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Local Development Scheme

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South Staffordshire Local Development Scheme

1.0 Introduction

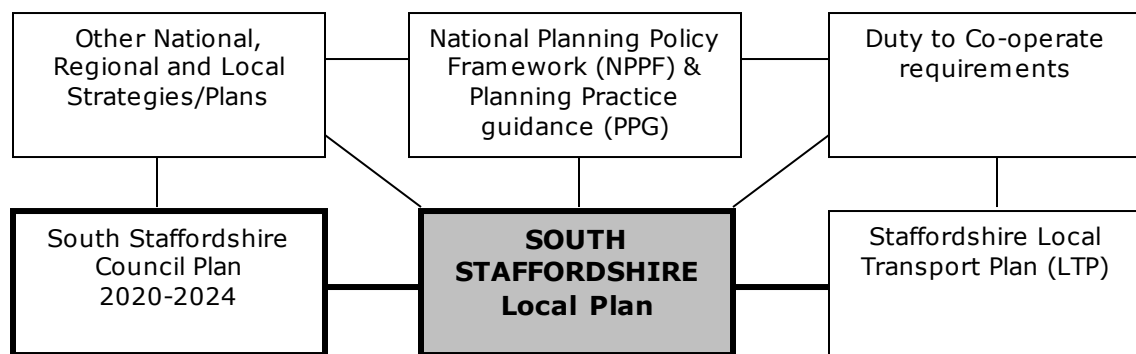
- 1.1** A review of the South Staffordshire Local Plan has commenced. This will implement the commitment made in the 2018 Site Allocations Document (Policy SAD1) to undertake an immediate review of the Local Plan to help address the emerging housing shortfall emanating from the Greater Birmingham Housing Market Area. The Local Plan Review will roll forward the plan period within South Staffordshire to 2041.
- 1.2** The existing 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 Local Plan review will comprise a single strategy and policy document identifying site allocation proposals and policies to support Development Management decisions. Once adopted the revised Local Plan will replace the current statutory documents including the 2012 Core Strategy and the 2018 Site Allocations Document. Until the formal adoption of the reviewed plan however the current statutory documents will remain in force.
- 1.3** The principal planning documents are complemented by a number of supporting documents including Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) which expand on Local Plan policies; and procedural documents including this Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR).



2.0 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.
- 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 regular 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 1 below shows the relationship between the Local Plan and other Strategies and Plans.

Figure 1: Relationship between the Local Plan and Other Strategies and Plans



3.0 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.

Development Plan Documents (DPDs)

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

Local Plan

- 3.3** The Local Plan is at the heart of the process and will set out the long-term vision, objectives, and local planning strategy to support future development. The strategy will be supported and delivered by site allocations and policies which will seek to secure a sustainable future for the District. The Local Plan will be informed by, and will draw upon, other strategies produced by the Council and other organisations.
- 3.4** The Council paused work on the emerging Local Plan Review between January and July 2023 while waiting for the outcome of the government changes to the NPPF that were published in December 2022. There is still currently no clear indication of when the government will publish its response to the consultation, the Council has therefore now resumed work on the Plan. This delay had several implications for the Local Plan including the Plan period needing to be extended to 2041 which has required several updates to evidence base documents, and a need to undertake a further Regulation 19 consultation.

Consultations and Stakeholder Involvement

- 3.5** The Council will undertake extensive consultation and stakeholder engagement in support of the production of the Local Plan. As part of the 'front loading' process it is proposed to undertake the following consultation:
- Evidence Base compilation – ongoing notification as elements of the evidence base are produced.
 - Issues and Options Consultation October - November 2018.
 - Spatial Housing Strategy & Infrastructure Delivery Consultation October - December 2019.

- Preferred Options – November - December 2021.
- Publication (1) – November - December 2022.
- Publication (2) – spring 2024
- Submission of Local Plan – winter 2024/25.
- Local Plan Examination – 2025
- Adoption of Local Plan – winter 2025/26



South Staffordshire Development Framework

- 3.6** The development framework for the District presently comprises the following documents:
- Core Strategy (Adopted 2012)
 - Site Allocations Document (Adopted September 2018)
 - Statement of Community Involvement (2019)
 - Local Development Scheme
 - Authority Monitoring Report
 - Supplementary Planning Documents
 - The Kinver Neighbourhood Development Plan
- 3.7** The Core Strategy established the long-term vision and objectives and a suite of core policies to deliver the spatial planning strategy. The Site Allocations Document (SAD) aims to deliver the land allocations that are set out in the Core Strategy and identifies sites for housing, safeguarded land, employment and gypsy and traveller provision, and promotes 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.
- 3.8** The Site Allocations Document will conform to the Core Strategy and has been informed by various background documents and technical studies including a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and a partial Green Belt Review.
- 3.9** The SAD was the subject of a public Examination in December 2017 and was adopted in September 2018.

Policies Map

- 3.10** 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 and the most recent inset maps are those adopted in September 2018 as part of the SAD. It will also identify areas of protection such as nationally protected landscapes, internationally, nationally and locally designated nature conservation areas and areas of Green Belt land.

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

- 3.11** 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.
- 3.12** 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

- 3.13** The Local Plan is supported by various procedural documents such as the LDS itself, a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR). These supporting documents help to explain and monitor the Local Plan process.

The content of the Local Plan is informed by a number of studies and documents which comprises the Evidence Base. There is also a requirement to prepare a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA).



Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

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 local planning documents; and in reaching decisions on

planning applications. The SCI was initially adopted by the Council on 31st October 2006, updated for the submission of the Core Strategy; revised in April 2014 to take account of changes in legislation and the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework; and further revised in 2018 to accompany the submission of the Site Allocations Document. A further update was published in June 2019.

Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)

- 3.14** The Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) monitors progress on the preparation of the Local Plan as 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

- 3.15** In preparing the Local Plan, it is important that the plan is founded on, and informed by, a comprehensive, robust and credible evidence base. A number of studies, assessments and background documents have been produced and commissioned so far to support the emerging Local Plan. As previously stated, a number of evidence base documents are being updated for the new Publication Plan consultation in early 2024. Specifically, those that entail a needs assessment (e.g EDNA, HMA) or are needed to inform updated site assessment work (e.g SA). Below is a list of the current evidence base documents:

Housing

- Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2023-2027 (2022)
- Greater Birmingham and Black Country Housing Market Area Strategic Growth Study (2018)
- Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment
- Housing Market Assessment - Update (2022)
- Housing Site Selection Topic Paper (2022)
- Homes for Older and Disabled People Topic Paper (2022)
- Housing Density Topic Paper (2022)
- Affordable Housing and Housing Mix Topic Paper (2022)
- Internal Space Standards Topic Paper (2022)
- Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (2021)
- Gypsy and Travellers: Pitch Deliverability Study (2021)
- Gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople Topic Paper (2022)

Economic

- Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire LEP Strategic Economic Plan (2018)
- Economic Development Needs Assessment (2022)
- EDNA Part 2; Economic Land Availability Assessment (2020)
- West Midlands Strategic Rail Freight Interchange – Employment Issues Response Paper – Labour Supply (2020)
- West Midlands Strategic Rail Freight Interchange – Employment Issues Response Paper - Whose need will the SRFI serve? (2021)
- West Midlands Strategic Employment Sites Study (2021)
- West Midlands Strategic Employment Sites Study (2023) - ongoing
- Economic Strategy and Employment Site Assessment Topic Paper
- Retail Centres Study (2021)

Environmental/Sustainability

- Sustainability Appraisal
- Rural Services and Facilities Audit (2021)
- Habitats Regulation Assessment (2022)
- Black Country and South Staffordshire Green Belt Study (2019)
- South Staffordshire Green Belt Study Addendum (2022)
- Green Belt Exceptional Circumstances Topic Paper (2022)
- Black Country and South Staffordshire Landscape Sensitivity Study (2019)
- South Staffordshire Landscape Sensitivity Study Addendum (2022)
- Staffordshire Climate Change and Adaptation and Mitigation Study (2020)
- Climate Change Topic Paper (2022)
- South Staffordshire Nature Recovery Network Mapping (2020)
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment – Level 1 (2019)
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment – Level 2 (2022)
- Water Cycle Study (2020)
- Air Quality Study (ongoing)

Historic Environment

- Historic Environment Site Assessment – stage 1 (2020)
- Historic Environment Site Assessment – stage 2 (2022)

Infrastructure

- Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)

- Open Space Assessment and Standards Paper (2019)
- Local Green Spaces Topic Paper (2022)
- Indoor Sports Needs Assessment and Strategy (2020)
- Playing Pitch Needs Assessment and Strategy (2020)
- Playing Pitch Requirements Topic Paper (2022)
- Local Plan Viability Study – stage 1 report (2021)
- Local Plan Viability Study – stage 2 report (2022)
- Strategic Transport Assessment (2022) – prepared by site promoters of strategic sites
- Staffordshire County Council representation to Preferred Options consultation (2021) (includes highways modelling evidence)
- Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan 2021-2031
- Staffordshire Bus Service Improvement Plan (2021)
- South Staffordshire Integrated Transport Strategy (2017)
- Cycle Infrastructure Design (LTN1/20)

Duty to Cooperate

- Duty to Cooperate Topic Paper (2022)

- 3.16** These studies will help inform the preparation of the policies in the Local Plan Review. The studies and documents which comprise the evidence base will be made available on the Council's website when published.

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

Sustainability Appraisal (SA)

- 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 Local Plan Review will be 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) of the Local Plan is required to check if the policies or proposals could have potentially adverse impacts upon internationally designated nature conservation 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 – Motte 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 Local Plan Review will be undertaken to assess for likely significant effects on these three international sites. Further Habitats Regulation Assessments will accompany each formal consultation stage of the Local Plan Review.

Links with the Council Plan

- 3.21** The Local Plan will play an important role in helping to deliver the key aspirations of the South Staffordshire Council Plan and will give spatial expression to those elements of the Strategy that relate to the use and development of land.
- 3.22** The Council considers that it is important to maintain and develop the links between the Local Plan and the Council Plan. The priorities of the Council Plan will inform the Local Plan Review and progress on the review process will be reported during the quarterly Council Plan monitoring exercise.

4.0 Neighbourhood Planning

- 4.1** The Localism Act 2011 introduced neighbourhood developments plans which help communities with or without parish or town councils to establish general planning policies for the development and use of land in a neighbourhood. Once ‘made’, these plans will form part of the statutory development plan for the area and will be used in the determination of planning applications.
- 4.2** The first stage of developing a neighbourhood plan is to designate a neighbourhood area. The District Council has agreed 4 neighbourhood areas listed in the table below.
- 4.3** Once a neighbourhood area has been agreed preparation of a neighbourhood plan can be carried out by a parish or town council or in the case of unparished areas, a neighbourhood forum.

List of designated neighbourhood areas

Area	Date of designation	Stage
Bilbrook	11 June 2021	Preparation of draft plan
Codsall	1 April 2020	Preparation of draft plan
Kinver	24 September 2020	Approved at referendum on the 24 th August 2023
Penkridge	17 January 2022	Preparation of draft plan

5.0 Resources, Programme Management and Risk Assessment

Resources

- 5.1** The resources required for the preparation of the Local Plan will be drawn from the Strategic Planning Team within Enterprise and Growth Services. The Strategic Planning Team currently has three full time and two part time planners who work under the Strategic Planning Team Manager.
- 5.2** Enterprise and Growth Services also includes responsibility for Housing Strategy, Energy Conservation (under the umbrella of Strategic Planning) and Enterprise and Commercial Services. These provide a valuable and constant close link to key housing, economic development and landscape issues.
- 5.3** The Strategic Planning Team will be involved in all aspects of Local Plan preparation, adoption and monitoring of the 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, Community Services, Legal Services and the Policy and Partnership Team.
- 5.4** 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.

- 5.5** 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

- 5.6** The Strategic Planning Team Manager has operational responsibility for preparing the Local Plan. The Lead Planning Services Manager has overall responsibility for the Local Plan and reports to the Assistant Director for Enterprise and Growth.
- 5.7** At a political level, the Lead Planning Services Manager and the Assistant Director for Enterprise and Growth will report progress on the preparation of the Local Plan to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Business Enterprise; to the Cabinet, and to Full

Council as required, including a combination of verbal updates, briefing notes and full reports.

Risk Assessment & Management

- 5.8** In preparing the Local Development Scheme (LDS) it is important to acknowledge that the work programme is based on the resource capacity of the Strategic Planning Team.
- 5.9** 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

- 5.10** 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 ambitious and 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

- 5.11** 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 could delay the programme. A summary of the Council’s decision making process is set out in Section 6.
- 5.12** A general election is likely to be called in 2024 which may potentially cause a delay through the pre-election period depending on when it is.

Planning Inspectorate

- 5.13** 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

- 5.14** 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 the NPPF. To be sound, a DPD should be positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. The Council will continue to seek advice 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), Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government 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

- 5.15** 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, enabling 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

- 5.16** Planning reforms, legislative changes and amendments to the NPPF/PPG could introduce delay in the process whilst Plan documents are amended to reflect any critical changes in approach from National Government.
- 5.17** The Government held a consultation on potential changes to the NPPF between December 2022 and March 2023. These potential changes included significant changes to Green Belt policy that would have implications for the emerging Local Plan if introduced. The Council therefore paused the Local Plan in January 2023 to await the outcome of the consultation that was expected in spring 2023. However, due to the delay in the Government's response to the consultation the Council resumed work on the Plan in July 2023. This delay and potential changes to the NPPF have resulted in a number of evidence base documents needing to be updated, a need for a further Regulation 19 consultation, and subsequent delay in the Local Plan timetable.

- 5.18** Community requests to produce a 'Neighbourhood Plan' could also impact on the Local Planning process as it would require significant resource from the Strategic Planning Team to support a parish to prepare such a plan. To date, only one application, from Codsall Parish Council, to designate a neighbourhood plan area has been confirmed. Dependent on future Parish Council interest, this could have further implications on resources.

Other Risks

- 5.19** 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
 - Failure to get agreement with neighbouring authorities to address cross boundary strategic issues under the Duty to Cooperate.
 - The need to make changes to the programme and procedural slippage due to project management issues 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
 - The West Midlands Strategic Employment Sites Study (2023) or any revision to the Strategic Growth Study across the Housing Market Area (HMA) could have implications for the Local Plan depending on its findings and recommendations and timings of these.

6.0 The Council's Decision Making Procedure and Protocol

- 6.1** 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 submission and adoption of all Development Plan Documents.
- 6.2** 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.
- 6.3** 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.

7.0 Monitoring and Plan Review

7.1 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 direct contact with people and organisations registered in the Local Plan database.

7.2 As identified above an early review of the South Staffordshire Local Plan has commenced. Anyone needing further advice or information on the Local Plan should contact:

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7.3 The Council uses an online consultation system which allows stakeholders to submit comments direct, keep track of your responses to different stages of Local Plan consultations. Anyone can register via the link below.

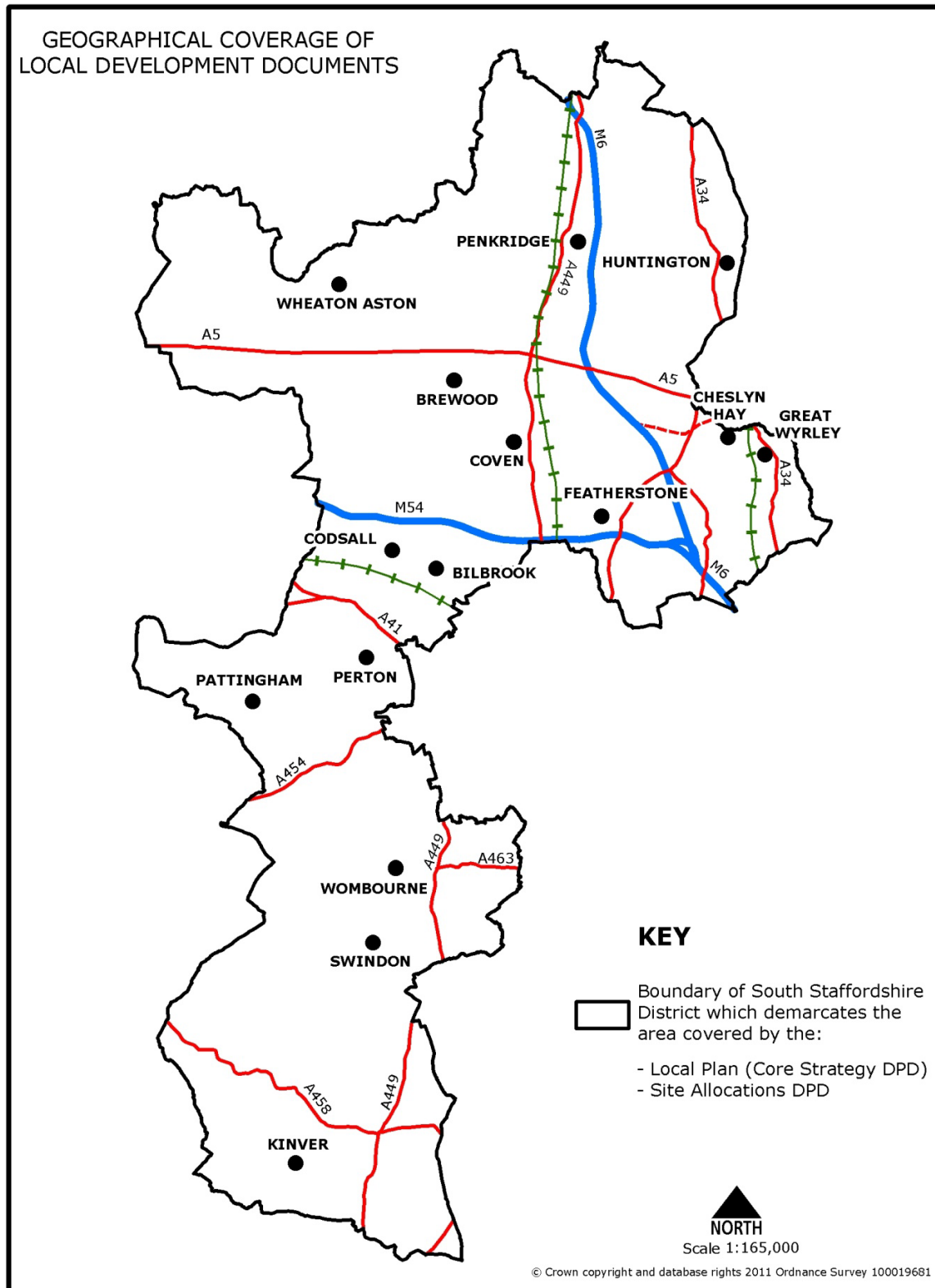
Link to register:
<https://sstaffs.oc2.uk/login>



7.4 Copies of the Local Development Scheme are available at the Council Offices at South Staffordshire and can be downloaded for the Council's website at: www.sstaffs.gov.uk (via the 'Local Plans' page).

7.5 Further information on the local planning system can be obtained from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government website at www.gov.uk

Map 1 Geographical Coverage of the Local Plan



Appendix 1 Schedule of Proposed Development Plan Documents

Document Title	Status	Brief Description	Conformity	Publication	Submit	Adoption
Local Plan	DPD	Sets out the Council's vision, objectives and spatial strategy to guide the future development of the District up to 2039. It contains core policies and site allocations to deliver the spatial strategy and includes supporting development policies.	NPPF and the Evidence Base	Second Publication Plan – Spring 2024	Winter 2024/25	Winter 2025/26 (estimation)

Appendix 2 Local Plan Programme

2018						2019												2020												2021													
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2025												2026											
J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D

	Issues and Options Consultation		Submission of DPD
	Spatial Housing Strategy & Infrastructure Delivery Consultation		Examination (estimation)
	Preferred Options Consultation		Adoption of DPD (estimation)
	Publication consultation (1)		
	Publication consultation (2)		

Appendix 3 Development Plan Document Profiles

Local Plan	
Document Details	
Role and Content:	Document setting out the local planning strategy for South Staffordshire. It sets out the Council's vision, objectives and spatial strategy to guide the future development of the District up to 2041. It contains a series of strategy and supporting development policies and site allocations to deliver the local planning strategy.
Status:	Development Plan Document (DPD).
Chain of Conformity:	National Planning Policy Framework, have regard to the national Planning Practice Guidance, Council Plan and other local strategies.
Geographical Area:	Whole of South Staffordshire District.
Timetable and Key milestones	
Publication (2) of DPD	Spring 2024
Submission of DPD:	Winter 2024/25
Examination/Hearing:	2025
Adoption:	Winter 2025/26
Arrangements for Production	
Organisational lead:	Strategic Planning
Management Arrangements:	Lead Planning Manager/Strategic Planning Team Manager/Strategic Planning Team. Cabinet recommendation to Full Council. Full Council approval at Submission and Adoption stages.
Resources Required:	Strategic Planning Team and Development Management.
Community & Stakeholder Involvement:	In accordance with Statement of Community Involvement
Monitoring and Review	
Monitoring Arrangements:	Monitoring Framework and Authority Monitoring Report.
Document Reviewed:	To respond to changing circumstances as and when necessary.

Appendix 4: Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

The following is a list of Supplementary Planning Documents the Council intends to prepare to support the Local Plan Review. Preparation on these SPDs will begin once the Local Plan Review is adopted. The Council may amend or add to this list to respond to changing circumstances and priorities.

Name of SPD	Description
Inclusive Growth	Guidance for submitting Employment and Skills Plans to harness the benefits from economic growth.
South Staffordshire Design Guide	Guidance on the design requirements of new development proposals.
Green Belt and Open Countryside	Guidance on extensions to existing buildings, replacement buildings, and infilling.
Affordable Housing & Housing Mix	Guidance on the provision of affordable housing and considering applications for the development of affordable housing.
Open Space, Sport and Recreation	Procedure for determining provision required from new development, offsite provision and maintenance arrangements
Rural Development	Guidance on business case requirements for rural employment proposals outside development boundaries
Sustainable Construction and Climate	Guidance on how new development proposals can conform to the Districts climate change objectives

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.

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