

London Borough of Newham

Local Development Scheme

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1. Introduction

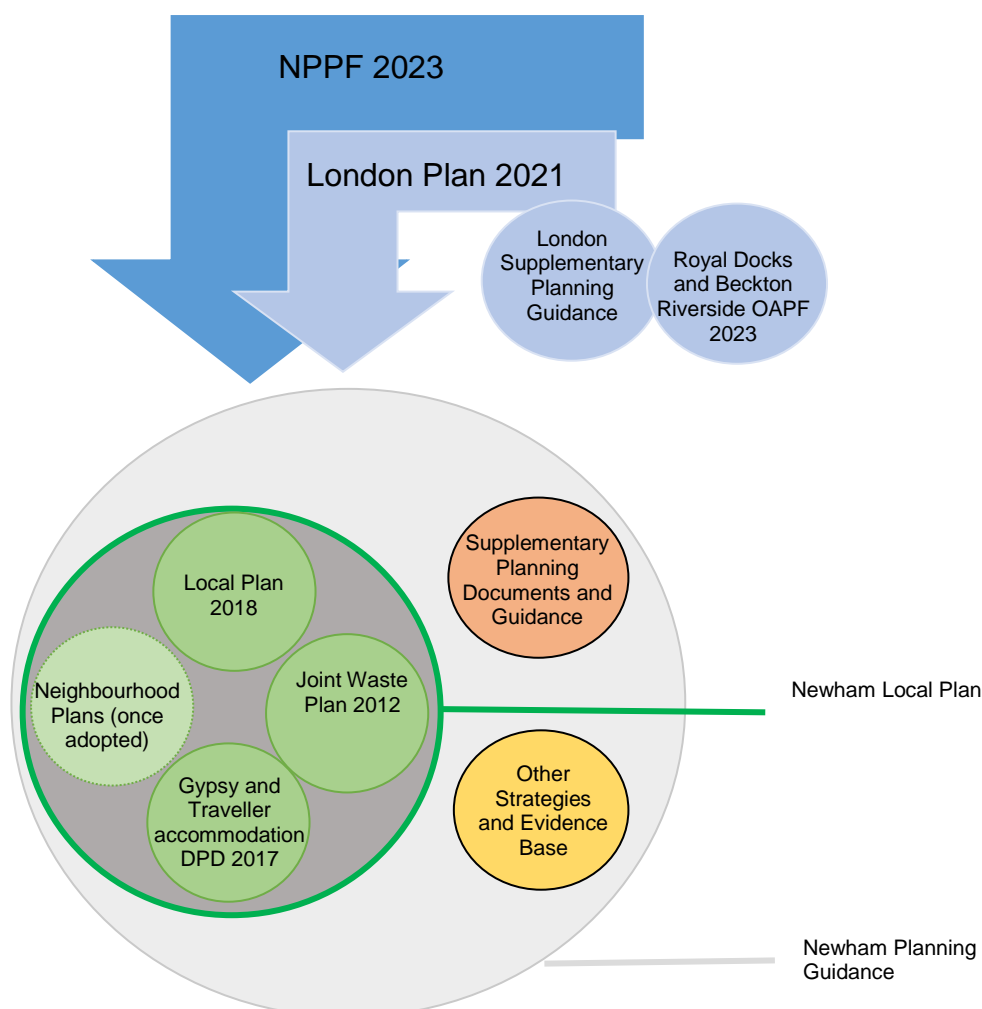
The London Borough of Newham has a statutory duty¹ to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) outlining the timetable for the production of all documents that comprise the area's Local Plan.

Newham's LDS (2024) provides a formal work programme of the planning documents set to be produced during the remainder of the year and throughout 2024 and 2025, including where necessary, reviews of adopted documents. For completeness, although not part of the Local Plan suite of documents, the LDS also details the development of any supplementary planning guidance that will support the Local Plan or other documents which will influence planning in the borough.

The LDS (2024) updates and replaces the previous version published by the Council in July 2022.

¹ Under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by the Localism Act 2011 and the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

2. Planning Policy Context



At a national level, government planning policy is set out primarily within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2023, supported by the Planning Practice Guidance which is regularly updated.

Within London, a regional tier of spatial planning policy, prepared by the Mayor of London, is contained within the London Plan. London Planning Authorities are required to produce Local Plans which are in general conformity with regional policy tier. The new London Plan was published (adopted) in March 2021.

The Development Plan for Newham currently consists of the London Plan 2021, together with the Newham Local Plan. The Local Plan contains the Council's vision, policies and site allocations and designations across the borough and currently comprises:

- Newham Local Plan: (adopted 2018)*
- Local Plan Policies Map (adopted 2018)*;
- Local Plan: Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Development Plan Document (adopted 2017)*; and
- Joint Waste Development Plan for the East London Waste Authority Boroughs (adopted 2012)*.

* Adopted prior to the publication of the LDS 2022.

Newham's Local Plan and emerging documents contain policy and guidance applicable to the borough, excluding the LLDC area, which is a separate Local Planning Authority with its own Local Plan.

Through the Localism Act 2011, local communities have the power to prepare Neighbourhood Plans to help shape their local area, which once adopted form part of the development plan. The Council has a statutory duty to provide advice and support to those producing a plan. No neighbourhood plans have yet been adopted by the Council.

3. Work Programme

Since the last LDS was published in 2022, the following documents have now been adopted:

- The Royal Docks and Beckton Riverside Opportunity Area was adopted by the Mayor of London in May 2023 as supplementary guidance to the London Plan (2021), providing a planning framework to guide emerging and ongoing development in the area, and sets the context for the proposed extension of the DLR to Thamesmead via Beckton Riverside.

As part of maintaining an up to date and robust planning framework for Newham, the Council intends to produce the following planning documents:

4. Local Plan Documents

Local Plan Refresh

Purpose of the Plan

- Refresh of the Local Plan: to revisit the strategic vision, objectives, policies and site allocations in response to:
 - Updated Newham objectives and strategies, including:
 - Building a Fairer Newham
 - Towards a Better Newham Covid-19 Recovery Strategy
 - Just Transition Plan
 - Community Wealth Building Strategy
 - 50 Steps to a Healthier Newham
 - The Newham Young People's Charter 2022
 - Changes in the development context and market trends
 - Updated NPPF and London Plan, including a revised housing target.
- This review also responds to the requirement outlined in the Local Plan Inspector's Report, requiring an early review of the Local Plan, following the adoption of the London Plan.

Project Scale

- Significant – comprising comprehensive evidence base update, interdepartmental and external collaborative work, extensive consultation and engagement, policy drafting, and an Independent Examination (including public hearings) by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State.
- Will require the full team resource through the remainder of 2024 and 2025.

Project Risk/ Interdependencies

- Emerging and evolving Government policy – altering the national policy context with which we need to be consistent.
- London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) transition of planning powers (including Plan Making) back to the four Boroughs. The Council is working with the four host boroughs and LLDC to ensure a smooth transition of planning policy.

Progress made since LDS 2022

- The publication of the Draft Local Plan and consultation (Regulation 18) on it took place between the 9th of January and 20th of February 2023.

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Joint Waste Plan Review

Purpose of the Plan

- Commence review of Joint Waste Development Plan for the East London Waste Authority (ELWA) Boroughs (2012). The ELWA Boroughs are Newham, Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge.
- The JWP provides a planning strategy to safeguard sufficient sites across the four boroughs to sustainably manage all types of waste. The Council is required to safeguard sufficient land to enable us to manage the waste targets set for us in the London Plan 2021. The update also provides the opportunity for the JWP to take into account up-to-date strategic objectives, including the delivery of further housing sites and climate objectives associated with progressive waste management planning.

Project Scale

- Medium – requiring new evidence base (via a commissioned technical study), consultant to draft the report and undertake the Integrated Impact Assessment and joint working between the four constituent planning authorities.
- Will require officer resource within 2023 and into 2024.

Project Risk/ Interdependencies

- Multiple stakeholder resource and co-operation.
- Duty to Cooperate work with the GLA and other London boroughs.

Progress made since LDS 2022

- The ELWA Boroughs worked together on a joint evidence base which was published alongside the Local Plan review.
- The ELWA Boroughs have worked together to procure a consultant for the Joint Waste Plan.
- The Boroughs have also agreed an Inter Authority Agreement that sets the parameters for joint working between the ELWA.
- A consultant has been appointed to undertake the preparation of an updated Joint Waste Plan.

5. Supplementary Planning Documents and Guidance (SPDs and SPGs)

- No new or revised supplementary planning documents or guidance are anticipated. The team's resource will be focussed on the Local Plan review and Joint Waste Plan.







6. Monitoring and Review

The Council will monitor the progress of the LDS timetable and will publish findings as part of the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) bulletins or bring a new LDS into effect if necessary. Progress on the effectiveness of the policies brought forward in the planning documents, will also be assessed through AMR bulletins. An AMR was published in in winter 2023 and the next AMR is expected to be published in autumn/winter 2024.

7. Document Preparation Timetable

	2024									2025						
	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	Q3
Local Plan Review	Orange	Orange	Blue	Green	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple
Joint Waste Plan Review	Orange	Orange	Blue	Green	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Green	Green	Purple	Purple	Purple	Red

Key

-  Evidence base development
-  Procurement
-  Reviewing consultation responses, document drafting and Council governance
-  Consultation
-  Submission to the Planning Inspectorate and Examination
-  Adoption