

# Nottingham City Local Development Scheme

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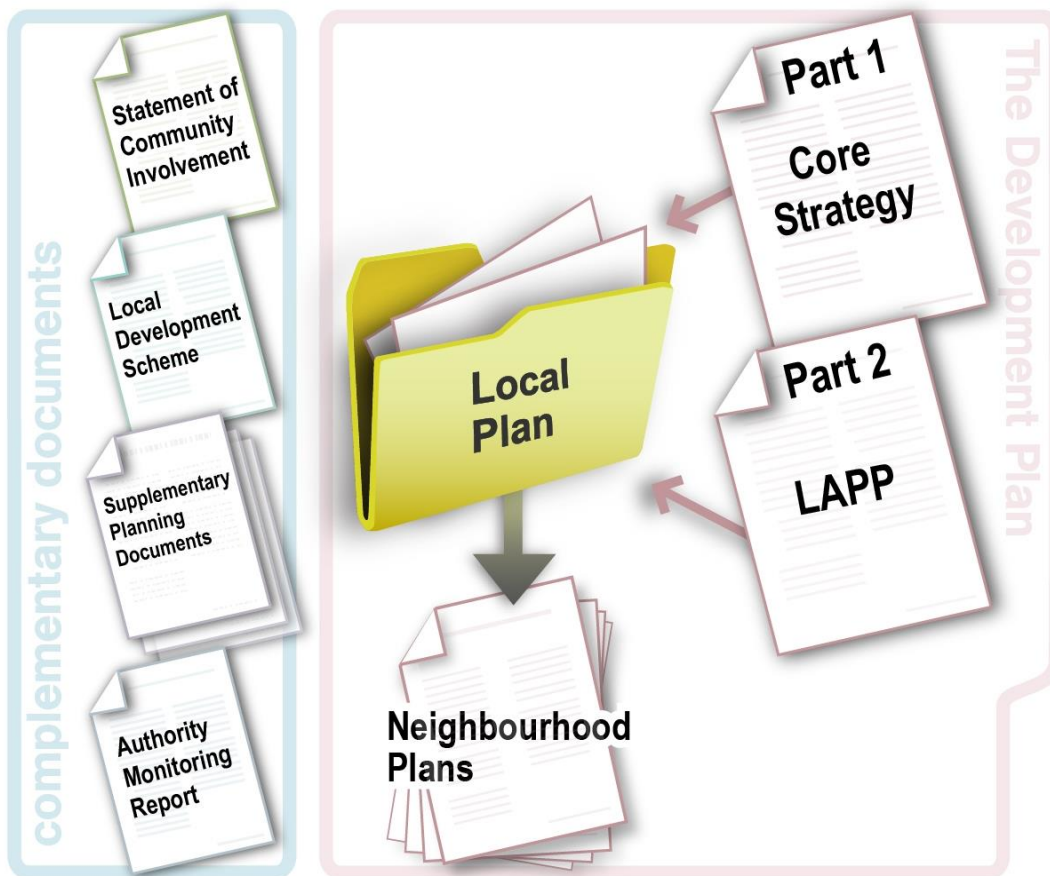
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# 1 Introduction to the Local Plan

- 1.1 Local Plans set out 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 the development plan documents, form part of the Local Plan.
- 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.

- 1.6 A review is underway of Part 1, the review is known as the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan. Details can be found at [www.gnplan.org.uk](http://www.gnplan.org.uk).

Growth Options consultation	6 July to 14 September 2020
Preferred Approach consultation	3 January 2023 to 14 February 2023
Consultation on Strategic Distribution	25 September 2023 to 7 November 2023
Regulation 19 Document consultation	4 November 2024 to 16 December 2024, but subsequently withdrawn
Consultation on a second Regulation 19 Document	12 March 2025 to 25 April 2025

- 1.7 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. The plan was adopted by the City Council on 8 September 2025. There will be a review of the Waste Local Plan.
- 1.8 Minerals matters are covered by specific minerals policies in the Land and Planning Policies DPD.

1.9 **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.
- [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.
- [Local Development Scheme](#), sets out details of planning policy documents to be produced and the time scales and arrangements for production.
- [Authority Monitoring Report](#), sets out progress in terms of producing planning policy documents and implementing policies.

1.10 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. The City Council works with the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) to produce strategic 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, 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 LDS
- 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 new Nottingham City Local Plan, containing both site specific land allocations policies and Development Management Policies will provide a detailed suite of policies that, alongside the EMCCA Spatial Development Strategy when adopted, will be used when considering planning applications. The Nottingham Local Plan will also include specific policies in relation to minerals development.
  - A Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan was adopted by the City Council on 8 September 2025.
- 3.2 The City Council also has a large number of approved documents which include Supplementary Planning Guidance, Supplementary Planning Documents, Informal Planning Guidance etc. Many of these are directly linked to policies in the adopted Local Plan and have been subject to public consultation. The City Council will retain these as planning guidance until the and they are available from the Planning Policy Team and on the City Council's web site at:-  
<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/SPD>
- 3.4 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 GNPP web site at:-  
<https://www.gnplan.org.uk/evidence-base/>

- 3.5 Documents within the Development Plan are subject to Sustainability Appraisal (SA) which incorporates the requirement for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Details can be found at [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/SA](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/SA). 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 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.
- 3.6 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. Details can be found at [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/AMR](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/AMR).

## **4 Community Involvement**

- 4.1 The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 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. Details can be found at [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/sci](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/sci).

## **5 Local Development Scheme Monitoring and Review**

- 5.1 An Authority Monitoring Report (AMR), previously known as an Annual Monitoring Report, is 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. Further details can be found at [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/AMR](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/AMR).

## **6 Further Information**

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

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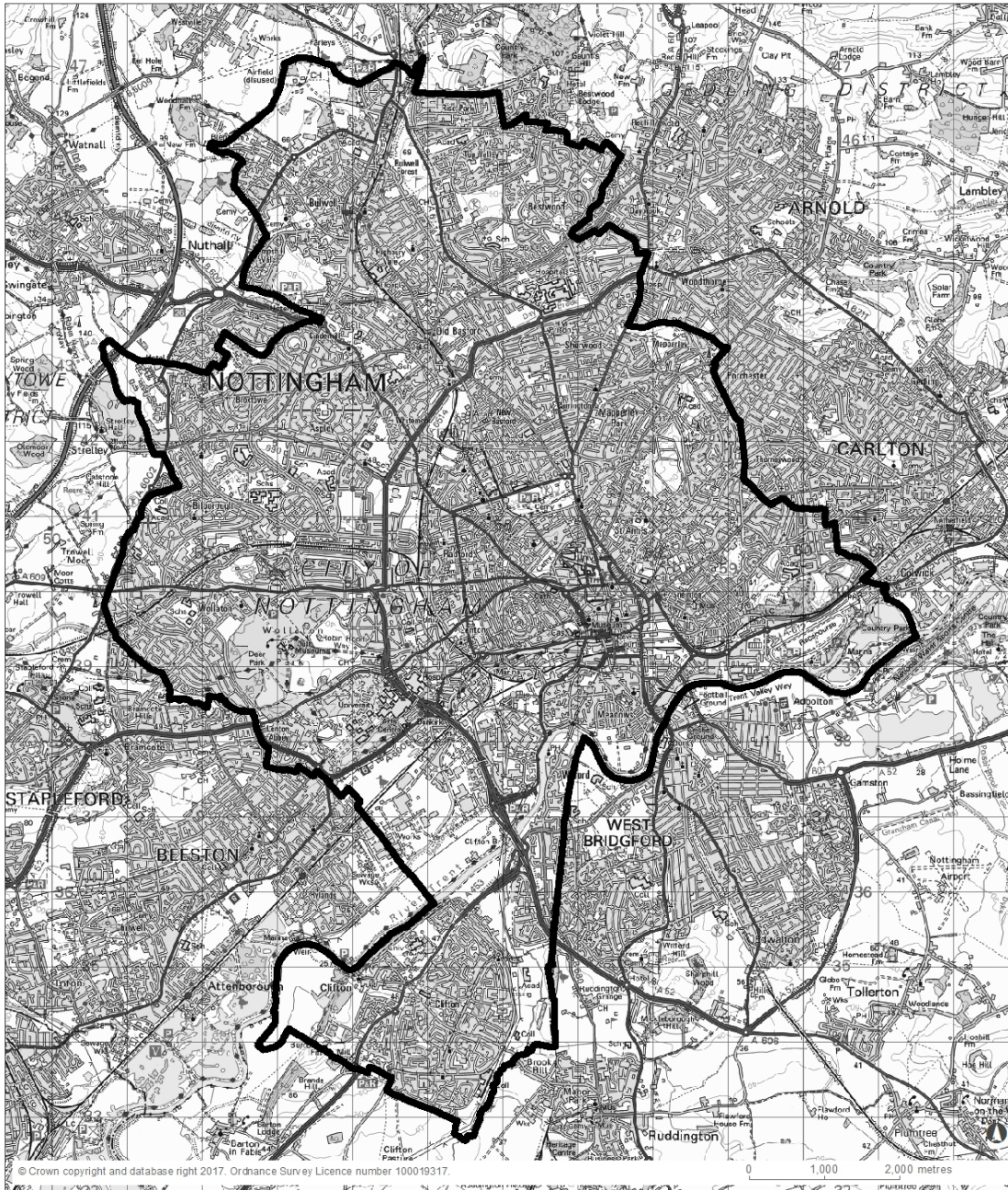
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# APPENDIX 1: MAP OF GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE OF THE LOCAL PLAN

## 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

<b>Role &amp; Subject</b>	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.
<b>Coverage</b>	Greater Nottingham – Nottingham, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe
<b>Status</b>	DPD.

## Timetable

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Pre-Submission / Publication Reg 19 Draft	March 2025
Submission of plan (Reg. 22)	December 2025
Examination in Public	January 2026
Receipt of Inspector's Report	November 2026
Estimated Adoption	December 2026

## Arrangements for Production

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

## Post Production

<b>Monitoring and Review Mechanisms</b>	AMR with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary.
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## 2. *Nottingham City Local Plan*

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### Overview

<b>Role &amp; Subject</b>	A new Nottingham City Local Plan, containing both site specific land allocations policies and Development Management Policies will provide a detailed suite of policies that, alongside the EMCCA Spatial Development Strategy when adopted, will be used when considering planning applications. The Nottingham Local Plan will also include specific policies in relation to minerals development. The timetabling of this document will be set out in a future Project Initiation Document and milestones will be programmed once further details are specified in forthcoming new regulations and changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.
<b>Coverage</b>	City Wide
<b>Status</b>	DPD.

### Timetable

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Commence production / Scoping of Issues & SA Scoping	February 2026
Consultation on Draft Plan	To be determined in a Project Initiation Document
Pre-Submission / Publication Reg 19 Draft	To be determined in a Project Initiation Document
Submission (Reg.22)	To be determined in a Project Initiation Document
Examination / hearing	To be determined in a Project Initiation Document
Receipt of Inspectors Report	To be determined in a Project Initiation Document
Adoption	To be determined in a Project Initiation Document

### Arrangements for Production

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

### Post Production

<b>Monitoring and Review Mechanisms</b>	AMR with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary.
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### 3. Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Revised Joint Waste Local Plan

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#### Overview

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

#### Timetable

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Pre-Submission / Publication Reg 19 Draft	August 2023
Submission of plan (Reg. 22)	March 2024
Examination/ hearing	October 2024
Receipt of Inspector's Report	June 2025
Adoption	The plan was adopted by the City Council on 8 September 2025.

#### Arrangements for Production

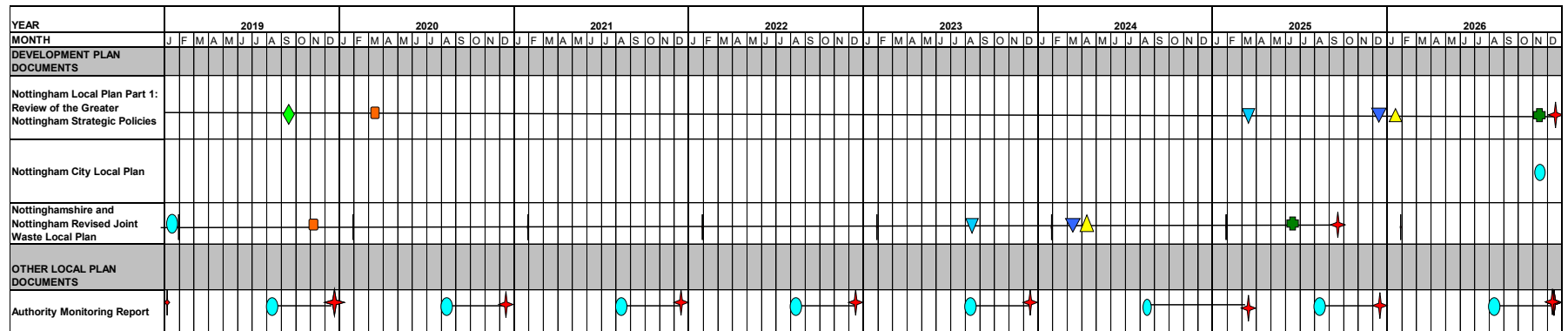
<b>Organisational Lead</b>	City Council's Corporate Director of Growth & City Development
<b>Political Management</b>	City Council's Executive Member for Housing & Planning, Executive Board and City Council. County Council's equivalent.
<b>Internal Resources</b>	Expertise within Planning Policy and Research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

#### Post Production









<b>Monitoring and Review Mechanisms</b>	AMR with formal review if monitoring report indicates this is necessary.
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## APPENDIX 3: TIMETABLE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE PROPOSED PLANNING POLICY DOCUMENTS



KEY

-  Commence production / Scoping of Issues & SA Scoping
-  Issues & Options Consultation
-  Preferred Options Consultation / Stakeholder Review
-  Pre-Submission / Publication Reg 19 Draft
-  Submission to Secretary of State (Reg 22)
-  Examination by Independent Inspector
-  Receipt of Inspectors Report
-  Adoption



## APPENDIX 4: GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

<b>Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)</b>	Monitors progress in relation to the Local Development Scheme and policies and proposals in the Local Plan and other planning policy documents.
<b>Core Strategy (CS)</b>	A document forming part of the Local Plan which sets out the spatial vision and objectives of the planning framework for an area.
<b>Development Plan Document (DPD)</b>	DPDs are the documents which form the statutory development plan and are subject to independent examination.
<b>Development Management Policies</b>	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.
<b>Local Development Scheme ( LDS) Local Plan</b>	The local planning authority's time-scaled programme for the preparation of planning policy documents. 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.
<b>National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)</b>	A consolidated national planning framework setting out guidance to local councils in drawing up local plans and on making decisions on planning applications
<b>Saved Policies/Saved Plan</b>	Policies within Unitary Development Plans, Local Plans, and Structure Plans that are saved for a time period during replacement production of Local Plans.
<b>Site Specific Land Allocations Policies</b>	Policies where land is allocated for specific uses.
<b>Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)</b>	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.
<b>Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)</b>	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preparation of an environmental report;</li> <li>• carrying out of consultations;</li> <li>• taking into account of the environmental report and the results of the consultations in decision making;</li> </ul>

- 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).