

Local Development Scheme

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The Local Development Scheme for Three Rivers District

1. Introduction

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) introduced the requirement for local planning authorities, such as Three Rivers District Council, to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS).

The LDS is a project plan that sets out the timetable for the production of new or revised Development Plan Documents which will form the Council's Local Plan. This LDS, which supersedes previous versions, sets out a planning work programme for the Council over a two year period to the end of 2026. It will be regularly reviewed to keep it up to date.

What are the current adopted Development Plan Documents for Three Rivers?

The current Local Plan for Three Rivers consists of the following Development Plan Documents:

- the Core Strategy (adopted October 2011)
- the Development Management Policies LDD (adopted July 2013)
- the Site Allocations LDD (adopted November 2014) and
- Croxley Green Neighbourhood Plan (2018)
- Chorleywood Neighbourhood Plan (2021)

The Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents are the responsibility of Hertfordshire County Council. The Hertfordshire Minerals Local Plan was adopted in 2007, the Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies was adopted in 2012 and Waste Site Allocations DPD was adopted in July 2014.

What new Development Plan Documents are to be reviewed/prepared?

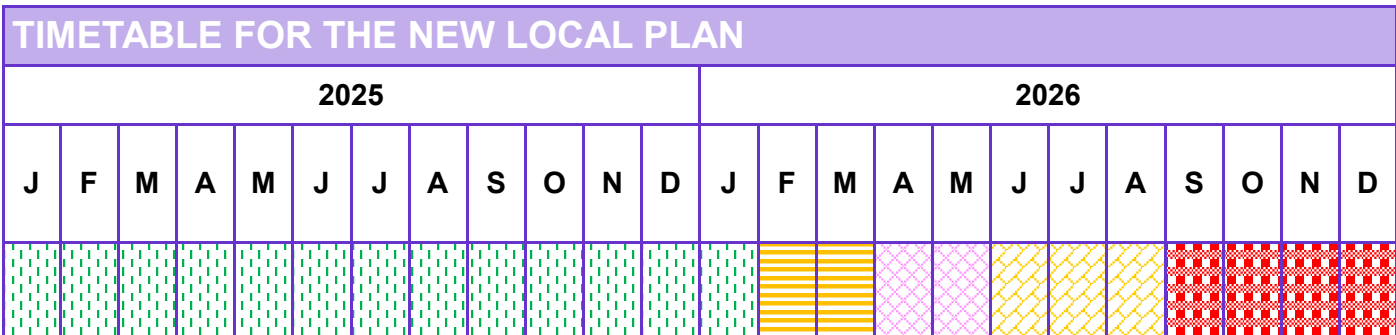
Further information and the provisional 'milestones' for the production of the review of Local Plan that need to be achieved in order to be progressed towards adoption are set out in Appendix 1.

Joint Strategic Plan

In Spring 2018, Three Rivers, Dacorum, Hertsmere, St Albans and Watford Councils gave formal endorsement to begin work on a Joint Strategic Plan (JSP) for South West Hertfordshire. By working together, the South West Herts Councils will also be in a stronger position to deliver and better fund essential transport, health services and educational facilities that local people want to see alongside new homes and jobs.

Each Council will still be responsible for preparing its own Local Plan but the JSP will provide the platform to consider how the challenges of growth in the wider South West Hertfordshire area can be addressed in the longer term (i.e. to 2050).

APPENDIX 1



	Preparation
	Publication Stage (Regulation 19)
	Submission Stage (Start of Examination Process)
	Examination
	Adoption

Document	Local Plan	Policies Map
Description	Will update the strategic planning policies for the District, allocate land for housing and employment and update Development Management Policies	Will show policy designations and sites with specific allocations
Area	District	District
Publication Date	February / March 2026	Alongside Local Plan
Submission to Secretary of State	April / May 2026	Alongside Local Plan
Adoption	September / October 2026	Alongside Local Plan
Review	Annual Monitoring Report	Alongside Local Plan