



Executive
15 November 2010

**Report from the Director of
Regeneration and Major Projects**

Wards affected:
ALL

Brent LDF – Revised Local Development Scheme

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report asks Executive to endorse the proposed Local Development Scheme (LDS). It sets out the timetable for the preparation, consultation on, and adoption of documents which will comprise the Council's Local Development Framework.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Executive agrees the proposed Local Development Scheme timetable at Appendix 1 as a basis for the continued preparation of the LDF, and for inclusion in submission of a revised LDS to the Secretary of State and the Mayor of London.

3.0 Detail

Introduction

- 3.1 As part of the process of producing the Local Development Framework (LDF) the Council is required to prepare, and keep up-to-date, a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS indicates which documents the Council is proposing to produce as part of the LDF as well as setting out a timetable for their production. The last LDS was approved in March 2009 and is now out-of-date.
- 3.2 Progress with key elements of the LDF has been relatively good with the Core Strategy adopted in July 2010 being the first in West London, and the Site Specific Allocations DPD currently being examined and likely to be adopted by

June next year. Good progress has also been made on the preparation of SPD for local areas of the Borough, with the Wembley Masterplan adopted in June 2009, and the draft Alperton and Wembley Link SPDs undergoing public consultation that will be reported to Executive in early 2011. However, reductions in resources available to the Planning Service means that certain other key elements of the LDF will have to be delayed beyond the timescale set out in the LDS agreed in March 2009. In particular, it is proposed that the Development Management Policies DPD, which was originally scheduled for public consultation in September 2011, be put back to early 2012. This will allow for the consultation on a Wembley Area Action Plan, needed to fulfil commitments in the Examination of the Core Strategy to pull together the various strands of policy and guidance that exists, as well as to update policy from the Wembley Regeneration Area chapter of the UDP adopted in 2004.

3.3 Another DPD which forms part of Brent's LDF, and which is fairly advanced in its preparation, is the joint West London Waste DPD. It is intended that a draft of this will be brought forward to Executive to agree for public consultation in December 2010.

3.4 It is proposed that for the purposes of submission to the Secretary of State and the Mayor of London, that the revised LDS will have effect from 1st January 2011.

3.5 The proposed LDS timetable, including a gant chart showing key milestones for all the DPDs and SPDs proposed, is included at Appendix 1. Planning Committee considered this timetable at its meeting on 20th October 2010. Planning Committee recommends to the Executive that this timetable be agreed.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 Since the Government abolished the Housing and Planning Delivery Grant in June, there are no longer any financial benefits to the Council from progressing the Development Plan Documents of the LDF according to a timetable established by the LDS. Nevertheless, it remains a statutory requirement to prepare an LDS and to keep it up to date. The timetable set out for progressing the LDF documents up to Examination can be achieved from the existing Planning Service budget.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The preparation of the LDF, including the LDS, is governed by a statutory process set out in Government planning guidance and regulations. The LDSs of London Boroughs must be submitted to the Mayor of London and the Secretary of State, who then have an opportunity to direct changes to it. If they do not direct changes then it takes effect after a prescribed period.

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 Full statutory public consultation has been carried out in preparing the Core Strategy and an Impact Needs / Requirement Assessment (INRA), which

assessed the process of preparing the Core Strategy, was prepared and made available in November 2008. An INRA was also produced in 2006 on the process of producing SPDs. Consultation involving all sections of the community is an integral and statutory part of the LDF process and will be an important aspect of producing additional local development documents.

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications

- 7.1 There are no accommodation implications arising directly from this report. The revised timetable for preparing the various local development documents of the LDF is based upon current levels of staffing in the Planning Service. Further changes in staffing levels would require review of this timetable.

8.0 Environmental Implications

- 8.1 The Local Development Framework will have a major impact upon the environment, particularly as it relates to new development and the protection of local character and open space. It includes policy to help mitigate against the effects of climate change resulting from new development. Sustainability appraisal is a fundamental part of producing the LDF.

9.0 Background Papers

London Borough of Brent LDF – Local Development Scheme, March 2009
Brent UDP, 2004
Brent Core Strategy, 2010
Brent Site Specific Allocations DPD, Submission Version, June 2010
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England)
(Amendment) Regulations 2008

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Appendix 1 Proposed Revised Local Development Scheme Timetable

DPD	2010				2011				2012				2013			
	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sept	Oct - Dec
Core Strategy			Blue													
SSAs DPD		Red	Green	Green	Light Blue	Blue										
Development policies DPD							Purple	Pink	Red	Yellow	Green	Light Blue	Blue	Green	Light Blue	Blue
Wembley JAP DPD					Purple	Yellow		Pink	Red	Green	Green	Light Blue	Blue			
Joint Waste DPD					Yellow		Blue	Pink	Red	Green	Green	Light Blue	Blue			
Design Guide for New Development SPD				Purple	Yellow		Blue									
Extending Your Home SPD				Purple	Yellow		Blue									
Front Gardens Guide				Purple	Yellow		Blue									
Alperion Masterplan SPD		Purple		Yellow	Blue											
Wembley Link SPD		Purple		Yellow	Blue											
South Kilburn SPD						Purple	Yellow		Blue							
Bridge Park SPD			Purple		Yellow	Blue										
Burnt Oak/Colindale Development Framework SPD						Purple	Yellow		Blue							
Housing SPD					Purple	Yellow		Blue								

Key

- Evidence gathering stage
- Initial consultation on draft plan
- Consultation before submission
- Submission of DPD to Secretary of State
- Pre-examination meeting
- Examination
- Inspector's report & incorporate Inspector's recommendations
- Adoption



Development Plan Documents	Work Commences	Public Consultation	Submit	Exam	Adopt
Core Strategy	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	July10
Site Specific Allocations DPD	N/A	N/A	Jun10	Nov10	May11
Wembley Area Action Plan DPD	Feb11	Jun11	Feb12	Jun12	Dec12
Development Policies DPD	Sept11	April12	Dec12	April13	Oct13
Joint Waste DPD	N/A	Feb11	Jan12	May12	Nov12
Supplementary Planning Documents					
Wembley Masterplan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	June09
Design Guide for New Devt.	Dec10	Feb11	N/A	N/A	Jul11
Extending Your Home	ongoing	Feb11	N/A	N/A	Jul11
Front Gardens Guide	ongoing	Feb11	N/A	N/A	Jul11
Alperton Masterplan SPD	Jun10	Nov10	N/A	N/A	Mar11
Wembley Link SPD	Jun10	Nov10	N/A	N/A	Mar11
South Kilburn SPD	Jun11	Sept11	N/A	N/A	Mar12
Bridge Park SPD	Sept10	Feb11	N/A	N/A	Jul12
Burnt Oak / Colindale Devt Framework	May11	Sept11	N/A	N/A	Mar12
Housing SPD	Mar11	Jun11	N/A	N/A	Dec11