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South Staffordshire Local Development Scheme

1. Introduction

1.1 A new Local Plan is being prepared under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and the Localism Act 2011 as well as supporting regulations and guidance. It sets out the local planning strategy for South Staffordshire District up to 2028.

1.2 The Local Plan for South Staffordshire consists of a number of statutory and non-statutory documents that together set out the planning policies and proposals to guide the development of the District. The main statutory documents of the Local Plan for South Staffordshire, known as Development Plan Documents (DPDs), consist of:

- the Core Strategy and
- the Site Allocations Document (SAD)

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) are also part of the Local Plan and expand on policies set out in either the Core Strategy or the Site Allocations Document or provide additional guidance. The portfolio of documents is illustrated in Figure 1 on the next page.

1.3 The new Local Plan covers the period 2006-2028 and the adopted Core Strategy (2012) replaces the vast majority of policies in the 1996 Local Plan. The Core Strategy is the first part of the Local Plan and contains the main strategic policies and development management policies for the district. The second part of the Local Plan, the Site Allocations Document, will conform to and deliver the sites required by the Core Strategy.

1.4 The Local Development Scheme (LDS), Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) are procedural documents that also form part of the Local Plan as set out in Section 4.
Figure 1: South Staffordshire Local Plan – Family Tree

**SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN**

- **Core Strategy**
- **Site Allocations Document**

**Supplementary Planning Documents**

- Open Space, Sport & Recreation
- Affordable Housing & Housing Mix
- Developer Contributions

**Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)**

**National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

**Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)**

**Local Development Scheme (LDS)**

- South Staffordshire Design Guide
- Sustainable Development
- Green Belt & Open Countryside Policy Guidance

**Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**

**South Staffordshire Sustainable Community Strategy**

**South Staffordshire Council Plan 2016-2020**

**UK & Regional Sustainable Development Strategies**

**South Staffordshire Council Plan 2016-2020**

- The Statutory Development Plan
2. **Purpose of the Local Development Scheme**

2.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a project plan, setting out the Council’s programme for preparing documents for the South Staffordshire Local Plan together with milestones. The LDS identifies the timetable and key stages for the production of each document, resources and management arrangements and links to the Sustainable Community Strategy.

2.2 The LDS will inform the public and key stakeholders as to the Council’s intentions for the preparation of the Local Plan. The first LDS was prepared in 2005, and since this time the Council has kept the LDS under review and has posted an interim programme/update on the Council’s website as and when necessary.

2.3 The Localism Act 2011 removed the requirement for local planning authorities to submit the LDS to the Secretary of State. However, there is an expectation that Councils should keep their local communities and stakeholders informed about the preparation of local planning documents.

2.4 Figure 2 below shows the relationship between the Local Plan and other Strategies and Plans.

**Figure 2: Relationship between the Local Plan and Other Strategies and Plans**

![Diagram showing the relationship between the Local Plan and other Strategies and Plans](image-url)
3. The South Staffordshire Local Plan

3.1 The following paragraphs outline the documents the Council intends to prepare as part of the South Staffordshire Local Plan. Further information on the documents to be produced, the timetable, key milestones and more detailed profiles of each document are contained in Appendices 1, 2 and 3. Figure 1 shows how the individual documents which make up the Local Plan relate to each other.

Development Plan Documents (DPDs)

3.2 The Council proposes to prepare the following Development Plan Documents (DPDs):

Local Plan (Core Strategy)

3.3 The Core Strategy is at the heart of the Local Plan process and sets out the long-term vision, objectives, local planning strategy and policies to deliver the vision and secure a sustainable future for the District. It contains core policies to deliver the spatial planning strategy and also includes supporting development policies. The Core Strategy is informed by, and draws upon, other strategies produced by the Council and other organisations, particularly the Sustainable Community Strategy. The Core Strategy was formally adopted on 12th December 2012.

Consultations and Stakeholder Involvement

3.4 In order to formally adopt the Core Strategy in December 2012, the Council undertook a considerable amount of consultation and stakeholder engagement as part of the ‘front loading’ process and the following consultation documents have been produced:

- Issues and Options Paper – October 2006
- Wolverhampton Airport Issues and Options Paper – January 2007
- Development Policies Paper – August 2008
- Core Strategy Policy Choices Document – January 2010
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan – January 2010
- Policy Choices Consultation on Policy H4 Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople – March 2010
- Publication Core Strategy – March-May 2011
- Submission of Core Strategy – September 2011
3.5 An independent Planning Inspector found the Core Strategy to be sound in October 2012. The document was then formally adopted by the Council in December 2012. The Inspector’s Report has now been published and is available on the Council’s website. Since being formally adopted, the housing allocation table in CP6 of the Core Strategy was the subject of a Legal Challenge, which was dismissed at a hearing in the High Court in September 2013. The Core Strategy is now adopted policy.

Site Allocations Document

3.6 The Site Allocations Document (SAD) will deliver the land allocations that are set out in the Core Strategy and identify sites for housing, safeguarded land, employment and gypsy and traveller provision, and promote the identification of sites for a range of other land uses including open space and recreation, green infrastructure and social and community uses such as allotments.

3.7 The Site Allocations Document will conform to the Core Strategy and be informed by various background documents and technical studies including a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and a partial Green Belt Review. The SHLAA will provide information on the availability and deliverability of potential housing sites and this will be used to identify the most appropriate sites in the Site Allocations Document.

3.8 The Publication Plan SAD is timetabled for a period of public consultation starting in January 2017. The SAD has already been the subject of 4 previous periods of consultation for a total of 21 weeks between March 2014 and February 2016. It is anticipated that the SAD will be submitted for formal examination in Summer 2017 with a view to plan adoption in 2018.

Policies Map

3.9 A Policies Map must also be prepared as part of the Local Plan and will be revised at the same time as any subsequent DPD is adopted. The Policies Map will show areas where specific policies apply. It will also identify areas of protection such as nationally protected landscapes, internationally, nationally and locally designated areas and areas of Green Belt land.

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

3.10 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) can be prepared to provide further guidance and greater detail on policies set out in adopted Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and will be a material consideration in the determination of planning
applications. SPDs do not have 'development plan' status and are not subject to examination but must be prepared in consultation with local communities and stakeholders.

3.11 The Council proposes to prepare SPDs to cover a range of subjects. A list of the proposed SPDs and their purpose is set out in Appendix 4 and the Council may amend or add to this list to respond to changing circumstances and priorities. Further information on the production of these documents will be included on the Council’s website.

**Other Documents Prepared to support the Local Plan**

3.11 The Local Plan is supported by various procedural documents such as the LDS itself, The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). These are supporting documents to explain the Local Plan process. There is also a requirement to prepare a variety of documents to inform the contents and decisions taken in the Local Plan, known as the Evidence Base; and there is also a requirement to prepare a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) in tandem with both the Core Strategy and Site Allocations Document.

**Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**

3.12 The Council has an adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) setting out how it will engage with stakeholders and local communities in the preparation, alteration and review of LDDs; and in decisions on planning applications. The SCI was initially adopted by the Council on 31st October 2006, updated for the submission of the Core Strategy and revised in April 2014 to take account of changes in legislation and the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework. A refresh is programmed to be undertaken in 2017, which will take account of Council efficiency reviews.

**Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)**

3.13 The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) monitors progress of the production of the Local Plan which is timetabled in the LDS. This enables relevant stakeholders to clearly see what Local Plan documents are being produced, the relevant stages of production and when these are carried out. It also monitors the performance of policies within the Local Plan, ensuring the implementation of sustainable development.
Evidence Base

3.14 In preparing the Local Plan, it is important that the Core Strategy and associated Site Allocations Document are founded on, and informed by, a comprehensive, robust and credible evidence base. A number of studies, assessments and background documents have been produced so far to support the Local Plan and they include the following:

- Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)
- Green Belt Review 2014 (updated 2016)
- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)
- Landscape Sensitivity Studies
- Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA)
- Affordable Housing Viability Study
- Employment Land Study (ELS)
- Strategic Employment Sites Study
- Sub-regional High Quality Employment Land Studies
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)
- Sustainability Appraisal (SA)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)
- Playing Pitch Strategy & Indoor Facilities Study
- Open Space Audit & Strategy

3.15 In addition to the above, the Council has worked jointly with other Staffordshire authorities on the production of the following studies:

- Appropriate Assessment of the Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
- Water Cycle Study and Surface Water Management Plan
- Countywide Renewable/Low Carbon Energy Study

3.16 These studies and those listed above have informed the preparation of local planning policies in the Core Strategy and will also support the preparation of other Local Plan documents, including the Site Allocations Document. These are available to view on the Council’s website.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA)
and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

3.17 The Council is required to ensure that documents prepared for the Local Plan are subject to a Sustainability Appraisal (SA), which incorporates the requirements of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). The purpose of Sustainability Appraisal is to appraise the social, environmental and economic effects of the strategies and policies in the Local Plan from the outset of the plan preparation process. This will ensure that decisions are made that accord with the principles of sustainable development.

3.18 Consultants have been employed by the Council to prepare the SA/SEA for the Local Plan to objectively appraise the Plan throughout.
Every formal consultation stage of the Core Strategy and the Site Allocations Document is accompanied by an SA/SEA.

**Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)**

3.19 Under Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (the Habitats Regulations) a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) is undertaken of the Local Plan in order to see whether its policies or proposals could have the potential to result in adverse effects upon international sites. These are sites that have been designated for their international conservation interests and include Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Special Protection Areas (SPAs), and wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar sites).

3.20 There is one international site within South Staffordshire – Mottey Meadows SAC near Wheaton Aston. There are also two international sites in close proximity to the District boundary – Cannock Chase SAC and Cannock Extension Canal SAC. Screening of the policies within the Core Strategy has found that there are no likely significant effects on these three international sites. Further Habitats Regulation Assessments have been undertaken to accompany the preparation of the Site Allocations Document and have concluded that there are no likely significant effects arising from the proposed Site Allocations Document.

**Links with the Sustainable Community Strategy**

3.21 The Local Plan will play an important role in helping to deliver the key aspirations of the South Staffordshire Sustainable Community Strategy and will give spatial expression to those elements of the Strategy that relate to the use and development of land. The Local Plan will be one of the principle means of delivering the spatial elements of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

3.22 The Council considers that it is important to maintain and develop the links between the Local Plan and the Sustainable Community Strategy. Throughout the process of preparing individual documents for the Local Plan links will be maintained with the Sustainable Community Strategy through consultation with South Staffordshire Partnership and engagement with the various Partnership Groups. Work has already taken place through joint visioning events, locality working and evidence gathering to establish and reinforce the links and further work will be undertaken on delivery planning.
4. **Resources, Programme Management and Risk Assessment**

**Resources**

4.1 The resources required for the preparation of the Local Plan will be drawn from the Local Plans section of Planning and Strategic Services, with the assistance of other expertise within the Council. The Local Plans Team currently has four full time and two part time members of staff who work under the Strategic Development Manager. The team consist of a Local Plans Team Leader, four Local Plans Officers (two full time and two part time) and a Local Plans Assistant who is responsible for technical work.

4.2 Planning and Strategic Services Directorate also includes responsibility for the Council’s Development Management planning function, housing strategy, regeneration, economic development, conservation and landscape; which provides a valuable and constant close link to key housing, economic development, historic environment and landscape issues.

4.3 The Local Plans team will be involved in all aspects of Local Plan preparation, adoption and monitoring of Local Plan and policy documents. It is the intention that officers from other service areas of the Council will be closely involved and assist in the preparation of the Local Plan. This will include Development Management, Environmental Health, Legal Services and the Policy and Partnership Team.

4.4 Where the Council does not possess specialist knowledge in certain subject areas, consultants are employed to prepare specific technical studies and background documents as part of the Evidence Base. Further details of the evidence base for the Local Plan can be found on the Council’s website.

4.5 The costs arising from public consultation, the production of documents, mapping and examination costs will be taken into account in the Council’s service planning and annual budgeting process.
**Programme Management**

4.6 The Strategic Development Manager has overall responsibility for the preparation of the Local Plan and reports to the Director of Planning and Strategic Services.

4.7 At a political level, the Strategic Development Manager and the Local Plans Team Leader will report progress on the preparation of the Local Plan to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Services, to the Cabinet, and to Full Council as required, including a combination of verbal updates, briefing notes and full reports.

**Risk Assessment & Management**

4.8 In preparing the Local Development Scheme (LDS) it is important to acknowledge that the work programme is based on the resource capacity of the Local Plans Team.

4.9 The principal "risk" for the Local Plan process would be a delay in the preparation and subsequent adoption of individual documents (DPDs and SPDs) and the overall Local Plan programme. The following paragraphs identify the key risks to the Local Plan preparation process, which may lead to a delay in the implementation of the work programme and failure to meet the identified targets and milestones:

**Staffing**

4.10 The most important factor in the production of the Local Plan is that of staffing. In a relatively small section of five Planners, staff turnover is an issue that could have a major impact on the ability to adhere to the Local Plan timetable. The timescales for the Local Plan preparation identified in this LDS are based on an assumption of full staffing as set out in paragraph 4.1. The issue of sickness absence is also a factor that could impact on the plan preparation process.

**The Political Process**

4.11 The active involvement of District Councillors is essential to the successful preparation and adoption of Local Plan documents. Councillors are kept informed on planning policy issues at various stages in the plan making process. This is undertaken through varying formats from email bulletins, briefings and seminar workshops. The decisions made by the Cabinet or Council could have an impact on the Local Plan timetable; for example, a decision to reject a report or recommendations made by either the Cabinet Member (Strategic Services), Director of Planning and Strategic Services or the Strategic Development Manager could result in further work being undertaken which could delay the programme. A summary of the Council’s decision making process is set out in Section 5.

**Planning Inspectorate**

4.12 Following the submission of a Local Plan document to the Secretary of State, the document will be subject to
independent examination by an Independent Planning Inspector. The appointment of the Inspector is made by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) and the timing of the examination process and the programme and conduct of the examination itself are outside the control of the Council. A delay in the appointment of an Inspector and the arrangement of the examination could ultimately impact on the date for the adoption of the DPD.

**Examination – Assessing the Soundness of DPDs**

4.13 The purpose of the examination process for Development Plan Documents (DPDs) is to consider whether the submitted document complies with the legal requirements and is ‘sound’ as judged against the ‘tests’ of soundness as set out in paragraph 182 of the NPPF. To be sound, a DPD should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. The Council will continue to seek to ensure that documents prepared for the Local Plan are sound and will continue to seek the advice of ‘critical friends’, the Planning Advisory Service (PAS), Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on the legal and procedural requirements of the Local process and the production of DPDs.

**Legal Challenge and the ‘call-in’ period/Holding Direction**

4.14 In preparing Local Plan documents, every effort will be made to minimise the risk of legal challenge by ensuring robust community involvement throughout the plan making process, through compliance with the relevant regulations and ensuring the ‘soundness’ of DPDs. However, any challenge through the High Courts (Section 113 of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)) or Judicial Review could affect the defined timescales. The 2016 Housing and Planning Act has introduced the provision for the Secretary of State to issue a ‘Holding Direction’ preventing the relevant Development Plan Document from coming into force whilst the direction remains extant. Such a direction would delay the adoption and implementation of the Local Plan.

**Changes in Legislation/National Planning Policy/Guidance**

4.15 The introduction of the Localism Act and the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) had an impact on the delivery of the Local Plan, and as a consequence the adoption of the Core Strategy was in December 2012 rather than earlier in the year. There may be further planning reforms and amendments to the NPPF/PPG which could delay the production and delivery of other documents such as the Site Allocations Document.

4.16 Community requests to produce a ‘Neighbourhood Plan’ could also impact on the Local Planning process as it would require significant resource
from the Local Plans Team to support a Parish to prepare such a plan. To date, no applications for a Neighbourhood Plan have been made to the Council and therefore have not had an impact on resources, however this could change in the future depending on Parish Council interest.

Other Risks

4.17 There are other possible risks that could impact on the Local Plan preparation programme and these are:

- The failure by key partners and other agencies to provide information/evidence in a timely manner and make representations on Local Plan documents
- The need to make changes to the programme and procedural slippage due to poor project management or inadequate resources identified to secure delivery
- The failure of the Council to engage the community and key stakeholders in the plan making process
- The unanticipated and unprecedented scale and nature of responses received to consultations including the late/unexpected submission of new information/evidence
- Unanticipated delays in the examination process
- The failure of computer technology
- Conflicting work priorities
5. **The Council’s Decision Making Procedure and Protocol**

5.1 The Council’s decision making procedure and protocol is set out in the Council’s Constitution, and the structure comprises a Cabinet, Full Council, and Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Cabinet or an individual Member of the Cabinet will make decisions on documents prepared for the Local Plan and will make recommendations to Full Council when required. Full Council will approve the publication, submission and adoption of all Development Plan Documents.

5.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee monitor the decisions proposed by the Cabinet or an individual Member of the Cabinet and can “call-in” a decision which has been made but not yet implemented. This enables them to consider whether the decision is appropriate and they can recommend that the Cabinet reconsider the decision. Similarly, any individual members who are not satisfied with a decision made by the Cabinet, or a Member of the Cabinet, have the right for that decision to be referred to the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration under the “call-in” procedure.

5.3 The decisions made by the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Council could impact on the Local Plan timetable. Further details of the Council’s Constitution and the role of the Cabinet, Council and Scrutiny Committee can be found on the Council’s website.
6. Monitoring and Plan Review

6.1 The Council is committed to keeping residents and key stakeholders informed about the preparation of the Local Plan for South Staffordshire and will post updates/progress reports on the Council’s website and by the preparation of a newsletter.

6.2 A Strategic Housing Needs Study initially carried out by the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) and the Black Country Authorities has identified that there is a housing shortfall of 37,900 dwellings across the wider Housing Market Area (HMA), originating from Birmingham. In order to address the issue of the scale and potential distribution of the housing shortfall in the wider HMA, (which includes South Staffordshire) the Council is committed to working collaboratively with other authorities within the HMA to undertake an early Local Plan review to address this matter.

6.3 An early review of the South Staffordshire Local Plan has commenced in 2016, with the commissioning of evidence to underpin that review. Work on a joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) with authorities in the sub-market HMA has been commissioned and is timetabled for publication early 2017. The SHMA will consider the full extent of the housing needs and identify the scale and mix of housing and range of tenures that the local population is likely to need in the future. It is the Council’s intention that a new Local Plan will be in place within 5 years of the adoption of the SAD.

6.4 Anyone needing further advice or information on the Local Plan should contact:

Local Plans Team, Planning and Strategic Services Council Offices, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, South Staffordshire, WV8 1PX

By telephone: 01902 696000

By email: localplans@sstaffs.gov.uk

6.5 Copies of the Local Development Scheme are available at the Council Offices at South Staffordshire and can be downloaded for the Council’s web site at: www.sstaffs.gov.uk (via the ‘Local Plans’ page).

6.6 Further information on the local planning system can be obtained from the Communities and Local Government (CLG) website at www.gov.uk
### Appendix 1 Schedule of Proposed Development Plan Documents

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### Appendix 2 Local Plan Programme

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- **Issues and Options Consultations**
- **Preferred Options Consultation**
- **Publication of DPD**
- **Submission of DPD**
- **Modifications consultation period (if necessary)**
- **Adoption of DPD**
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## Site Allocations Document (SAD)

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### Arrangements for Production

| Organisational lead:       | Local Plans, Planning and Strategic Development. |
| Management Arrangements:   | Strategic Development Manager/Local Plans Team Leader/Local Plans Team. |
|                            | Cabinet recommendation to Full Council. Full Council approval at Publication, Submission and Adoption stages. |
| Resources Required:        | Local Plans Team and Development Management. |
| Community & Stakeholder Involvement: | In accordance with Statement of Community Involvement |

### Monitoring and Review

| Document Reviewed:         | Review of Local Plan |
Appendix 4: Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

The following is a list of Supplementary Planning Documents the Council intends to prepare to support the Core Strategy and Site Allocations DPDs and some of these will replace existing Supplementary Planning Guidance documents (SPGs). The Council may amend or add to this list to respond to changing circumstances and priorities.

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<td>South Staffordshire Design Guide</td>
<td>Guidance on the design of new development in villages.</td>
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<td>Sustainable Development</td>
<td>Guidance on sustainable development including design and construction, drainage, energy, waste and recycling.</td>
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<td>Open Space, Sport and Recreation</td>
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<td>Green Belt and Open Countryside</td>
<td>Guidance on extensions to existing buildings, replacement buildings, and infilling.</td>
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<td>Affordable Housing and Housing Mix</td>
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<td>Development Contributions</td>
<td>Guidance and requirements for developer contributions towards the provision of infrastructure and services relating to new development.</td>
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Footnotes

1. A detailed programme/timetable will be prepared for each document setting out the key milestones.

2. All SPDs are to be prepared in accordance with Local Plan guidance and the relevant regulations.

3. Consultations on SPDs will be undertaken in accordance with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

4. SPDs are not subject to formal examination.