

Wolverhampton Local Development Framework

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1. Background and Introduction

1.1 The New Planning System

1.1.1 The planning system has recently undergone significant change following introduction of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The Act establishes a new planning system intended to simplify the local planning process and promote a more flexible, positive approach to managing development. The new system also places more emphasis on community involvement in the planning process. Under the new planning system there are major changes for the structure and content of development plans. A plan-led system operates in England, involving the preparation of plans by the local planning authority that guide what can be built and where. The current network of Unitary Development Plans (UDP), Structure Plans and Local Plans will be replaced by the introduction of Local Development Frameworks (LDFs) for all local planning authorities.

1.1.2 The Local Development Framework (LDF) consists of a folder of Local Development Documents (LDDs) that set out how the local area may change over the next few years. An advantage of this new structure of individual LDDs is that it will be possible within the LDF to add, revise and remove individual documents as necessary. The new system will enable the Council to respond to changing economic, social and environmental circumstances and ensure that the LDF is in line with national, regional or sub-regional guidance.

1.1.3 The new type of plans will adopt a spatial planning approach which goes beyond the traditional land use planning of UDPs, to bring together other strategies and programmes, including the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and strategies for the economy, housing, education, health, social inclusion, waste, biodiversity, recycling and transport. This approach is considered to be better equipped to achieve the objective of sustainable development. In order to work, this approach will require close working relationships between Council departments and other organisations, alongside greater communication with the public. The Council will clearly acknowledge links to the strategies and programmes that have helped shape the policies contained within the LDF.

1.1.4 Appendix A provides a glossary of all the terms used within this document. For more information about the new planning system visit the website of the Department for Communities and Local Government (formerly the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister) at www.communities.gov.uk

1.2 The Local Development Scheme

1.2.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) provides a list of what Local Development Documents are to be included in the Local Development Framework and a timetable for their production.

1.2.2 The LDS will be an important tool for informing people about what local development documents the Council are producing and when they can become involved in their preparation.

- 1.2.3 The focus of the LDS is on the next three years up to February 2012. This is deemed an appropriate timescale due to the transitional nature of the planning system and the Black Country partial review of the RSS (see paragraph 1.4.3 to 1.4.4).
- 1.2.4 Wolverhampton City Council published its first LDS in October 2005. This was updated and replaced in March 2006, October 2007 and March 2008.
- 1.2.5 The LDS can be viewed at the Council's Civic Centre Reception 24 (Regeneration and Transportation), at local libraries and on the Council's website www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/ldf. Copies are also available for purchase (free of charge to community and voluntary organisations) at the Regeneration and Transportation reception or by phoning (01902) 555621/555639.

1.3 Transitional Arrangements

- 1.3.1 The current statutory Development Plan for the City comprises the Wolverhampton Unitary Development Plan 2001-2011, adopted in June 2006 and the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). Under the transitional arrangements of the new national planning system, the policies of the Wolverhampton UDP are 'saved' for a period of 3 years from the date of adoption. Within that 3 year period, the Council has to bring forward LDDs to replace saved policies in accordance with its LDS (Appendix B contains a list of current policies contained within the UDP.).
- 1.3.2 It will be necessary to save a number of UDP policies beyond June 2009 because the Core Strategy is not due to be adopted until March 2011 (see paragraph 2.3.3). This is necessary to ensure that there are no gaps in development plan policies during the initial transitional period between the old and new planning systems. This can only take place where the UDP policies are in accordance with the principles of the emerging Local Development Framework and remain consistent with national policy and the RSS. Where this is necessary, a list of UDP policies that the Council intends to extend will be included as part of a revised LDS and submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.
- 1.3.3 The Council's existing Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) will continue to exist as non-statutory guidance whilst the relevant saved policies are in place. Appendix C contains a list of current SPG, which the Council intends to regard as being a material consideration in the determination of planning applications, and how they relate to the saved policies. Section 2.4 of this LDS sets out a programme for replacing existing SPGs by Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), and for adopting new SPDs.

1.4 National, Regional and Local Context

National

- 1.4.1 This LDS has been written in accordance with the following national legislation and policy statements:
- Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

- The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004
- The Town and Country Planning (Transitional Arrangements) Regulations 2004
- Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial Planning

Regional

- 1.4.2 Regional Spatial Strategy for the West Midlands was issued in 2004 as RPG11. The RSS forms part of the Development Plan for Wolverhampton and all policies of the LDF must be in general conformity with the RSS. The West Midlands Regional Assembly in its role as the Regional Planning Body (RPB) for the West Midlands has overall responsibility for overseeing that the policies of the LDF are in conformity with the RSS.
- 1.4.3 The RSS is to undergo a series of partial reviews, to develop a more detailed strategy for the Region. The review process started in 2005. Of particular importance to Wolverhampton is the Phase 1 revision of the RSS relating to the Black Country sub-region, incorporated into the RSS in January 2008.
- 1.4.4 The second phase of the RSS partial review process includes waste management, shopping and town centres, employment land, and housing. The launch of the second phase took place in November 2005, consultation on the spatial options commenced in January 2007 and submission to the Secretary of State took place in December 2007 (see Table 2). The process which guides the revision of the RSS is set out in the Governments Planning Policy Statement 11: 'Regional Spatial Strategies' (2004), which is available from the Department for Communities and Local Government (see paragraph 1.1.4). Further information on the RSS can be found on the website of the West Midlands Regional Assembly (WMRA) at www.wmra.gov.uk

Local

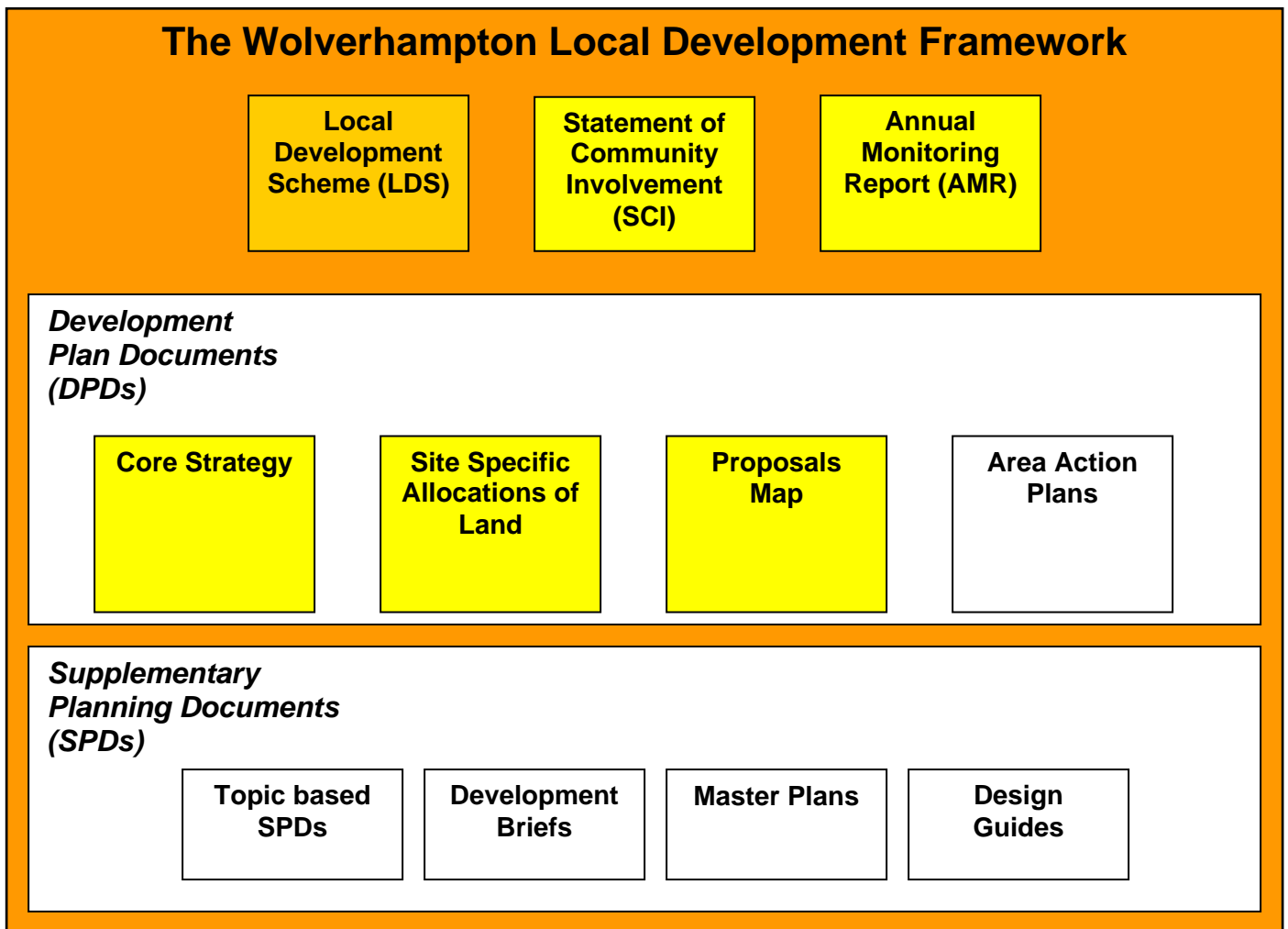
- 1.4.5 The Council will also need to take into consideration the principles of other strategies prepared by the Council and other organisations with implications for the use and development of land when preparing LDDs. In particular, the Council is required to ensure that the LDF is a key component in the delivery of the Community Plan (2002, as amended by the refresh in 2006) and the forthcoming Sustainable Community Strategy which is currently being prepared. The LDF will provide a long term spatial vision and set out those aspects of the Community Plan that relate to the development and use of land.

2. Content of the Local Development Framework

2.1 Approach to the Local Development Framework (LDF)

2.1.1 As discussed in paragraph 1.1.1, under the new planning system the Council is required to prepare a Local Development Framework (LDF), a folder of Local Development Documents (LDDs) that set out how the local area may change over the next few years. This section provides a brief description of the Local Development Documents the Council intends to prepare over the duration of this LDS, up to the end of February 2012. In addition, some consideration is given to what needs to be done beyond February 2012. Figure 1 below provides an illustration of the proposed structure of the Wolverhampton LDF.

Figure 1: Proposed structure of the Wolverhampton Local Development Framework.



2.1.2 More detailed summaries of the content and timetable for the preparation of each Local Development Document is provided at Appendix D. For each LDD to be produced, the Council has specified:

- The role, nature and area coverage of the LDD;
- The main components of work to be undertaken;
- The body that will lead the preparation of the LDD, and the organisations that will be directly involved in the project;
- The intended timetable for the production of the LDD including key stages for public participation;
- The approach to engaging stakeholders and the community in the preparation of the LDD; and
- Whether a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and/or Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) needs to be undertaken as part of the preparation of the LDD (see section 3.2).

2.2 Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

2.2.1 Increasing the level of involvement communities have in the planning process is a key objective of the new planning system. The SCI, adopted by the Council in October 2006, sets out how the local community can become involved in the preparation of LDDs and in the consideration of planning applications. The SCI sets out the minimum requirements for community involvement in relation to all documents prepared as part of the LDF (including both DPDs and SPDs) and in the consideration of planning applications. The SCI was prepared in partnership with the Wolverhampton Strategic Partnership, and with advice from the West Midlands Planning Aid Service.

2.3 Development Plan Documents (DPDs)

2.3.1 Under the new planning system, the Development Plan for Wolverhampton will consist of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the West Midlands and the Development Plan Documents contained within the Wolverhampton LDF. The following DPDs form part of the Development Plan for Wolverhampton (see paragraph 2.1.1).

Core Strategy

2.3.2 The Core strategy will set out the long term spatial vision for Wolverhampton and the strategic policies required to deliver that vision. The Core Strategy will provide comprehensive policy coverage of the key strategic issues facing Wolverhampton and will have strong links with other Council strategies and programmes, including the Community Plan.

2.3.3 The Council has resolved to prepare a Black Country Joint Core Strategy in partnership with the other Black County Local Authorities (Dudley, Walsall and Sandwell) reflecting the long history of cooperation and support. The timetable will be subject to regular review to ensure that work is coordinated between the four authorities.

- 2.3.4 Before the adoption of the Joint Core Strategy, the Part 1 policies of the Wolverhampton UDP will provide the local strategic policies of the development plan.

Site Specific Allocations of Land

- 2.3.5 This DPD will identify and allocate sites for individual, or a mixture, of uses and will include policies relating to the delivery of specific allocated sites. The identification of sites will be based on detailed assessments of suitable and available sites within Wolverhampton including sustainability criteria.

Area Action Plans (AAPs)

- 2.3.6 Area Action Plans can be prepared for key areas of change or conservation. During the period of the LDF preparation up to February 2012 the need to prepare AAPs will be kept under review. The Council intends to prepare three AAPs over the course of the LDS period, the City Centre AAP, the Stafford Road Technology Corridor AAP and the Bilston Corridor AAP.

Proposals Map

- 2.3.7 The Proposals Map will illustrate the spatial extent of the policies within the LDF. The proposals map can include inset maps of particular areas that require more detail and is likely to be of similar format to the existing Ordnance Survey based map that accompanies the UDP. Whenever a DPD is prepared, the proposals map will be revised to account for any changes in policy. This will ensure that the adopted proposals map always shows the up to date policy framework. A proposals map will be prepared to illustrate the site specific policies and allocations of the Site Specific Allocations of Land DPD.

2.4 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)

- 2.4.1 These documents can cover a range of issues, both theme based and site specific, which provide further detail to policies within a Development Plan Document (for example design guides, development briefs, master plans or topic based documents). They must be consistent with national and regional planning policy along with policies set out within the Development Plan Documents. As discussed in paragraph 1.3.4, a number of existing Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) documents, which support saved policies, will continue to be regarded as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. It is the Council's intention to initiate an early review of a number of these SPGs to bring them up to date and subsequently adopt them as Supplementary Planning Documents. It is also intended that a number of new SPDs will be produced during the three year period of this LDS to cover a number of topic areas of emerging and increasing importance to the City.
- 2.4.2 There are also a number of other topic based SPDs that the Council intend to produce as part of the LDF. These will be phased into preparation when time and resources are available and will be included in subsequent reviews of the LDS as appropriate. In addition, the remaining existing SPGs not revised during the initial LDS period are likely to be revised beyond 2012 (see Table 1 below).

Table 1: Theme based SPDs to be prepared as part of the LDF.

<u>Theme based SPD to be prepared during period 2009-2012</u>	
Existing SPG to be revised	Intended new SPD
Access and Facilities for People with Disabilities	Open Space, Sport and Recreation
Shopfront Design Guide	Bilston High Street Link
<u>Theme based SPD to be prepared after 2012</u>	
Existing SPG to be revised	Intended new SPD
The Provision of Public Art	Transport and Green Travel Plans
Places of Worship	Design
Telecommunications	Protection of Heritage and Environment
	Hedges
Day Nurseries	Trees and Development
Outdoor Advertisements & Signs	
Business, Industrial and Warehouse Development	

Note: Appendix C contains a list of all other existing SPGs which will continue to be regarded as non-statutory guidance whilst the relevant saved policies are in place (see paragraph 1.3.4).

- 2.4.3 Development Briefs will be produced as and when the need arises over the period of the Local Development Scheme, in order to respond to changes in site circumstances and to rapidly changing markets. When the need for a development brief is identified, the Council will revise the LDS accordingly. The Council, in preparing a development brief, will need to conform with the requirements for community involvement set out within the SCI.

2.5 Evidence Base and Background Papers

- 2.5.1 In the preparation of the LDDs, it will be necessary for the Council to develop an evidence base with which to shape and support emerging policies and proposals. The evidence base will consist of numerous sources of policy and planning guidance which the Council must consider when preparing local development documents. These include National and Regional Government guidance, reports published by government agencies (e.g. the Environment Agency, English Heritage and the Highways Agency), best practice from other local authorities and organisations and technical work undertaken at the regional and sub-regional level in particular.
- 2.5.2 There are a number of strategic policy documents, produced by the Council, that are intricately linked to the Local Development Framework. These documents include the Community Plan, Cultural Strategy, Tourism Strategy, Sustainability Charter, Crime Reduction and Community Safety Strategy, Crime Prevention Strategy for Parks and Open Spaces, and the Wolverhampton Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy.

- 2.5.3 There are also a number of reports produced by other Council departments and divisions which are relevant in the preparation of planning policy. For example, the Housing Needs Survey produced by the Neighbourhood Renewal division. The information contained within these documents provides invaluable and essential detailed information on specific topics. These documents, and their replacements, will continue to be used to inform the preparation of LDDs.
- 2.5.4 Periodically, there is a need for the Planning Policy and Area Plans team to undertake an in-depth study of a particular topic or area (e.g. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment), or to commission consultants with specialist knowledge to undertake work on the Council's behalf (e.g. Retail Capacity Analysis). In such cases, the Council will publish and adopt the findings as background papers. Background papers provide detailed technical information and evidence to inform the preparation of Local Development Documents and to support the policies and proposals within the Local Development Framework.
- 2.5.5 During the period 2009-2012 the Council will need to prepare and review background papers on a number of subjects, including undertaking a review of the Retail Capacity Analysis and the preparation of a Black Country Characterisation Study. This work will be carried out either independently or with other partners and stakeholders. During the evidence gathering stage of preparing the Joint Core Strategy (see paragraph 2.3.3) the Council worked in partnership with the other Black Country Local Authorities to develop a robust evidence base. Where necessary, the Council will prepare background papers to support the preparation of policies within the DPDs and SPDs.
- 2.5.6 The Planning Policy and Area Plans team will work in partnership with other Council departments and external bodies responsible for these relevant strategies, plans and background papers in order to ensure that planning policy implications are considered, that opportunities to strengthen the evidence base of LDF policies are not missed and to ensure effective integration is achieved.

2.6 Timetable

- 2.6.1 The timescale for the production of each LDD needs to be realistic. Table 2 on page 10 provides a table illustrating the programme for the preparation of LDDs during the LDS period 2008-2011.

Development Plan Documents

- 2.6.2 For each Development Plan Document to be produced under the Local Development Framework, the Council needs to state clearly the different stages of its production, examination and adoption, including:
- Commencement of preparation of a DPD
 - Public participation on issues and options
 - Publication
 - Submission to the Secretary of State
 - Pre-examination meeting
 - Commencement of the examination
 - Adoption of DPD

2.6.3 Development Plan Documents and the Statement of Community Involvement will be submitted to the Secretary of State and externally examined by independent inspectors from the Planning Inspectorate. These documents will also be the subject of community and stakeholder involvement, both in the development of issues and options during the early stages of their preparation and following submission to the Secretary of State. The exact nature of the requirements for community involvement are set out clearly within the SCI.

Supplementary Planning Documents

2.6.4 For each Supplementary Planning Document the Council intends to produce, the Council needs to state clearly:

- Commencement of preparation of a SPD
- Period of formal consultation
- Adoption of SPD

2.6.5 Supplementary Planning Documents will not be externally examined, but will be the subject of community and stakeholder consultation designed specifically and appropriately for the topic considered in the SPD, in line with the SCI.

3. Management, Resource Implications and Monitoring

3.1 Risk Assessment and contingency plan

3.1.1 There are a number of risks that could lead to delay or failure to deliver the programme for the preparation of LDDs as set out within the LDS. These include:

- Staffing levels (discussed in more detail under section 3.3);
- The availability of sufficient funding;
- Changes to national and regional policy;
- The Planning Inspectorate's ability to deal with the examination of LDDs;
- Political changes;
- Delays during external examinations (including legal challenges, protracted examination or report, complexity of recommendations);
- Delays during the preparation/adoption of RSS Phase 2 review;
- The requirement to undertake a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for all LDDs. All LDDs are required to contribute towards the achievement of sustainable development; and
- Continuing commitment of the Black Country Local Authorities to an agreed programme for the Black Country Joint Core Strategy.

3.1.2 These risks have been taken into account in the preparation of the LDS. In the event of one or more of these risks impacting on the preparation programme for LDDs, the LDS will be revised accordingly and submitted to the GOWM.

3.2 Sustainability Appraisals and Strategic Environmental Assessments

3.2.1 Under the new planning system the Council is required to undertake Sustainability Appraisals (SA) and Strategic Environmental Appraisals (SEA) of all DPDs and SPDs. The requirement to undertake SAs and SEAs intends to ensure that the issue of sustainability is fully integrated within the policies of the LDF. The Government, in the publication "A Better Quality of Life – A Strategy for Sustainable Development" (1999), has identified four key aims for sustainable development, these are:

- Social progress which recognises the needs of everyone;
- Effective protection of the environment;
- The prudent use of natural resources; and
- Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment.

3.2.2 The Department for Communities and Local Government has advised local planning authorities that it is possible to carry out both requirements through a single appraisal process. The appraisal will identify the likely effect of each DPD or SPD and the extent to which their implementation will achieve the social, environmental and economic objectives of sustainable development. The SA/SEA process will be fully integrated into the LDD preparation process, at a level appropriate to the detail of each LDD.

3.2.3 The Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment undertaken for the RSS partial review and Core Strategy DPD will feed directly into the assessments of other DPDs and SPDs. For example, many of the sustainability principles involved in the SA/SEA of a SPD will have already been considered as part of the SA/SEA of linked DPD policies.

3.3 Resource Implications

3.3.1 Sources of funding include the Planning Delivery Grant, Council budget allocation and external funding from a variety of sources for individual projects and studies.

3.3.2 There are currently nine staff (eight full time equivalents) in Planning Policy & Area Plans team, including:

- 1 Section Leader
- 5 Planning Officers (four full time equivalents)
- 1 Clerical Assistant, 1 Graphic Technician and 1 Administrative & Technical Support Officer (shared with the Conservation & Urban Design Team)

The Planning Policy & Area Plans team will have overall responsibility for ensuring the preparation of all LDDs. The Council's Development Control, Conservation & Urban Design, Transportation, Neighbourhood Renewal and Project Implementation teams will provide support and advice to the Planning Policy and Area Plans team in the preparation of particular LDDs.

3.3.3 The Development Control team have an important role supporting the Planning Policy & Area Plans team in the preparation of SPDs. In addition, the Conservation & Urban Design team and the Project Implementation team are often involved in the preparation of SPDs, particularly Development Briefs, Design Guides and Master Plans when necessary.

3.3.4 Although in the short term Council believes that the existing level of staffing is sufficient to deal with the current responsibilities and requirements presented by the new planning system, it recognises that it may be necessary to employ additional staff to assist with the increased responsibilities relating to both community involvement and the need to undertake Sustainability Appraisals and Strategic Environmental Assessments for LDDs. There is yet no funding commitment for additional staff. The Council will monitor this situation as the new planning system evolves.

3.4 Monitoring and Review

3.4.1 The Council is required to produce an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) under the new planning system. This report will consider progress on meeting the deadlines for the production of LDD contained within the LDS and the effectiveness of adopted policies and proposals within the LDF. The Council will publish the AMR by the end of each December.

- 3.4.2 The Council will review the contents of the LDS on an annual basis as part of the Annual Monitoring Report process. This will ensure that the timetable for the production of Local Development Documents is kept up to date, and allow the Council to react to changing circumstances. For example, should the need to prepare a SPD arise to address a particular issue of growing importance to Wolverhampton, or, the need to prepare a Planning Brief for a specific area or group of buildings requiring urgent conservation or regeneration.
- 3.4.3 It is important to understand the flexible nature of the Local Development Framework. The ongoing sequence of production and review of the various Local Development Documents is intended to enable the LDF to adapt to changing circumstances and address issues as they arise over time.

Please note: terms in *italics* are explained elsewhere in the glossary. The definitions within this glossary are based on those provided in the Governments “Creating Local Development Frameworks: A companion Guide to Planning Policy Statement 12”.

Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) – part of the *Local Development Framework*, the Annual Monitoring Report will assess progress made on meeting the programme for the preparation of *Local Development Documents*, as set out within the *Local Development Scheme*, and the extent to which policies in *Local Development Documents* are being successfully implemented.

Area Action Plan (AAP) – Area Action Plans can be prepared to provide a planning framework for key areas of change and areas of conservation where needed. Area Action Plans have the status of *Development Plan Documents*.

Conservation Area Appraisals – conservation areas are areas of special architectural or historic interest. The planning system looks to preserve or enhance the character, appearance and setting of these areas. Conservation Area Appraisals define and appraise the elements of special architectural or historic interest which warrant an area being designated.

Core Strategy – a key *Development Plan Document* setting out the long term spatial vision for Wolverhampton and the strategic policies required to deliver that vision. The four Black Country Local Authorities (namely Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall) are working in partnership to prepare a Joint Core Strategy.

Design Guide – provide general guidance on the design of development over a wide geographical area or in relation to particular uses and are not site-specific, unless stated.

Development Brief – site-specific development briefs inform developers and other interested parties of the constraints and opportunities presented by a site, and the type of development expected or encouraged by local planning policies.

Development Plan – under the new planning system the Development Plan for Wolverhampton will consist of the *Regional Spatial Strategy* for the West Midlands (currently RPG11, issued in 2004) and the *Development Plan Documents* contained within the *Wolverhampton Local Development Framework*.

Development Plan Document (DPD) – spatial planning documents that are subject to independent examination, and together with the *Regional Spatial Strategy*, form the *development plan*. They can include a *Core Strategy*, *Site Specific Allocations of Land*, *Proposals map*, *Area Action Plans* and *Generic Development Control Policies*. Development Plan Documents can be reviewed independently from other Development Plan Documents. The Council can also review parts of, or individual policies within, a Development Plan Document to ensure that they remain consistent with emerging Government guidance and relevant to changing local circumstances.

Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM) – the regional Government office for the West Midlands which provides information and advice to the West Midlands local authorities. The *Local Development Scheme* must be submitted to GOWM (in their role as representatives of Government) for approval.

Local Development Document (LDD) – the collective term for all *Development Plan Documents*, *Supplementary Planning Documents* and the *Statement of Community Involvement*. Local Development Documents can be prepared jointly with neighbouring authorities.

Local Development Framework (LDF) – the name for the portfolio of *Local Development Documents*. It consists of *Development Plan Documents*, *Supplementary Planning Documents*, a *Statement of Community Involvement*, the *Local Development Scheme* and *Annual Monitoring Reports*. Together these documents will provide the framework for delivering the spatial planning strategy for Wolverhampton.

Local Development Scheme (LDS) – sets out what *Local Development Documents* the Council propose to produce as part of the *Local Development Framework* and the programme for their preparation. The Programme will set out the key milestones in the preparation of each *Local Development Document*, including stages of community involvement.

Master Plan – a type of development brief, the master plan generally covers larger areas made up of a number of individual development sites and provides more detail than a development brief. Master plans should clearly indicate the nature, type and design of development expected.

Material consideration – a matter that should be taken into account in the determination of planning applications and appeals against a planning decision. Material considerations must be genuine planning considerations, that is to say considerations which relates to the use and development of land, and must also fairly and reasonably relate to the application under consideration.

Planning Delivery Grant (PDG) – the Planning Delivery Grant is designed to resource and motivate local planning authorities to improve the planning system and deliver the objective of sustainable development. Allocations are based on a performance assessment of a number of planning functions including the preparation of *Local Development Documents* and the determination of planning applications. Award of the Planning Delivery Grant is to be linked directly to the achievement of key milestones within the *Local Development Scheme* programme.

Proposals Map – the proposals map illustrates on a base map all the policies contained in *Development Plan Documents*, together with any saved policies. The proposals map is revised as each new *Development Plan Documents* is adopted reflecting the up-to-date planning strategy for the area. Proposals for changes to the adopted proposals map accompany submitted *Development Plan Documents*.

West Midlands Regional Assembly – are responsible for developing and co-ordinating a strategic vision for improving the quality of life in the region. The West Midlands

Regional Assembly is responsible for preparing the *Regional Spatial Strategy*. The Assembly, in its role as the Regional Planning Body for the West Midlands, has overall responsibility for ensuring that the policies of the *Local Development Framework* are in conformity with the *Regional Spatial Strategy*.

Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) – a strategy for how a region should look in 15 to 20 years time. It identifies the scale and distribution of new housing in the region, indicates areas for regeneration, expansion or sub-regional planning and specifies priorities for the environment, transport, infrastructure, economic development, agriculture, minerals and waste treatment and disposal. The Regional Spatial Strategy for the West Midlands was issued in 2004 as RPG11. The RSS forms part of the *Development Plan* for Wolverhampton and all policies of the *Local Development Framework* must be in general conformity with the RSS.

Saved policies – existing adopted *Unitary Development Plan* policies are saved for three years from the date of their adoption. The *Local Development Scheme* explains the authorities approach to saved policies.

Site specific allocations of Land – a *Development Plan Document* containing allocations of sites for specific or mixed uses for development and associated policies for their delivery.

Spatial Planning – goes beyond traditional land use planning to bring together and integrate policies for the development and use of land with other policies and programmes which influence the nature of places and how they function (including the Community Plan and strategies for education, health, social inclusion, waste, biodiversity, recycling and environmental protection).

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) - sets out the standards which authorities will achieve with regard to involving local communities in the preparation of *local development documents* and development control decisions. The statement of community Involvement is not a *development plan document* but is subject to independent examination.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – a generic term used to describe environmental assessment as applied to policies, plans and programmes. The European ‘SEA Directive’ (2001/42/EC) requires a formal ‘environmental assessment of certain plans and programmes, including those in the field of planning and land use’.

Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – provide supplementary information in respect of the policies in *Development Plan Documents*. They do not form part of the Development Plan and are not subject to independent examination but can be a *material consideration* in the determination of planning applications.

Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) – an SPG may cover a range of issues, both thematic and site specific and provide further detail of policies and proposals in the *Unitary Development Plan*. Existing Supplementary Planning Guidance can be saved where linked to *saved policies* under the transitional arrangements.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA) – tool for appraising policies to ensure they reflect sustainable development and equality objectives (i.e. social, environmental and economic factors) and required in the Act to be undertaken for all local development documents.

Sustainable Development – a widely used definition of sustainable development was drawn up by the World Commission on Environment and Development in 1987: "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

Unitary Development Plan (UDP) – statutory document produced by the Council under the old planning system containing policies and proposals for the development of land and buildings. Under the transitional arrangements of the new national planning system the policies of the Wolverhampton UDP, adopted in June 2006, will be saved for a period of 3 years from the date of their adoption.

Saved Policies (June 2006 – June 2009)

APPENDIX B

Below is a list of UDP policies that the Council intends to save for an initial period of three years from the date of their adoption (this list may change subject to the remaining stages of the UDP adoption process as set out in paragraph 1.3.2.

PART 1

Chapters 1, 2 & 3	
Policy S1:	Strategic Regeneration Areas
Policy S2:	Strategic Regeneration Corridors
Policy S3:	Local Area and Neighbourhood Renewal
Policy S4:	Mixed Use Development
Policy D1:	Design Quality
Policy D10:	Community Safety (part)
Policy D11:	Access for People with Disabilities (part)
Policy EP1:	Pollution Control
Policy EP13:	Waste and Development (part)
Policy EP16:	Energy Conservation
Policy HE1:	Preservation of Local Character and Distinctiveness (part)
Policy N1:	Promotion of Nature Conservation (part)
Policy G1:	Protection of the Green Belt
Policy B1:	Economic Prosperity
Policy B2:	Balanced Portfolio of Employment Land
Policy SH1:	Centres Strategy
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Policy AM1:	Access and Mobility (part)
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Policy IMR4:	Monitoring and Review

PART 2

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Policy HE20	Demolition of a Local List Building or Site
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Policy HE22	Protection and Enhancement of the Canal Network
Policy HE23	Bradley Arm of the Birmingham Canal
Policy HE24	Management and Protection of Archaeological Sites
Policy HE25	Sites and Monuments Record
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Policy N9	Protection of Wildlife Species
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Policy B4	Expansion of Existing Businesses
Policy B5	Design Standards for Employment Sites
Policy B6	Offices
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Policy B10	Redevelopment of Business Land and Premises
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Policy SH4	Integration of Development into Centres
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Policy C5	Health Service Improvements
Policy C6	New Cross Hospital
Policy C7	Medical Practices in Residential Areas
Policy C8	Access to Medical Practices
Policy C9	Cemetery Provision
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Policy R3	Protection of Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities
Policy R4	Development Adjacent to Open Spaces

Policy R5	Sports Grounds
Policy R6	The Greenway Network
Policy R7	Open Space Requirements for New Development
Policy R8	Dual-use of Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities
Policy R9	New Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities
Policy R10	Floodlighting and Synthetic Turf Pitches
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Policy H4	Housing Allocations
Policy H5	Housing Renewal and Neighbourhood Renewal
Policy H6	Design of Housing Development
Policy H7	Conversion of Buildings from Non-Residential to Residential Use
Policy H8	Open Space, Sport and Recreation Requirements for New Housing Developments
Policy H9	Housing Density and Mix
Policy H10	Affordable Housing
Policy H11	Special Needs Housing
Policy H12	Residential Care Homes
Policy H13	Sites for Travelling People
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Policy AM1	Access, Mobility and New Development (part)
Policy AM2	Strategic Regeneration Areas and Corridors – Transport Investment
Policy AM3	Major Transport Schemes
Policy AM4	Strategic Highway Network
Policy AM5	Protection of Highway Improvement Lines
Policy AM6	Transport Assessments
Policy AM7	Travel Plans
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Policy AM9	Provision for Pedestrians
Policy AM10	Provision for Cyclists
Policy AM11	Park and Ride
Policy AM12	Parking and Servicing Provision
Policy AM13	Development of Freight Facilities
Policy AM14	Minimising the Effect of Traffic on Communities
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Policy CC7	Cultural Quarter
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Policy CC10	Chapel Ash
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Chapter 16: Bilston Town Centre	
Policy BTC1	Bilston Town Centre Wide Initiatives
Policy BTC2	Mount Pleasant Area
Policy BTC3	Historic Core
Policy BTC4	The Primary Shopping Area

Policy BTC5	Western Gateway
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Chapter 17: Wednesfield Village Centre	
Policy WVC1	The High Street / Market Retail Core (Primary Shopping Area)
Policy WVC2	Improved Linkages and Connectivity
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Policy WVC4	Short Stay Car Parking
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Policy WVC6	Frontage Use Policy
Policy WVC7	Housing
Policy WVC8	Employment Uses
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Proposals Map

City Wide Proposals Map
Wolverhampton City Centre inset map
Bilston Town Centre inset map
Wednesfield Village Centre inset map

List of existing Supplementary Planning Documents

APPENDIX C

Theme based SPGs ¹

Title of SPG	Published	Link to Saved Policy
Day Nurseries	July 1995	C3
Access and Facilities for People with Disabilities	November 1995	D11 & CC5
Places of Worship	February 1996	Chapters 4, 6 & C1
Residential Development	April 1996	Chapter 13
Extension to Houses	April 1996	Chapter 4 & H6
Outdoor Advertisements & Signs	April 1996	EP19
Business, Industrial & Warehousing Development	October 1996	Chapter 9
Shopfront Design Guide	November 1996	Chapter 4 & HE11
The Provision of Public Art	January 1998	D14
Telecommunications	January 2002	EP20

Area based SPGs (Area Action Plans)

St John's Urban Village Framework Plan	April 1999	S1 & CC9
Wolverhampton Canalside Quarter Implementation Plan and appendices	December 2000	S1 & CC12
Bilston Town Centre Strategy	November 2001	S1, Chapter 16 & SH6
All Saints and Blakenhall Community Development New Deal for Communities Masterplan	May 2003	S1 & CC11

Site based SPGs (Development Briefs) ²

Land at Wolverhampton Street, Bilston	November 1994	S4
Land adjacent to 19 High Street, Bilston	November 1994	BTC4
Royal Hospital Development Area, City Centre	November 1996	CC11, H1 & H4
St George's Ringway, Melbourne Street, City Centre	November 1996	CC11
Land at Harbour Edge, Bowker Street	February 1997	H1 & H4
Town Markets Development Area, City Centre	June 1997	CC6 & CC9
Land at the Junction of Oxford Street & Black Country Route, Bilston	October 1997	BTC3
Land at Qualcast Road, Wolverhampton	July 1998	B3
Wolverhampton Science Park: Area I North	May 1998	B3
Rydal Green	July 1999	S2, H1 & H5
Old Hall Street Masterplan	February 2000	C9
Chetton Green, Fordhouses	April 2000	H1 & H5
Land at Gordon Street, All Saints Masterplan	September 2000	C11, H1 & H4
The Mayfield, Willenhall Road, Old Heath	Late 2000	H1 & H5
GKN Site: Birmingham New Road, Parkfields	Late 2000	H1 & H4
Land at Mount Pleasant, Bilston	December 2000	BTC2
Former Bilston Girls' High School, Green Lanes, Bilston	January 2001	H1 & H4
Former Tettenall Council Office Buildings and Premises, Wolverhampton	January 2001	H1 & H4
Bushbury Triangle	November 2001	H1 & H5
Little Brickkiln Street, City Centre	February 2002	CC9, H1 & H4
Cross Street South, Wolverhampton	July 2003	H4
St John's Urban Village, Church Street Development Site	June 2003	CC9, H1 & H4
St John's Urban Village, The Fox Hotel and Adjoining Car Park	June 2003	CC9
Springfield Brewery	March 2004	CC12, H1 & H4
Tarran Bungalows, Selbourne Crescent, East Park	July 2004	H1 & H5
Cleveland Street, Wolverhampton	December 2003	CC1 & CC6

List of existing Supplementary Planning Documents (prepared under the provision of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004)

Theme based SPDs

Affordable Housing	September 2006	Chapter 13
Planning for Sustainable Communities	April 2008	Plan-wide

Area based SPDs

Wolverhampton City Centre Strategy and Action Plan	January 2005	Chapter 15 & SH5
Wolverhampton Evening Economy Action Plan	January 2005	B1, B13, SH14, SH16 & C2

Site based SPDs (Development Briefs) ²

Steelhouse Lane & cable Street	September 2005	S1, S2, S4, Chapters 9 & 13
Former Farndale School site	February 2006	H1 & H4
Ward Street Masterplan	April 2006	H1 & H4
Portobello	July 2006	H1, H4 & H5
The Orchard, Bilston	December 2008	Chapter 16
Raby Street / Vicarage Road	February 2008	CC11

Notes:

¹ Theme based SPGs to be reviewed (see Table 1 on page 7).

² Development Briefs will be prepared as and when necessary (see paragraph 2.4.3). Development Briefs will no longer apply for sites where development has subsequently taken place.

Local Development Document summaries

APPENDIX D

Title: Joint Core Strategy	Type of LDD: DPD
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Role: Sets out the long term vision for the area and the strategic policies required to deliver that vision.

Aims and Objectives: To provide comprehensive policy coverage of key strategic issues, encourage economic growth, environmental protection and social cohesion and wellbeing.

Area Coverage: The Black Country

Body Leading Production: Wolverhampton City Council in partnership with Dudley MBC, Sandwell MBC and Walsall MBC

Partners/Stakeholders: Full list of formal consultees.

Timetable:

Key LDD Preparation Milestones	Target Date
Commencement of Preparation	November 2006
Public Participation on Issues & Options	July/August 2007
Publication	November 2009
Submission to Secretary of State	March 2010
Pre-examination Meeting	May 2010
Commencement of Examination	July 2010
Adoption	March 2011

Review: The Core Strategy will cover a period of at least 10 years from the date of adoption. The policies contained within the Core Strategy will be monitored through the AMR and any proposed revision of the Core Strategy will be brought forward as appropriate through the LDS.

SA/SEA: Both required.

Community Involvement: In line with SCI.

Examination: Final draft will be submitted to the Secretary of State for external examination.

Title: Wolverhampton City Centre AAP

Type of LDD: DPD

Role: To provide a planning framework for this critical area of change, focussing on implementation and investment.

Aims and Objectives: To provide a framework to deliver planned growth, stimulate regeneration, resolve conflicting land uses and prioritise investment within the City Centre.

Area Coverage: Wolverhampton City Centre

Body Leading Production: Wolverhampton City Council.

Partners/Stakeholders: Full list of formal consultees.

Timetable:

Key LDD Preparation Milestones	Target Date
Commencement of Preparation	October 2007
Public Participation on Issues	September-October 2009
Public Participation on Options	July-August 2010
Publication	February 2011
Submission to Secretary of State	June 2011
Pre-examination Meeting	August 2011
Commencement of Examination	October 2011
Adoption	May 2012

Review: At least every 5 years. This DPD will be kept under review through the AMR and proposed reviews of the DPD will be brought forward as appropriate through the LDS.

SA/SEA: Both required.

Community Involvement: In line with SCI

Examination: Final draft will be submitted to the Secretary of State for external examination.

Title: Stafford Road Corridor AAP

Type of LDD: DPD

Role: To provide a planning framework for this critical area of change, focussing on implementation and investment.

Aims and Objectives: To provide a framework to deliver planned growth, stimulate regeneration, resolve conflicting land uses and prioritise investment within the Stafford Road Corridor.

Area Coverage: Stafford Road Corridor

Body Leading Production: Wolverhampton City Council.

Partners/Stakeholders: Full list of formal consultees.

Timetable:

Key LDD Preparation Milestones	Target Date
Commencement of Preparation	October 2007
Public Participation on Issues	May-June 2009
Public Participation on Options	March 2010
Publication	October 2010
Submission to Secretary of State	February 2011
Pre-examination Meeting	April 2011
Commencement of Examination	June 2011
Adoption	February 2012

Review: At least every 5 years. This DPD will be kept under review through the AMR and proposed reviews of the DPD will be brought forward as appropriate through the LDS.

SA/SEA: Both required.

Community Involvement: In line with SCI

Examination: Final draft will be submitted to the Secretary of State for external examination.

Role: To provide a planning framework for this critical area of change, focussing on implementation and investment.

Aims and Objectives: To provide a framework to deliver planned growth, stimulate regeneration, resolve conflicting land uses and prioritise investment within the Stafford Road Corridor.

Area Coverage: Bilston Corridor

Body Leading Production: Wolverhampton City Council.

Partners/Stakeholders: Full list of formal consultees.

Timetable:

Key LDD Preparation Milestones	Target Date
Commencement of Preparation	October 2007
Public Participation on Issues	September-October 2009
Public Participation on Options	July-August 2010
Publication	February 2011
Submission to Secretary of State	June 2011
Pre-examination Meeting	August 2011
Commencement of Examination	October 2011
Adoption	May 2012

Review: At least every 5 years. This DPD will be kept under review through the AMR and proposed reviews of the DPD will be brought forward as appropriate through the LDS.

SA/SEA: Both required.

Community Involvement: In line with SCI

Examination: Final draft will be submitted to the Secretary of State for external examination.

Role: The allocation of land for individual or a mix of uses, including policies relating to the delivery of specific allocations.

Aims and Objectives: To clearly identify suitable, available, accessible and sustainable sites for a variety of uses within Wolverhampton. To identify sufficient land to accommodate housing and employment land requirements. To provide policies relating to the delivery of development on allocated sites that is of a high design quality and in line with sustainability objectives.

Area Coverage: City-wide.

Body Leading Production: Wolverhampton City Council.

Partners/Stakeholders: Full list of formal consultees.

Timetable:

Key LDD Preparation Milestones	Target Date
Commencement of Preparation	January 2009
Public Participation on Issues and Options	April 2011
Publication	March 2012
Submission to Secretary of State	July 2012
Pre-examination Meeting	September 2012
Commencement of Examination	November 2012
Adoption	May 2013

Review: At least every 5 years. This DPD will be kept under review through the AMR and proposed reviews of the DPD will be brought forward as appropriate through the LDS.

SA/SEA: Both required.

Community Involvement: In line with SCI

Examination: Final draft will be submitted to the Secretary of State for external examination.

Role: To provide further explanation of the policies relating to the provision of open space, sport and recreation facilities in new development contained within DPDs, to provide minimum standards for different types of development and offer guidance on how to comply with these standards.

Aims and Objectives: To set clear local standards for open space, sport and recreation facility provision as part of new development. To provide standards for different types of development, in terms of quantity, quality and accessibility.

Area Coverage: City-wide.

Body Leading Production: Wolverhampton City Council.

Partners/Stakeholders: Relevant statutory bodies including Sport England and the National Playing Fields Association.

Timetable:

Key LDD Preparation Milestones	Target Date
Commencement of Preparation	November 2006
Public Participation on Preferred Options	N/A
Submission to Secretary of State	N/A
Period of Formal Consultation	June/July 2009
Pre-examination Meeting	N/A
Commencement of Examination	N/A
Adoption	August 2009

Review: Periodically when necessary.

SA/SEA: May be required.

Community Involvement: In line with SCI.

Examination: Formal consultation period followed by the consideration of comments, revision where appropriate and adoption by the Council.

Role: To provide further explanation of the policies relating to access and facilities for people with disabilities contained within DPDs, offer guidance on how to comply with these policies and how to satisfy the objectives embodied in them.

Aims and Objectives: To maintain and improve the quality of life for people with disabilities by providing technical design advice. To assist and educate designers, the construction industry and building, road and landscape providers to design, build and provide an environment which enables people with disabilities to participate in and contribute to the life of the City.

Area Coverage: City-wide.

Body Leading Production: Wolverhampton City Council.

Partners/Stakeholders: The Disability Rights Commission, Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee, Wolverhampton Shopmobility along with other relevant consultees.

Timetable:

Key LDD Preparation Milestones	Target Date
Commencement of Preparation	May 2007
Public Participation on Preferred Options	N/A
Submission to Secretary of State	N/A
Period of Formal Consultation	December 2008-February 2009
Pre-examination Meeting	N/A
Commencement of Examination	N/A
Adoption	May 2009

Review: Periodically when necessary.

SA/SEA: May be required.

Community Involvement: In line with SCI.

Examination: Formal consultation period followed by the consideration of comments, revision where appropriate and adoption by the Council

Role: To provide further explanation of the policies relating to the design of shopfronts contained within DPDs, offer guidance on how to comply with these policies and how to satisfy the objectives embodied in them.

Aims and Objectives: To provide guidance on a number of principles and practices related to the design of shopfronts. To provide a clear and flexible design framework. To encourage and promote good shopfront design.

Area Coverage: Citywide

Body Leading Production: Wolverhampton City Council.

Partners/Stakeholders: English Heritage, CABE, local businesses and other organisations where relevant.

Timetable:

Key LDD Preparation Milestones	Target Date
Commencement of Preparation	December 2007
Public Participation on Preferred Options	N/A
Submission to Secretary of State	N/A
Period of Formal Consultation	January 2010
Pre-examination Meeting	N/A
Commencement of Examination	N/A
Adoption	May 2010

Review: Periodically when necessary.

SA/SEA: As required.

Community Involvement: In line with SCI.

Examination: Formal consultation period followed by the consideration of comments, revision where appropriate and adoption by the Council.

Title: Bilston High Street Link

Type of LDD: SPD

Role: To provide a planning context outlining the development opportunities between the Bilston Urban Village Project and Bilston Town Centre, and the type of development expected or encouraged by local planning policies.

Aims and Objectives: To encourage linkages to be established between the ongoing Bilston Urban Village Project and Bilston Town Centre

Area Coverage: Bilston, High Street Link

Body Leading Production: Wolverhampton City Council.

Partners/Stakeholders: Property owners, local residents, businesses and other organisations where relevant.

Timetable:

Key LDD Preparation Milestones	Target Date
Commencement of Preparation	January 2008
Public Participation on Preferred Options	N/A
Submission to Secretary of State	N/A
Period of Formal Consultation	October-November 2008
Pre-examination Meeting	N/A
Commencement of Examination	N/A
Adoption	April 2009

Review: Periodically when necessary.

SA/SEA: As required.

Community Involvement: In line with SCI.

Examination: Formal consultation period followed by the consideration of comments, revision where appropriate and adoption by the Council.

Role: Report to be prepared on an annual basis to review the plan making process and effect of policies contained within LDDs.

Aims and Objectives: To monitor the effectiveness and progress of the policies and proposals within the Local Development Framework and review progress made in meeting milestones set out in the LDS program for LDD preparation.

Area Coverage: All LDDs.

Body Leading Production: Wolverhampton City Council.

Partners/Stakeholders: N/A

Timetable:

Key LDD Preparation Milestones	Target Date
Commencement of Preparation	1 st April each year.
Public Participation on Preferred Options	N/A
Submission to Secretary of State	By December each year
Period of Formal Consultation	N/A
Pre-examination Meeting	N/A
Commencement of Examination	N/A
Adoption	No formal adoption

Review: Annually.

SA/SEA: N/A

Community Involvement: N/A

Examination: Submission to Secretary of State.