

Mansfield District Council

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Local Development Scheme (LDS)

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is the timetable for producing the planning documents that will make up the Local Plan, when documents will be produced and when you can expect to get involved. An LDS is required under Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).
- 1.2 The LDS must specify:
 - the local development documents which are to be development plan documents;
 - the subject matter and geographical area to which each development plan document is to relate;
 - which development plan documents (if any) are to be prepared jointly with one or more other local planning authorities;
 - any matter or area in respect of which the authority have agreed (or propose to agree) to the constitution of a joint committee¹;
 - the timetable for the preparation and revision of the development plan documents; and
 - such other matters as are prescribed.
- 1.3 The LDS will be published and kept up to date on the Council's website:<https://www.mansfield.gov.uk/local-plan/local-plan-2013-2033-2>
- 1.4 Following changes in Legislation in 2011 and 2012 (through the Localism Act 2011 and updated Town and Country (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012), there is no longer a requirement for local planning authorities to specify the timetables for producing other planning documents such as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD's), the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in the LDS. However, the Council is aware that this is useful information that should be publicly available. Consequently, a list of those the Council is proposing to prepare and review is included in this document.

¹ Under section 29 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

2.0 The Current Development Plan

- 2.1 The “Development Plan” comprises one or more “adopted “development plan documents”. Planning applications have to be decided in line with the relevant local planning authority’s (LPA) development plan, unless there is a very good reason (material consideration) not to do so.
- 2.2 The statutory development plan for Mansfield is currently comprised of the following:

1- The Mansfield District Local Plan 2013 - 2033

The Mansfield Local Plan 2013 – 2033 was formally adopted by Mansfield District Council on 8 September 2020 at its meeting of Full Council.

The Local Plan was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for Examination on 19 December 2018. The Inspector’s Report concluded that, with the recommended main modifications set out in the report, the Mansfield Local Plan satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and meets the criteria for soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Local Plan replaced the saved policies of the 1998 Mansfield District Local Plan.

The Mansfield District Local Plan 2013-2033 now forms part of the statutory development plan, which means that it has full weight in determining planning applications.

The adopted Local Plan can be viewed at:

<https://www.mansfield.gov.uk/local-plan/adopted-local-plan-2013-2033>

2- Nottingham County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plans and saved policies

Saved policies in the adopted Waste Local Plan January 2002

Policies in the Waste Local Plan could only be saved beyond 27 September 2007 if directed by the Secretary of State. Following submissions by the County and City Councils the Secretary of State directed that all Waste Local Plan policies be saved until replaced by new adopted policies, with the following three exceptions:

- W2.1 - Hierarchy of Waste Management Options
- W3.2 - Planning Obligations
- W3.24 - Protected Species

The original Waste Local Plan was adopted in January 2002. It was partially replaced by the Waste Core Strategy (adopted in December 2013).

Waste Core Strategy-adopted December 2013

A number of policies have now been replaced following the adoption of the Waste Core Strategy in December 2013 which estimates needs to 2031.

Details are set out in Appendix 1 of the Waste Core Strategy:

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/waste-development-plan/part-1-waste-core-strategy

Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council are working together to prepare a new Waste Local Plan which will replace the previous Adopted Waste Local Plan (2002) and the Waste Core Strategy (2013).

The new Waste Local Plan will provide the future planning strategy for waste management in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham until 2038. A draft was published for comment in February 2022 to April 2022.²

Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan 2021

Nottinghamshire County Council adopted the Minerals Local Plan on 25 March 2021³. This replaces saved policies from the previous Minerals Local Plan.

The new Minerals Local Plan covers the period to 2036 and sets out how the quantity of minerals likely to be needed in the County and site specific allocations to meet identified demand and a range of planning policies against which future minerals development will be assessed.

3.0 Emerging development plan documents

- 3.1 Work is currently underway on preparing development plan documents which will form part of the statutory “Development Plan” for the Mansfield District as follows:

A- Nottinghamshire Waste and Minerals Local Plans

Nottinghamshire County Council are responsible for preparing development plan documents covering minerals and waste. The County Council is

² <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/waste-development-plan/new-waste-local-plan>

³ <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/minerals-local-plan/adopted-minerals-local-plan>

responsible for preparing a separate Local Development Scheme setting out details for the preparation of Minerals and Waste Local Plans which can be viewed at:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/3655013/mineralsandwastedevelopmentscheme.pdf>

B-The Mansfield Local Plan Review

This is the key development plan document for the district.

Scope and content

Mansfield Local Plan Review	
Overview	
Scope and content	<p>The Local Plan will establish the vision, strategic objectives and a spatial strategy setting out how development will be accommodated across Mansfield District for a 15 year time period from the date of the Plan's adoption (up to 2041).</p> <p>The Local Plan will identify the issues to be addressed and a vision to deliver sustainable housing and employment growth in the district up to 2041. It will set out objectives and explain how key policies will be delivered and monitored.</p> <p>The Local Plan will identify key housing and employment land allocations required to meet the district's objectively assessed needs. It will set out the areas of Mansfield District that need protection, including valuable open spaces, areas with high environmental quality, biodiversity and historic value. It will identify the infrastructure needed to make sure that any new developments are sustainable.</p> <p>The Local Plan will contain a policies map of the district showing where land has been identified for different uses such as housing, employment and open space. The policies map will also show designations where specific policy requirements apply. Planning policies will also be set out to make sure that development which comes forward will be sustainable, seeks to mitigate and adapt to climate change and improve the District's biodiversity. Once adopted, the Local Plan will form part of the statutory Development Plan covering Mansfield District, and will be the basis for all planning decisions.</p>
Geographical	District wide
Chain of conformity	National Planning Policy Framework

Mansfield Local Plan Review timetable

Stage	Period	Progress/ Status
1 Consultation on Local Plan Issues (Regulation 18 – stage 1) and SA Scoping Report	Spring 2023	<p>The Local Plan (issues) paper seeks to identify the key areas that the Local Plan should address.</p> <p>Need to produce Regulation 18 ‘issues’ consultation document and associated material.</p> <p>Need to commission Sustainability Appraisal (SA) scoping report and consult with the statutory bodies.</p> <p>Consultation responses need to be considered.</p>
2 Evidence gathering	Ongoing until summer 2025	<p>The Local Plan will need to be supported by a wide-ranging, robust and up to date evidence base.</p> <p>The Council will continue to update the evidence base during all stages of plan production. Updated evidence will be made available on the Council’s web-site.</p>
3 Duty to cooperate	Ongoing	<p>The Council will engage with strategic partners including adjoining local authorities, and infrastructure providers throughout the development of the Local Plan.</p>
4 Consultation on Local Plan Alternative options (Regulation 18 – stage 2) and SA Report	Summer 2024	<p>The Local Plan (alternative options) paper seeks to set out the strategy, policy and allocation options that the Local Plan should address. Need to produce Regulation 18 – stage 2 consultation document and associated material.</p> <p>Need to commission SA scoping report and consult with the statutory bodies.</p> <p>Consultation responses need to be considered.</p>
5 Publication of Local Plan	Summer 2025	<p>Representations on the publication version of the Local Plan and accompanying SA sought.</p> <p>Collating all responses to enable submission.</p>

Stage	Period	Progress/ Status
6 Submission of Local Plan	Autumn 2025	Submission of the Local Plan and accompanying documents to the Secretary of State for examination.
7 Examination hearing sessions	Winter / Spring 2026	Hearing sessions
8 Proposed modifications	Summer / Autumn 2026	Consider post hearing session modifications. Consult on modifications (and associated SA addendum)
9 Adopt Local Plan	Winter 2026/2027	Report findings of Local Plan examination to Council seeking to adopt the Local Plan

B - Warsop Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Since April 2012, local communities have been able to produce Neighbourhood Plans for their local areas, putting in place planning policies for the future development and growth of the neighbourhood. Similar to a local plan, it can contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving an area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development. A neighbourhood plan will be subject to examination and referendum. Where they are brought into force, they will form part of the development plan. This statutory status gives neighbourhood plans more weight than other community documents such as parish plans, community plans and village design statements.

Within Mansfield district, there is only one parish council (Warsop Parish Council) and no neighbourhood forums have been designated. Warsop Parish Council are currently considering whether to prepare a neighbourhood plan but have not yet submitted it to the district council for formal consultation. An updated timetable will be published for the preparation of the Warsop Neighbourhood Plan once this is available.

Warsop Neighbourhood Development Plan 2016-2033	
Overview	
Scope and content	Preparation of the Warsop NDP is being considered by Warsop parish Council and would set out relevant planning policies for the Parish.
Geographical	Warsop Parish
Chain of conformity	National Planning Policy Framework, Mansfield Local Plan/ Saved Policies.

Warsop NDP timetable

There is no requirement to publish a timetable for preparing the NDP. Further information can be found at: <http://www.warsopparishcouncil.co.uk/> and <https://www.mansfield.gov.uk/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning-1>

4.0 Other Planning Policy Documents

- 4.1 In addition to the Local Plan the council may also preparing other planning policy documents which will supplement the policies and assist the delivery of the Local Plan:

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD's):

- 4.2 These documents provide further guidance and information relating to one or more specific policies or proposals set out in the Local Plan. Although they are not part of the statutory development plan they will be a material consideration in considering relevant planning proposals.

Current proposed SPDs

Document	Commence	Consultation Period	Adoption	Purposes
Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document	Early 2021	Completed	Adopted 20 th September 2022	This document will provide detailed information on planning obligations required under particular Local Plan policies.
Mansfield Town Centre Masterplan	Early 2020	Completed	Summer 2023	This document will provide further guidance to the policies set out within the retail chapter of the Local Plan. It sets a framework for the regeneration of Mansfield Town Centre.
Affordable Housing SPD	Early 2020	January to March 2023	Summer 2023	This document will provide further guidance to support policy H4 of the Local Plan.

Green Infrastructure SPD	Early 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	This document will provide further guidance to support policy IN4 of the Local Plan related to green infrastructure.
Biodiversity Net Gain SPD	Early 2022	January to March 23	Sumer 2023	This document will provide further guidance to support policy NE2 of the Local Plan related to related to biodiversity net gain.
Sustainable Drainage Systems SPD	Early 2022	Completed	Sumer 2023	This document will provide further guidance to support policy CC3 of the Local Plan related to sustainable drainage.

- 4.3 The Council also produces the following documents which do not contain planning policies but which national planning policy and legislation requires the council to produce:
- 4.4 Statement of Community Involvement –The purpose of the document is to set out how we will work with local communities and stakeholders to develop planning policy documents such as the Mansfield Local Plan or guidance on specific issues.
- 4.5 You can view the SCI on the Council's website:
<http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/planningconsultation>

- 4.6 The Council should update the Statement of Community Involvement every 5 years but may update it more frequently if appropriate. MDC will undertake consultation on any new draft document before adoption.
- 4.7 Annual Monitoring Reports – The Council produces a number of annual monitoring reports covering housing, employment and retail as well as the Authority Monitoring Report.
See http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/planningpolicy_info

5.0 Monitoring and Review

- 5.1 This LDS will be reviewed and updated regularly to maintain a flexible and realistic timetable for document production, ensuring that production programmes are aligned with resources. Updates will be published on the Mansfield District Council web-site and progress on delivery of plans will be tracked through the Annual Monitoring Reports. To check for the latest update to the LDS at any time and key updates to specific stages in the preparation of the Local Plan visit the Mansfield District Council's website:
<https://www.mansfield.gov.uk/local-plan/local-plan-2013-2033-2>

6.0 Potential Risks to Local Plan Programme

Internal Resources

- 6.1 Ensuring an adequate budget to retain and recruit staff and pay for consultants to complete specialist aspects of evidence gathering is a key risk in meeting the timetable of the LDS. This risk can be partly managed through the consideration of seconding staff from elsewhere within the Council to support the Policy Team when appropriate, and ensuring the correct skills are developed in house and budgets are kept under review as work progresses on the Local Plan.
- 6.2 The work, and staffing in the team, both in terms of number of staff and expertise, will be monitored carefully to ensure that the work programme remains realistic and achievable. Where necessary the Council will employ additional temporary staffing/ specialist resources.

Soundness / Legal Challenge

- 6.3 Unexpected and untimely changes in Government guidance or the interpretation of legislation by practitioners and PINS, usually demonstrated though other Examinations and sources is a key risk to the adoption of a Local Plan. To mitigate this risk, PINS will continue to be kept informed of Mansfield's progress with its emerging Local Plan so that they can alert the Council to any concerns regarding its soundness. In this context the Council will seek an advisory visit by PINS prior to the publication of the Draft Local

Plan (publication Version). In addition, decisions issued by PINS and commentary within the industry and government will be monitored to ensure soundness is maintained.

Political Change at National / Local Level

- 6.4 Political change at national level can lead to changes in government policy whilst political changes at the local level can lead to differences in opinion for delivering a spatial strategy. To mitigate this risk, at national level regard will be had to any transitional arrangements provided. At the local level, regular member training on government policy coupled with an emphasis on regular updates on the updating of the date evidence base will seek to address such political changes.

7.0 Further information

- 7.1 If you want to find out more, please contact us

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