

Appendix 1

Mid Devon District Council

Local Development Scheme – 12th January 2022

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Mid Devon District Council is required to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the district. The LDS provides interested people and organisations with the Council's project plan for the preparation of local development documents. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that the LDS must specify:

- The local development documents which are to be 'development plan documents'
- The subject matter and geographical area to which each development plan document relates
- The timetable for preparation and revision of the development plan documents

1.2 Local authorities can update their LDS at such times as considered appropriate. The previous Mid Devon version has been in place since February 2021.

1.3 The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 has introduced the requirement to review local development documents within certain time periods. In respect of local plans, a review must be completed every five years, starting from the date of adoption of the local plan. Consequently, this LDS provides a timescale for the production of a new local plan.

2. THE LOCAL PLAN

2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes clear that development plans (including Local Plans) are key to delivering sustainable development and local authorities should produce a development plan for their area, which includes strategic and also non-strategic policies. The Local Plan can be reviewed in whole or in part to respond flexibly to changing circumstances.

2.2 Mid Devon's Local Plan 2013 – 2033 was adopted on the 29 July 2020. It guides development in the district over the period to 2033 and aims to ensure that new homes, jobs and services needed by communities are located in the most sustainable places. It will also help deliver the infrastructure, facilities and other developments needed to make this possible.

2.3 Devon County Council has a strategic planning role and is responsible for minerals and waste planning in Devon including the production of mineral and waste plans. The Devon Minerals and Waste Plan is currently made up of two parts which are development plan documents. The two documents are:

Document	Adopted	Scope	Subject matter
Devon Minerals Plan 2011-2033	February 2017	Devon	The Devon Minerals Plan contains the County Council's vision and objectives for minerals planning and provides the policy framework and site proposals to maintain the supply of minerals and limit the impacts of their working.
Devon Waste Plan	December 2014	Devon	The role of the Devon Waste Plan is to establish the overarching principles and policy direction for waste planning in Devon, it also identifies strategic sites for energy recovery across the County and a series of planning policies for making decisions on planning applications. The Plan covers the period to 2031.

2.4 Neighbourhood Plans were introduced through the Localism Act 2011. Neighbourhood Plans are a community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of an area which conform to the strategic policies of the Local Plan. Neighbourhood Plans, once 'made' will be adopted as part of the overall development plan. The Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' / adopted by the Council on 30th June 2021 following a successful referendum held on 6th May 2021.

2.5 The following Neighbourhood Plans are currently under development within the Mid Devon area:

- Crediton Neighbourhood Plan
- Silverton Neighbourhood Plan
- Tiverton Neighbourhood Plan

2.6 A proposed neighbourhood area designation for Newton St Cyres parish is currently being consulted on.

2.7 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) are not part of the Local Plan, nor are they development plan documents. Therefore, information on their production is not set out within the LDS. Instead, such information can be found on the Mid Devon website at <https://new.middevon.gov.uk/planning-policy/supplementary-planning-documents/>.

3.0 NEW LOCAL PLAN FOR MID DEVON

3.1 The Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan for Mid Devon (which will be known as 'Plan Mid Devon'). This new Local Plan will cover Mid Devon District (excluding part of the district within the Dartmoor National Park). Once adopted it will form part of the statutory Development Plan for Mid Devon together with other development plans (once adopted) including the Devon Minerals and Waste Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans. The new Local Plan will include a spatial development strategy, strategic policies and non-strategic policies for the use and development of land and buildings in Mid Devon.

3.2 The new Local Plan, once adopted, will supersede the Mid Devon Local Plan Review 2013 - 2033.

3.3 The following table sets out the timetable for production and adoption of the document:

Stage	Date
Reg 18 Issues Consultation	January – March 2022
Draft Policies and Site Options Consultation	June – July 2023
Reg 19 Publication (Proposed Submission) consultation	May - June 2024
Submission	September – October 2024
Examination and Main Modifications	November 2024 – May 2025
Adoption	July 2025

4.0 PROGRESS REPORTING

4.1 The Council produces an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) in December each year, covering the 'monitoring year' (of the preceding April-March period). A new AMR will be prepared which will set out the timetable for the preparation of the new Local Plan, the stages which has been reached in relation to key milestones, and if they are behind schedule, the reasons for this.

4.2 The AMR will be made available on the Mid Devon website at: <https://new.middevon.gov.uk/planning-policy/monitoring/>

5.0 IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 This LDS will have effect from 12th January 2022.

6.0 REVIEW

6.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that local authorities can revise their LDS at such times as they consider appropriate. The Mid Devon District Council website will be updated to set out if the LDS has been subject to further revision. Proposed changes are subject to approval by the Council's Cabinet.