approach incorporated within Development Management DPD
Hilton Village Design Statement	2000	Status and any future revision to be discussed with the Parish Council <sup>2</sup>
Retention of Shops, Post Offices and Public Houses in Villages	2001	Approach incorporated within Development Management DPD
Holywell-cum-Needingworth Village Design Statement	2003	Status and any future revision to be discussed with the Parish Council <sup>2</sup>
Re-use and Redevelopment of Farm Buildings and Outbuildings	2003	Approach incorporated within Development Management DPD
Market Housing Mix	2004	Approach incorporated within Development Management DPD

#### Notes

<sup>1</sup> The Council does not intend to re-publish existing conservation area character statements as Supplementary Planning Documents, as they are produced to accord with the requirements of separate legislation. The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 places a duty upon local planning authorities to formulate proposals for preserving and enhancing conservation areas.

<sup>2</sup> Although adopted by the District Council as SPG, Village Design Statements are produced by the town or parish council concerned.