

# Camden Local Plan Local Development Scheme October 2013

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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This **Local Development Scheme (LDS)** provides information on the documents that the Council intends to produce to form its planning policy framework and sets out the timetable and programme for their production.
- 1.2 For each of the documents that will make up Camden's planning framework, we describe their purpose, status, the area they cover and their timetable. Section 3 below and Appendix 1 provide information on the planning policy documents that the Council intends to prepare and when they will be produced.

## 2 Camden's planning policy framework

- 2.1 The development plan for Camden currently consists of the **Local Plan** and the Mayor's London Plan. The Local Plan contains the Council's vision, policies and proposals for the use of land and buildings in the borough. .
- 2.2 The Local Plan is currently made up of the following adopted documents:
  - Camden Core Strategy (adopted 2010)
  - Camden Development Policies (adopted 2010)
  - Site Allocations (adopted 2013)
  - Statement of Community Involvement 2011
  - a range of supplementary guidance documents.
- 2.3 The Core Strategy, Development Policies and Sites Allocation document form the Council's local plan or development plan (along with the London Plan). These are have been prepared through a formal review process, which includes an independent examination held by a government-appointed Inspector. The Council's decisions on planning applications should be taken in line with these documents unless there are significant matters ('material considerations') that indicate otherwise.
- 2.4 Supplementary planning documents (SPD) are subject to public consultation but are not subject to testing at an independent examination and therefore do not have the same weight in planning decisions as development plan documents. However, they have a valuable role in complementing development plan documents with more detailed advice on how policies can be implemented and can be given substantial weight in planning decisions. List of adopted SPDs can be found in Appendix 2.
- 2.5 The Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how the Council intends to involve the community in the preparation, alteration and review of its planning documents and in planning decisions. The production of the Council's planning documents should be in accordance with the SCI.

### **3 Planning documents being prepared by the Council**

3.1 The planning documents that Camden intends to prepare over the course of the period covered by this Local Development Scheme are listed below:

- Local Plan
- Fitzrovia Area Action Plan
- Euston Area Plan
- North London Waste Plan
- Gypsy and Travellers Site Allocations
- Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule
- Statement of Community Involvement

3.2 Detailed information on these documents is set out in the profiles in Appendix 1.

### **4 Neighbourhood plans**

4.1 Through the Localism Act, local communities have the power to influence the future of the places they live by preparing neighbourhood plans. Neighbourhood plans are led and prepared by the community, not the Council. The Council has a statutory role to provide advice and support to those producing a plan. When neighbourhood plans are passed by an independent examiner and at a local referendum, the Council must adopt them a part of its planning framework and take them into account when it makes decisions on planning applications in the area, alongside our adopted LDF documents and the London Plan.

4.2 As neighbourhood plans are not prepared by the Council and their timetables are dependant on the progress made by the community, we have not included them in the list of documents in this Local Development Scheme.

4.3 Currently there is a strong interest cross the borough, with many communities progressing or exploring neighbourhood planning. The following neighbourhood forums and areas have been approved to date:

- Highgate ( December 2012),
- Kentish Town (April 2013),
- Fortune Green and West Hampstead (May 2013),
- Somers Town (June 2013)
- Dartmouth Park (October 2013).

### **5 Monitoring and review**

5.1 Camden will monitor the progress of the work set out in this Local Development Scheme and will publish the results as part of our Annual Monitoring Reports.

5.2 The Local Development Scheme will be updated or reviewed where the need to do so is identified.

## Appendix 1 - Document Profiles

### Local Plan

#### Purpose / Content

The Core Strategy 2011 sets out the spatial vision and strategic objectives for Camden and the core strategic policies. Development Policies 2011 provide greater detail to those policies and sets out criteria against which planning applications will be considered. Whilst we consider that these documents are in general conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) they need to be updated to ensure that the Local Plan responds to the current context and can deliver Council priorities and positively plan for sustainable development up until 2031.

The NPPF makes clear that the government's preferred approach is for councils to prepare a single Local Plan. The merging of the Core Strategy and Development Policies into a single document will allow for a review of the strategy, policies and supporting text and to create a more concise and direct document whilst providing adequate guidance and information on the Council's planning policies and their implementation.

#### Status

Local Plan document

#### Area covered

Whole borough

#### Produced by

London Borough of Camden Strategic Planning and Implementation Team

#### Indicative timetable

Initial consultation	Winter 2013 / Spring 2014
Consultation on Draft Plan	Summer / autumn 2014
Consultation of proposed submission draft	Winter 2014
Submission to Secretary of State	Spring 2015
Public examination hearing	Summer / Autumn 2015
Inspector's Report	Autumn 2015
Adoption	Winter 2015

#### Community/stakeholder involvement

Consultation will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning Regulations and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

#### Review

Progress on the delivery of the effectiveness of the policies will be assessed through annual monitoring. This will identify the need any review.

#### Additional comments

The proposals map will be updated accordingly with any changes.

## Gypsies and Traveller Site Allocations

### Purpose / Content

In order to comply with the requirements of Planning Policy for Traveller sites (PPTS) at the hearing into our Site Allocations Plan the Council agreed to undertake an up to date needs assessment for Gypsy and Traveller community. Subject to the outcome of this assessment there may be a need to identify a supply of deliverable sites for the Gypsy and Traveller community, in line with the requirements of Paragraph 9 of Policy B of the PPTS.

### Status

Local plan / development plan document

### Area covered

Whole borough

### Produced by

London Borough of Camden Sites Teams

### Indicative timetable

Initial evidence gathering	Summer - Winter 2013/2014
Continued evidence gathering and initial consultation	Spring / summer 2014
Consultation on Proposed submission draft	Winter 2014/ 2015
Submission to Secretary of State	Spring 2015
Public examination hearing	Summer 2015
Inspectors report	Autumn 2015
Adoption by Council	Winter 2015/ 2016

### Community/stakeholder involvement

Consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

### Review

Progress will be assessed through annual monitoring. This will identify the need for partial and/or full review.

## North London Waste Plan

### Purpose / Content

This will set out policies for matters relating to waste and identify sites for waste facilities. It is being prepared jointly by the seven North London waste planning authorities ([Barnet](#), [Camden](#), [Enfield](#), [Hackney](#), [Haringey](#), [Islington](#) and [Waltham Forest](#)).

### Status

Local plan / development plan document

### Area covered

London boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest.

### Produced by

London boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest.

### Indicative timetable

Initial consultation	April 2013
Consultation on Draft Plan	Summer 2014
Publication and consultation of proposed submission draft	Summer 2015
Submission to Secretary of State	Autumn 2015
Public examination hearing	Spring 2016
Inspector's Report	Summer/Autumn 2016
Adoption	Autumn / Winter 2016

### Community/stakeholder involvement

A launch consultation was held between 19th April 2013 and 7th June 2013 in accordance with statutory procedures and the consultation strategy agreed by the seven boroughs. Meetings will continue to take place with key stakeholders throughout the plan-making process, including dialogue in line with the boroughs' duty to co-operate responsibilities. In line with borough SCI's

### Review

This document will be reviewed and updated in the light of evolving national and London-wide policies as appropriate. This will take place outside of the period covered by this Local Development Scheme.

### Additional comments

The plan represents a new start for the joint waste plan by the boroughs following the Inspector's decision to recommend the non-adoption of the previous version of the North London Waste Plan in 2012.

## Fitzrovia Area Action Plan

### Purpose / Content

The Area Action Plan will help to shape the future of the Fitzrovia by developing a shared direction for the area and coordinating development proposals across a number of significant sites.

### Status

Local plan / development plan document

### Area covered

Fitzrovia and part of Bloomsbury

### Produced by

London Borough of Camden Strategic Planning and Implementation Team

### Indicative timetable

Evidence gathering	November 2010 - November 2011
Consultation and engagement	February - April 2012
Publication of submission draft	December 2012
Submission to Secretary of State	Spring 2013
Public examination hearing	Summer 2013
Inspectors report	Autumn / Winter 2013
Adoption by Council	Winter 2013 / Spring 2014

### Community/stakeholder involvement

Consultation has been carried out in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

### Review

Progress will be assessed through annual monitoring. This will identify the need for partial and/or full review.

### Additional comments

None.



## Euston Area Plan

### Purpose / Content

The Euston Area Plan is being produced in partnership with the Greater London Authority (GLA) and Transport for London (TfL), and is funded by HS2 Ltd following lobbying from Camden Council. The Euston Area Plan will provide a single strategic planning document for the Euston area, following its identification as an Opportunity Area in the London Plan, capable of providing large numbers of jobs and homes, and as a location for new homes and jobs in Camden's existing Local Plan. It will provide a vision for the future of the Euston area, set out long term mitigation measures to address the impacts of HS2, and ensure that Camden residents and business get the best deal possible. The Plan will take the form of an local plan (Area Action Plan) adopted as a Development Plan Document by Camden and it will also be adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the London Plan as part of their suite of Opportunity Area Planning Frameworks.

### Status

Local plan / development plan document

### Area covered

Focussed on the London Plan and Camden's Core Strategy Euston Opportunity Area

### Produced by

Project team including London Borough of Camden, GLA and TfL.

### Indicative timetable

Initial preparation	May 2012 – October 2012
Consultation and engagement	Autumn 2012 and Summer 2013
Public examination hearing	Summer 2014
Adoption by Council	Autumn 2014

### Community/stakeholder involvement

Consultation will focus on the local area and the key land owner(s) as well as ensuring that the existing residential communities are involved. Consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

### Review

The Area Plan will inform any future planning applications for the redevelopment of the station site and surrounding area. We will consider the need to review if the policies which inform it are changed or updated.

### Additional comments

In January 2012 the government announced that it is to proceed with High Speed Two (HS2) - a proposal to introduce a high speed rail line from London to Birmingham, with the later potential to serve to Manchester, Leeds and ultimately Scotland. The recommended route would run from Euston Station to a new station in Birmingham. The full details of the HS2 scheme will need to be agreed by Parliament. The Bill to provide necessary powers to construct and operate phase 1 is expected at end of 2013 and construction is planned to start in 2017. Camden Council is opposing the HS2 project, but recognises the importance

of planning for the future of the area if the HS2 project proceeds in any case to ensure potential negative impacts are minimised and mitigated. The preparation of the Euston Area Plan is part of this work.

## Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule

### Purpose / Content

To set out the range of uses and the areas in which new developments will be required to pay the Community Infrastructure Levy in Camden. The Charging Schedule will also set out the charge per square metre which new developments over a certain threshold will be expected to pay.

### Status

Charging schedule

### Area covered

Whole Borough

### Produced by

London Borough of Camden Sites Teams

### Indicative timetable

Evidence gathering/preparation	2012
Consultation and engagement	November/December 2012
Another round of public consultation	Summer / Autumn 2013
Public examination hearing	Early 2014
Adoption by Council	Autumn 2014

### Community/stakeholder involvement

Consultation will be carried out in accordance with the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

### Review

Monitoring of the CIL will identify any need to review.

### Additional comments

None.

## Statement of Community Involvement - update

### Purpose / Content

Our Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how we will involve local people when we consider planning applications and prepare our planning policies and is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Act 2004. Our first Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was adopted in 2006 was updated in July 2011. Since then the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012 have been brought in, amending the statutory requirements and the Localism Act 2011 have introduced the duty to co operate and Neighbourhood Planning. We will therefore update our SCI to take these into account and update how we will involve the community in making decisions on planning applications. Once adopted, the Council is legally obliged to comply with the SCI.

### Status

Statement of Community Involvement

### Area covered

Whole of borough

### Produced by

London Borough of Camden - Development Management Service

### Indicative timetable

Preparation	Winter 2013/ Spring 2014
Public consultation	Summer / Autumn 2014
Cabinet Approval	Autumn / Winter 2014
Adoption	Winter 2014

### Community/stakeholder involvement

Consultation will be carried out with the community and stakeholders.

### Review

This will be updated when or if circumstances change

## Appendix 2 - List of adopted Supplementary Planning Documents

### Camden Planning Guidance

Camden Planning Guidance (CPG) provides advice and information on how we will apply our planning policies.

	First adopted	Updated
CPG 1 Design	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2013
CPG 2 Housing	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2013
CPG 3 Sustainability	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2013
CPG 4 Basements and light wells	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2013
CPG 5 Town centres, retail and employment	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2013
CPG 6 Amenity	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	
CPG 7 Transport	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	
CPG 8 Planning obligations	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	

All of our area specific guidance has now been replaced by CPG 5 Town centres, retail and employment, including guidance for central London.

We will be amending CPG 8 as a result of CIL and making further amendments to CPG 1 as a result of work on our Local List. Camden Planning Guidance will be updated following adoption of the Local Plan

### Planning frameworks and briefs

Our planning frameworks and briefs summarise our guidelines, objectives and priorities with regards to the development of significant sites in the borough, and those that are particularly sensitive due to their location.

Planning frameworks and briefs	Adoption date
Athlone House Planning Brief	February 1999
Camden Town Underground Station Planning Brief	October 2007
Denmark Place Planning Brief	July 2004
Euston Planning Framework	April 2009
Former Post Office site 21-31 New Oxford Street Planning Brief	July 2004
Hawley Wharf Area Planning Framework	February 2009
King's Cross Opportunity Area Planning & Development Brief	January 2004
Midland Road Site, Land to Rear of British Library Planning Brief Addendum to the British Library Planning Brief	October 2003 July 2008
Mount Pleasant	February 2012
St. Giles Court Planning Brief	July 2004
Tottenham Court Road Underground Station and St Giles High Street Planning Framework	July 2004

## Conservation area appraisals and management strategies

Conservation area appraisals and management strategies help guide us in deciding on the types of alterations and developments that are acceptable in our designated conservation areas. Camden has prepared guidance for the following conservations areas:

Conservation area	Adoption date
Alexandra Road Estate	June 2005
Bartholomew Estate	June 2005
Belsize	November 2002
Bloomsbury	April 2011
Camden Broadway	February 2009
Camden Square	March 2011
Camden Town	October 2007
Charlotte Street	July 2008
Dartmouth Park	January 2009
Denmark Street	March 2010
Elsworthy	July 2009
Eton	November 2002
Fitzjohns and Netherhall	February 2001
Fitzroy Square	March 2010
Hampstead	October 2001
Hanway Street	March 2011
Harmood Street	September 2005
Hatton Garden	August 1999
Highgate	October 2007
Holly Lodge Estate	Dec 2012
Inkerman	October 2001
Kelly Street	March 2011
Kentish Town	March 2011
Kings Cross / St. Pancras	December 2003
Kingsway	June 2005
Jeffreys Street	November 2002
Mansfield	December 2008
Park Hill and Upper Park	July 2011
Priory Road	June 2005
Primrose Hill	June 2005
Redington / Frognal	January 2003
Rochester	December 2001
Regent's Canal	September 2008
Regent's Park	July 2011
Seven Dials Estate	June 2005
South Hampstead (formerly Swiss Cottage)	February 2011
South Hill Park Estate	January 2001
St. John's Wood	July 2009
West End Green	February 2011
West Kentish Town	September 2005

### **Sites of nature conservation importance Guidance (September 2006)**

Our Sites of Nature Conservation Importance Guidance provides information on sites within the borough that have valuable species and habitats requiring protection (as identified by ecologists, from the Greater London Authority ecology unit, who surveyed the borough in the summer of 2003). These sites are displayed on our proposals map.

### **Retrofitting planning guidance (June 2011)**

This is non-statutory guidance aimed at home owners who wish to make their home more sustainable. It is being updated to take account of new permitted development rights.

### **Energy efficiency planning guidance for Dartmouth Park Conservation Area (August 2012) and Holly Lodge Estate Conservation Area (January 2013)**

We have prepared this planning guidance to provide advice and information to householders who are considering making energy efficiency improvements to their homes. Borough wide guidance will now be prepared.