

Sheffield City Council
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Introduction

The [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Section 15](#), (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires a Local Planning Authority to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). An LDS sets out a timetable for producing development plan documents which, when eventually adopted, will comprise the Local Plan for the area.

When adopted, the Council's Local Plan will be called the Sheffield Plan. This LDS contains details of the timetable for producing the Sheffield Plan. It sets out a planning work programme for the Council over the period to September 2023 and takes effect from 20 November 2019. The LDS will be regularly reviewed to keep it up to date.

Background to Plan Making

The [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) defines a local plan as “a plan for the future development of a 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. A local plan can consist of either strategic or non-strategic policies or a combination of the two”. Section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the NPPF specify what the local plan should include. Further guidance is also provided in National Planning Practice Guidance on Plan-making (September 2018).

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) requires the City Council to update the LDS, to keep a copy of any amendments and provide up to date information about compliance with the published timetable. The Sheffield Plan is currently on track to be produced in line with the timetable outlined in this LDS.

Current Development Plan Documents

The current adopted development plan documents (often referred to as the “Local Plan”) for Sheffield are:

- [Sheffield Core Strategy \(2009\)](#)
- ‘Saved’ policies of the [Sheffield Unitary Development Plan \(UDP\) \(1998\)](#) – see [Sheffield Core Strategy Appendix 3](#) for the list of UDP policies that were superseded by the Core Strategy

New Development Plan Documents in Preparation

(a) Sheffield Local Plan

Sheffield's Local Plan is currently in the process of being replaced, as confirmed by this Local Development Scheme. The new plan will be referred to as "the Sheffield Plan" and will include both strategic and local policies. It will set out the vision, objectives and strategic policies for the whole of the Sheffield administrative area except the part of the district within the Peak District National Park¹. The **strategic policies** will set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development and make sufficient provision for housing, employment, retail, leisure and other commercial development, infrastructure, community facilities, and conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment, as well as including policies designed to secure contribution towards mitigation of and adaption to climate change.

The Plan will also include **non-strategic policies** setting out more detailed policies for specific areas, neighbourhoods and types of development. This will include the local provision of infrastructure and community facilities, establishing design principles, conserving and enhancing the natural and historic environment, and other development management policies.

Allocated sites will be illustrated on a Policies Map which will form part of the Sheffield Plan.

The plan will cover the period 2023-2038.

Once adopted, the Sheffield Plan will replace:

- All the policies in the Sheffield Core Strategy (2009) except the following policies (see further at paragraph (b) below):
 - [CS68 Waste Development Objectives](#);
 - [CS69 Safeguarding Major Waste Facilities](#) and
 - [CS70 Provision for Recycling and Composting](#)
- All the saved policies in the Sheffield Unitary Development Plan (1998)

¹ The Peak District National Park Authority is responsible for preparing the Local Plan for the national park. See [Peak District National Park Local Development Framework Core Strategy \(2011\)](#) and [Development Management Policies \(2019\)](#).

It is anticipated that the Sheffield Plan will be adopted in 2023 following examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. The full timetable, showing the main milestones, is set out in Figure 1 below. Progress against the milestones will be reported in the Authority Monitoring Report.

The Sheffield Plan will be reviewed at least every 5 years after it has been adopted.

(b) South Yorkshire Joint Waste Local Plan

Agreement has been reached, in principle, with the other South Yorkshire Unitary Authorities to produce a Joint Waste Local Plan. This will replace waste management policies in the Sheffield Core Strategy (2009) as well as the adopted [Joint Barnsley, Doncaster & Rotherham Waste Plan \(March 2012\)](#). The overall timetable for producing the plan has not yet been agreed between the four local authorities but evidence gathering is due to commence by the end of 2019. The evidence gathered will help to inform the next stages of the project. The authorities intend to work towards production of a memorandum of understanding and legal agreement directly relating to the production of the Joint Waste Local Plan. The LDS will be updated as and when this occurs.

Once adopted, the South Yorkshire Joint Waste Local Plan will replace the following policies in the Sheffield Core Strategy (2009)

- [CS68 Waste Development Objectives](#);
- [CS69 Safeguarding Major Waste Facilities](#)
- [CS70 Provision for Recycling and Composting](#)

Neighbourhood Plans

Neighbourhood plans are defined in the NPPF as plans which are “prepared by a parish council or neighbourhood forum for a designated neighbourhood area. In law this is described as a neighbourhood development plan in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004”. Once they have been adopted, neighbourhood plans become part of the development plan (often referred to as “the Local Plan”) for the area.

Four neighbourhood plans are currently being prepared in Sheffield. Details of these are set out in Table 1 below.

Figure 1: Sheffield Plan Timetable

Sheffield Plan Stages		2020												2021												2022												2023											
		N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O
A	Consultation on Issues and Options (Under Regulation 18*)								★																																								
B	Consultation on Publication (Pre-submission) Draft Plan (Under Regulation 19**)																				★																												
C	Submission of the Draft Plan to Government and Examination (Regulation 20***)																																																
D	Inspector's Final Report																																																
E	Adoption by the City Council																																																

★ Milestone

*Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012.

**Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012.

***Regulation 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012. Please note that this stage C incorporates time for public hearings, the inspector's preliminary report and consultation on any main modifications

Table 1: [Sheffield Neighbourhood Plans](#)²

Area Covered by Neighbourhood Plan	Neighbourhood Planning Body	Status of Neighbourhood Plan as at Sept 2019	Expected Adoption Date
Broomhill, Broomhall, Endcliffe, Somerfield, Tapton (BBEST)	BBEST Neighbourhood Forum	Submitted 12 August 2019	Aug/Sept 2020
Dore	Dore Neighbourhood Forum	Submitted 20 September 2019	Aug/Sept 2020
Kelham Island & Neepsend	Kelham Island & Neepsend Neighbourhood Forum	Draft plan expected spring 2020	Autumn 2022
Stockbridge	Stocksbridge Town Council	On hold – future dates not published	TBC

² Further details of all neighbourhood planning proposals, including the geographical areas to which each proposed neighbourhood plan will cover, can be accessed via <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/planning-development/neighbourhood-planning>.