

Harlow District Council
Local Development Scheme
May 2016



1. The current Local Plan for the area is the Adopted Replacement Harlow Local Plan (July 2006). However the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires local planning authorities to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme setting out the development plan documents it intends to prepare together with details and a timetable for their preparation. This document sets out that information.
2. This Local Development Scheme will be reviewed on a regular basis and updated versions will be published on the Council's website to ensure the local community and other interested parties are kept fully informed.
3. Documents which are to be local development documents are the Local Plan document which consists of a Core Strategy and Development Management Policies. There is also a Policies Map. These documents cover the whole of the Harlow Local Authority area.
4. The Council has already adopted three Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs); Affordable Housing SPD; Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation SPD and Harlow Design Guide SPD. The Stow Neighbourhood Centre Design Framework SPD is in final draft stage. Further adopted planning policy documents include Local development Orders, Conservations Areas and Article 4 Directions, all available to view at www.harlow.gov.uk/planning-policy
5. In accordance with the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate the Council is working closely with its neighbouring authorities of East Herts District Council, Epping Forest District Council and Uttlesford District Council to assess the most sustainable ways of meeting the housing need across the wider housing market area, taking into account other strategic matters, such as transport infrastructure. While there are some joint documents that have been produced for the evidence base (including the Strategic Housing Market Assessment) there are no development plan documents that are being produced jointly between these local planning authorities.
6. The Council are currently working to the timetable below for the production of the Harlow Local Development Plan and Policies Map.

Timetable	
Issues and Options consultation	November 2010 to January 2011
Emerging Strategy consultation	April 2014 to May 2014
Draft plan preparation and sustainability appraisal	January 2011 to October 2016
Pre submission consultation on final draft (minimum of 8 weeks)	November 2016 to January 2017*
Submission to Planning Inspectorate for Examination	Spring 2017*
Examinations in public	Late Spring 2017*
Expected Adoption and Publications	Summer 2017*

* Subject to the outcomes of the Duty to Cooperate