



Lewisham Local Development Framework

Local Development Scheme

PLANNING POLICY

Version 6

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Note

This document replaces the Local Development Scheme which was brought into effect on the 23rd September 2010

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PREFACE

This version of the Lewisham Local Development Scheme (LDS Version 6, 2012) replaces the LDS brought into effect on 23rd September 2010. The Council has revised its LDS to take into account the implications of new government planning guidance and legislation and changing local circumstances.

Document control

LDS VERSION	BROUGHT INTO EFFECT	SUPERSEDED
1	19 May 2005	14 June 2006
2	14 June 2006	17 October 2007
3	17 October 2007	23 April 2008
4	23 April 2008	23 September 2010
5	23 September 2010	28 November 2012
6	28 November 2012	

1. Introduction

The Lewisham Local Development Scheme (LDS) is the **project plan** for how and when the Council will prepare Local Plans. Local Plans set out the statutory planning policies for the borough that are used in the assessment and determination of planning applications. The Council is required to prepare a LDS by law and keep it up to date. The LDS identifies all the documents that will be Local Plans and the timetable for their production.

The purpose of this LDS is:

1. To let everyone with an interest in planning for Lewisham know what documents will make up the local planning framework and the timetable for their preparation.
2. To let people know when key stages of consultation are planned so they can get involved in influencing or commenting on emerging documents.
3. To establish the Council's priorities for plan preparation and set a work programme for the preparation of Local Plans.

2. Background information

2.1 The planning system

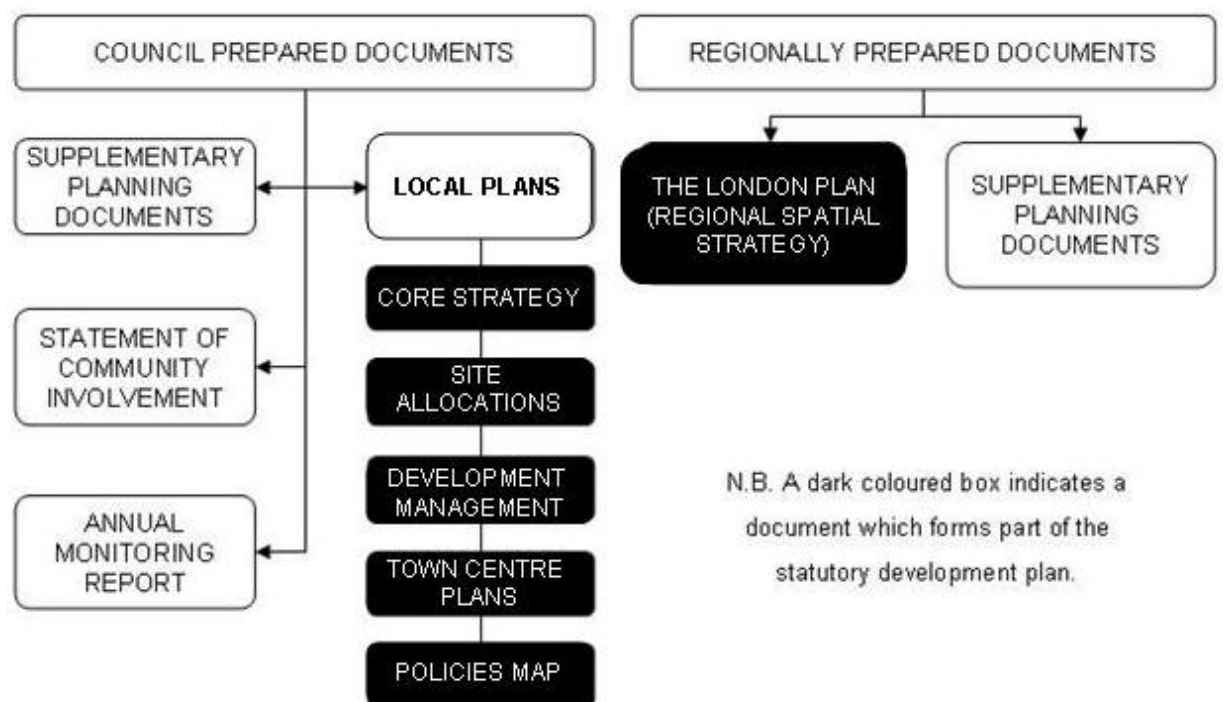
The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced a system of plan making known as the Local Development Framework (LDF) which was a portfolio of planning documents. Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that the local development scheme must set out certain matters related to how the local planning authority is going to plan for development in its area. Section 111 of the Localism Act 2011 amends this section so that local planning authorities will have to publish up to date information direct to the public on the scheme, including their compliance with the timetable for the preparation or revision of development plan documents. The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 refers to Development Plan Documents as Local Plans and to the Proposals Map as the Policies Map. The type of documents which comprise the Development Documents for Lewisham are shown in the table below and in Figure 1.

Document	Purpose
Local Plans	Local Plans are prepared in a formal way which includes consultation with the public and independent testing at a public examination presided over by an inspector appointed by the government. When adopted the council's decisions on planning applications are made in accordance with the content of the Local Plan.
The Policies Map	The graphic representation of the policies and proposals a Local Plan including any saved policies and proposals in the Lewisham UDP. ¹ Each time a new Local Plan replaces the content of the UDP, or makes new policies the Policies Map must be updated to show the effect of any changes.

¹ The Lewisham UDP was adopted in July 2004 and will be superseded by a number of new Local Plans

Document	Purpose
Supplementary planning documents (SPD)	These explain in more detail the application of policy set out in Local Plans. SPDs are subject to public consultation but not independent examination and do not have the same status as Local Plans in the decision making process.
Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	Sets out how the council's Planning Service will involve the community in the preparation, alteration and review of planning documents and in the planning application decision process. The council adopted its SCI in July 2006. ² The SCI is currently under review.
The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)	Reviews the progress on the preparation of the various Local Plans as set out in the LDS. In addition the AMR reviews how effective the policies are and considers if they need to be reviewed and replaced.

Figure 1: Lewisham planning framework



2.2 Chain of conformity

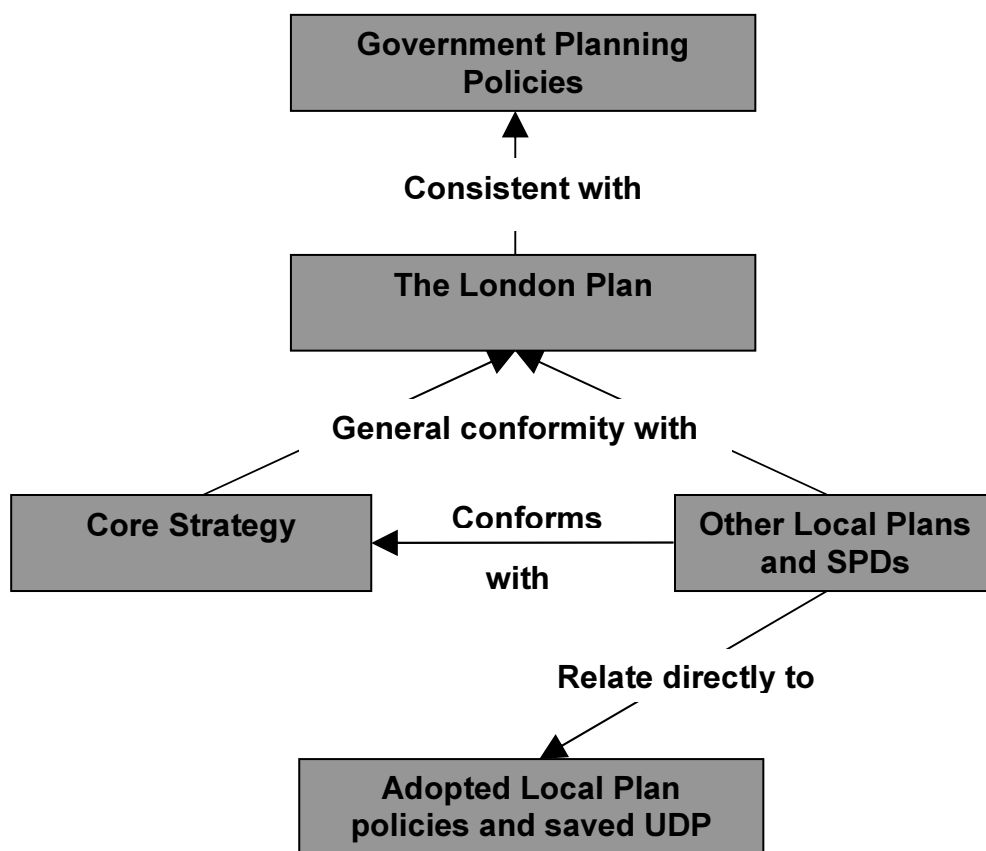
The Council will pursue a clear chain of conformity by respecting both Regional and National Government policy and guidance. This will be established by following the process demonstrated in Figure 2.

² <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/nppf>

National planning policy is contained in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).³ The preparation of planning policies must consider and be consistent with the content of the NPPF.

The Mayor of London has published a series of strategies, supplementary planning guidance and best practice guidance which will be taken into account. The replacement [London Plan](#) was published in July 2011 and acts as the integrating framework for all of the Mayor's strategies.⁴ Lewisham Local Plans must be in 'general conformity' with the published London Plan. Where there is a difference between the policies in the London Plan and the borough's adopted development plan, the most recent plan takes precedence.

Figure 2: Chain of conformity/consistency



2.3 Relationship to the Sustainable Community Strategy and other strategies

[The Sustainable Community Strategy](#)⁵ (Shaping our future: Lewisham Sustainable Community Strategy) or SCS, has been prepared by Lewisham's Local Strategic Partnership and is a document which sets out how the vision and priorities for Lewisham will be achieved. The Lewisham Local Plans will have regard to the SCS and ensure that

³ <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/nppf>

⁴ <http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/planning/londonplan>

⁵ <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/CouncilAndDemocracy/StrategiesPlans/StrategicPlanningFramework/CommunityStrategy.htm>

spatial requirements arising from that strategy are addressed. The Local Plans are in effect the spatial interpretation of the SCS.

There are a number of other strategies that have land-use implications and these will be taken into account in preparing the Local Plans. In particular, the following London Borough of Lewisham strategies and plans will be relevant.

- Children and Young People's Plan
- Air Quality Action Plan
- Carbon Reduction and Climate Change Strategy
- Local Transport Plan (LTP)
- Housing and Homelessness Strategy
- Municipal Waste Strategy
- Energy Strategy
- Physical Activity, Sport and Leisure Strategy
- Local Education Authority School Plan.

2.4 Evidence base

The Local Plans will establish the Council's planning policies. However, in formulating these a large amount of background work needs to be undertaken to underpin the documents. This supporting information will work as an evidence base for policy formation. Many of these documents and studies will be produced either by or for the Council, and some may be produced by or for other organisations.

The main evidence base documents commissioned by the Council associated with the Lewisham Core Strategy are listed in Appendix 1 and have been published on the council's [planning policy website](#).⁶ These documents will also be used as an evidence base in the preparation of other Local Plans.

2.5 Saved UDP policies

Until all the Local Plans are adopted and in place, a number of UDP policies have been saved and continue to form part of Lewisham's statutory Development Plan. The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government issued a Direction to Lewisham on 18 September 2007 that specified policies which continue to be saved for the purpose of assessing and determining planning applications.

The Local Plans (and policies contained within them) will progressively take the place of these saved UDP policies as they are adopted by the Council. It should be noted that the Local Plans will not provide an exact replacement for the UDP. The UDP policies will be reviewed and a judgement made as to whether they are still relevant. As each Local Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination it will include a list of UDP policies that will be superseded.

⁶<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/PlanningPolicy/LocalDevelopmentFramework/LocalDevelopmentFrameworkEvidenceBase/>

In addition to saved UDP policies, the Council considers that all its currently approved Supplementary Planning Guidance is linked to policies saved in the UDP. The Council will therefore continue to use this Supplementary Planning Guidance as a material consideration in determining planning applications. Appendix 2 shows the currently approved Supplementary Planning Guidance and its linkages to saved UDP policies.

3. Programme for the Lewisham Local Plans

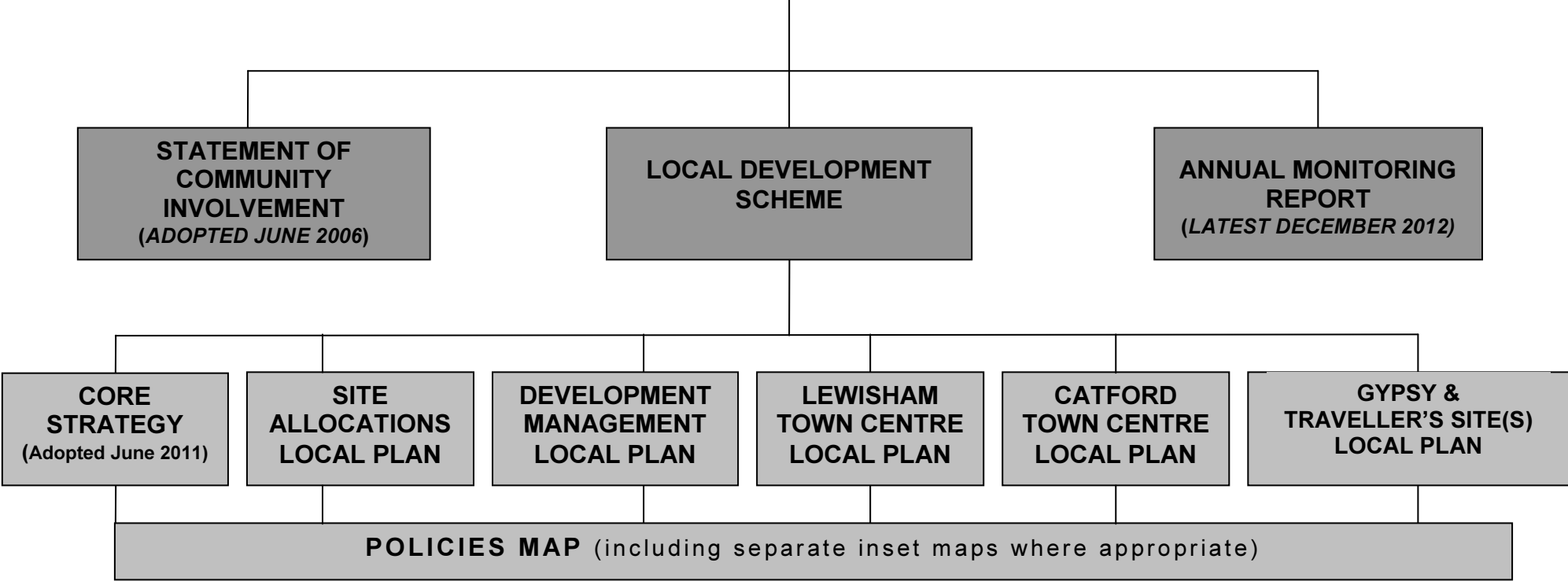
One of the key purposes of preparing this LDS is for the Council to identify the range of Local Plans it is preparing and the detailed timetable for document preparation over the next three years or so. The 2012 LDS Version 6 has been prepared as a result of the implications of new government planning guidance and legislation and changing local circumstances.

These considerations have necessitated a number of alterations to the Local Plans programme, of which the key change is that the adoption date for each of the Local Plans have been reassessed in the light of changing circumstances.

Due to changes in government policy and regulations (Section 180 of the Planning Act 2008) Supplementary Planning Documents have been removed from the production schedule in the main body of this document. However, a list and description of planned and existing SPD work can be viewed in Appendix 3.

Figure 3 on page 9 identifies the range of documents which are (or will be) in preparation some time over the next three years. Figure 4 on page 10 provides the preparation timetable for each Local Plan, while the following pages provide a brief description and the key milestones for each document.

Figure 3: Lewisham Local Development Framework



KEY:

STATUTORY DOCUMENTS

DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS

Figure 4 Local Plan preparation timetable

REVISED LDS TIMETABLE (JANUARY 2013)

DOCUMENTS	START DATE	2012												2013												2014												2015												2016													
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SITE ALLOCATIONS LOCAL PLAN	Jan-05			2	2				S	P			E			R					A																																										
LEWISHAM TOWN CENTRE LOCAL PLAN	Jan-05			2	2				S	P			E			R					A																																										
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CATFORD TOWN CENTRE LOCAL PLAN	Jan-05												1	1				2	2			S	P	E		R		A																																			
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POLICIES MAP	Jun-09																											A	A																					A													
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Public Participation for Publication Document (Reg 19)	2																																																														
Submission of Local Plan (Reg 22)	S																																																														
Pre-examination Meeting	P																																																														
Examination in Public	E																																																														
Inspectors Report	R																																																														
Adoption	A																																																														

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME TIMETABLE

TITLE	SITE ALLOCATIONS LOCAL PLAN		
STATUS	Development Plan Document		
ROLE & CONTENT	The Site Allocations Local Plan will set out the allocated sites except for those set out in the Core Strategy and Lewisham and Catford Town Centre Local Plans. It will identify the locations and sites for specific types of development in order to ensure the vision, objectives and spatial strategy of the Core Strategy are implemented. The broad parameters for development of each site will be listed covering land use and development criteria.		
COVERAGE	Whole Borough	JOINT PRODUCTION	No
CHAIN OF CONFORMITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be consistent with the NPPF • To be in general conformity with the London Plan • To be consistent with the Core Strategy 		
UDP REPLACEMENT	The Site Allocations Local Plan will replace most of the proposals in the UDP Schedule 1. When the Local Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination it will include a list of UDP policies that will be superseded.		
REVIEW	The Site Allocations Local Plan will be reviewed annually as part of the Annual Monitoring Report. However, it is expected that Site Allocations will remain valid for a 10 year period unless the outcome of annual review indicates that replacement is necessary.		
KEY MILESTONES	Public participation on further options	October / November 2010	
	Public participation on publication	March/April 2012	
	Submission of Local Plan	September 2012	
	Pre-Examination meeting if required	November 2012	
	Commencement of the Examination	January 2013	
	Report from Inspector	April 2013	
	Adoption of Local Plan	September 2013	

TITLE	DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT LOCAL PLAN		
STATUS	Development Plan Document		
ROLE & CONTENT	The Development Management Local Plan will set out the main policies and the reasoned justification that will be used to consider planning applications for development or change of use. The policies will generally be criteria based and will focus on issues such as protecting residential amenity; protection of the landscape; nature conservation; addressing highway and transport issues; protecting the viability and vitality of town centres and addressing visual impact issues.		
COVERAGE	Whole Borough	JOINT PRODUCTION	No
CHAIN OF CONFORMITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be consistent with the NPPF • To be in general conformity with the London Plan • To be consistent with the Core Strategy 		
UDP REPLACEMENT	The Development Management Local Plan will replace most of the policies in Part 2 of the UDP. When the Local Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination it will include a list of UDP policies that will be superseded.		
REVIEW	The Development Management Local Plan will be reviewed annually as part of the Annual Monitoring Report. It is expected that Development Management Local Plan will remain valid for a 10 year period unless the outcome of annual review indicates that replacement is necessary.		
KEY MILESTONES	Public participation on further options	December / January 2013	
	Public participation on publication	July / August 2013	
	Submission of Local Plan	November 2013	
	Pre-Examination meeting if required	December 2013	
	Commencement of the Examination	January / February 2014	
	Report from Inspector	March 2014	
	Adoption of Local Plan	May 2014	

TITLE	POLICIES MAP		
STATUS	Development Plan Document		
ROLE & CONTENT	The Policies Map will illustrate on an Ordnance Survey base map all the policies and proposals contained in each Local Plan (and in the interim, any saved policies from the UDP).		
COVERAGE	Whole Borough	JOINT PRODUCTION	No
CHAIN OF CONFORMITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be consistent with the NPPF • To be in general conformity with the London Plan • To graphically show the policies and proposals in all approved Local Plans 		
UDP REPLACEMENT	The Policies Map will replace most of the proposals in Schedule 1 of the UDP and UDP Part 2 policies. When a Local Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination it will include proposed amendments to the existing Policies Map.		
REVIEW	The Policies Map will be constantly under review as the plans / policies depicted on it are reviewed and new plans / policies are proposed and adopted as part of development plan documents.		
KEY MILESTONES	The key milestones for the Policies Map will be the submission and adoption milestones for each Local Plan.		

TITLE	LEWISHAM TOWN CENTRE LOCAL PLAN		
STATUS	Development Plan Document		
ROLE & CONTENT	<p>The Lewisham Town Centre Local Plan (LTCLP) will set out policies and proposals for development in Lewisham Town Centre. It will set out the planning framework for significant change and conservation, and where applicable detailed development management policies. It should be noted that the Lewisham Gateway site is allocated in the Core Strategy and will only be referred to within the LTCLP.</p> <p>Lewisham Town Centre is planned to be the subject of considerable development over the next 10 years, with the Council aiming to improve the centre's standing within the London-wide retail hierarchy and to provide substantial new housing, retail and leisure development. The extent of change envisaged makes it essential that a detailed and location specific planning document is in place to guide and manage future change and to maximise the benefit from the expected development.</p> <p>The LTCLP is intended to stimulate development interest and encourage regeneration projects whilst protecting those areas sensitive to change. It will have a strong implementation focus providing the framework for regeneration initiatives.</p>		
COVERAGE	Lewisham Town Centre (boundary defined in LTCLP)	JOINT PRODUCTION	No
CHAIN OF CONFORMITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be consistent with the NPPF To be in general conformity with the London Plan To be consistent with the Core Strategy Have regard to the Development Management Local Plan and the Site Allocations Local Plan Policies / proposals of LTCLP to be shown graphically on the Policies Map (through an inset) 		
UDP REPLACEMENT	The LTCLP will replace those policies and proposals within the existing UDP that specifically relate to the Lewisham Town Centre. When the Local Plan is submitted to the secretary of state for independent examination it will include a list of UDP policies and proposals that will be superseded.		
REVIEW	The LTCLP will be reviewed annually as part of the Annual Monitoring Report. However, it is expected that the LTCLP will remain valid for a 10 year period unless the outcome of annual review indicates that modifications / replacement is necessary before this.		
KEY MILESTONES	Public participation on further options	April / May 2011	
	Public participation on publication	March / April 2012	
	Submission of Local Plan	September 2012	
	Pre-Examination meeting if required	November 2012	
	Commencement of the Examination	January 2013	
	Report from Inspector	April 2013	
	Adoption of Local Plan	September 2013	

TITLE	CATFORD TOWN CENTRE LOCAL PLAN		
STATUS	Development Plan Document		
ROLE & CONTENT	<p>The Catford Town Centre Local Plan (CTCLP) will set out policies and proposals for the on-going redevelopment and regeneration of Catford Town Centre. It will provide for major redevelopment opportunities, including housing and retail development and facilitate traffic / transport infrastructure changes.</p> <p>In establishing the planning framework for the Catford Town Centre, the CTCLP will provide for significant change and conservation and where appropriate will include detailed development policies. The CTCLP is intended to stimulate development interest and encourage regeneration projects whilst protecting those areas sensitive to change. It will have a strong implementation focus providing the framework for regeneration initiatives.</p>		
COVERAGE	Catford Town Centre (boundary to be defined in CTCLP)	JOINT PRODUCTION	No
CHAIN OF CONFORMITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be consistent with the NPPF • To be in general conformity with the London Plan • To be consistent with the Core Strategy • Have regard to the Development Policies Local Plan and the Site Allocations Local Plan • Policies / proposals of CTCLP to be shown graphically on the Policies Map (through an inset) 		
UDP REPLACEMENT	The CTCLP will replace those policies within the existing UDP that specifically relate to Catford Town Centre. When the Local Plan is submitted to the secretary of state for independent examination it will include a list of UDP policies that will be superseded.		
KEY MILESTONES	Public participation on further options	January / February 2013	
	Public participation on publication	July / August 2013	
	Submission of Local Plan	October 2012	
	Pre-Examination meeting	December 2013	
	Commencement of the Examination	January 2014	
	Report from Inspector	March 2014	
	Adoption of Local Plan	June 2014	

TITLE	GYPSY AND TRAVELLER'S SITE(S) LOCAL PLAN		
STATUS	Development Plan Document		
ROLE & CONTENT	The Gypsy and Traveller's Site(s) Local Plan (GTSLP) will allocate sites to meet the identified local accommodation needs of Gypsy and Traveller communities in the borough..		
COVERAGE	Whole borough	JOINT PRODUCTION	No
CHAIN OF CONFORMITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be consistent with the NPPF • To be in general conformity with the London Plan • To be consistent with the Core Strategy • Policies / proposals of GTSLP to be shown graphically on the Policies Map 		
UDP REPLACEMENT	There are no policies in the UDP that will be replaced by this Local Plan. The Plan will implement a policy in the Core Strategy.		
KEY MILESTONES	Commencement of preparation	April 2013	
	Public participation on options	January / February 2014	
	Public participation on publication	January / February 2015	
	Submission of Local Plan	May 2015	
	Commencement of the Examination	October 2015	
	Report from Inspector	February 2016	
	Adoption of Local Plan	July 2016	

Appendix 1 Evidence base documents

Overarching

- Shaping our future: Lewisham Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2020
- Lewisham Infrastructure Delivery Plan, 2010

Housing

- Lewisham Strategic Housing Market Assessment, 2008
- South East London Boroughs' Strategic Housing Market Assessment, 2009
- Lewisham Affordable Housing Viability Assessment, 2009
- Housing Conversions Study, 2012

Employment and retail

- Lewisham Employment Land Study, 2008
- Lewisham Retail Needs Study, 2009 (plus 2010 supplement)
- Town Centre Health Checks, 2011
- Pubs in Lewisham: An evidence base report, 2012

Renewables and energy

- Lewisham Renewables Evidence Base Study, 2009

Waterways and flooding

- Lewisham Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, 2008
- Lewisham Sequential Test, 2009

Open space

- Lewisham Leisure and Open Space Study, 2009
- Ravensbourne River Corridor Improvement Plan, 2010
- Lewisham Physical Activity, Sport and Leisure Strategy, 2006
- Lewisham Biodiversity Action Plans, 2006

Waste management

- Lewisham Municipal Waste Management Strategy, 2008
- South East London Boroughs' Joint Waste Appointment Technical Paper, 2010

Transport

- Lewisham Borough-wide Transport Assessment, 2010
- North Lewisham Transport Study, 2009
- Lewisham Town Centre Transport Study, 2009
- North Lewisham Links Strategy, 2007
- Lewisham Local Implementation Plan, 2011

Design

- Deptford New Cross Masterplan, 2007
- Lewisham Tall Buildings Study, 2010
- Lewisham Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans (various)

Community services

- Lewisham Children and Young People's Plan, 2009
- Lewisham Social Inclusion Strategy, 2005
- Lewisham Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, 2011

Appendix 2 Supplementary planning guidance and Supplementary planning documents

The table below identifies the links between saved Unitary Development Plan policies and the Council's Supplementary Planning Guidance and Supplementary Planning Documents. This has been amended following the Secretary of State's Direction on 18 September 2007 specifying which policies can continue to be saved as part of the development plan and used for the purpose of assessing and determining planning applications.

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE	LINKS TO SAVED UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY
Brockley Conservation Area SPD	URB16, HSG4, HSG10
Child Care	HSG1, LCE5
Deptford Town Hall Conservation Area Character Appraisal	URB16, HSG4, HSG10
Deptford Urban Design Framework and Development Strategy	URB1, URB3, URB6, URB8, URB9, URB11, URB13, URB16, HSG4, HSG5, STC4, STC5, STC6, STC12, STC 13, LCE1, LCE2
Forest Hill Urban Design Framework and Development Strategy	URB1
Hatcham Conservation Area SPD	URB5, URB16, HSG4, HSG 0
Residential Standards SPD	URB3, URB6, URB8, URB13, URB16, URB20, ENV.PRO12, HSG4, HSG5, HSG7, HSG8, HSG9, HSG10, HSG11, HSG12, HSG18
Shop Front SPD	URB8, URB9, URB10
Southend Village, Bromley Road SPD	URB1, STC12
St. Mary's Conservation Area SPD	URB5, URB16, HSG4, HSG10

Appendix 3 Ongoing and planned work

The Planning Act 2008 brought increased flexibility to adjust the programme for production of SPDs as required. Given this flexibility, the SPDs below have only been timetabled where there is a degree of certainty in achieving these dates. Programmes for the other SPDs will be updated on our [website](#)⁷ as and when required.

Residential Development Standards (Revision)

The SPD will provide detailed guidance on a range of matters relevant to residential development. The SPD will expand on Core Strategy policies and those contained in the Development Management Local Plan. This will include, but is not limited to:

- new residential development
- conversions of existing houses into flats
- residential extensions
- roof extensions
- parking
- landscaping
- amenity space
- energy efficiency matters.

Deptford Creekside

The SPD will consider all key objectives underpinning Lewisham's Core Strategy with its main purpose being to preserve and enhance the character of Deptford Creekside as defined in the Creekside Conservation Area Appraisal. In order to maintain and reinforce this special character the policies of the SPD are intended to guide and manage the potentially significant level of change anticipated for the area through the promotion of good design which responds sensitively to the historic context.

River Corridor Improvement

The Council in conjunction with the Environment Agency (England and Wales) (EA) published a Ravensbourne River Corridor Improvement Plan in September 2010 which provides guidance for development and works along this river corridor. The Council and EA would like to make this document a SPD and for the guidance to apply to all the river corridors within the borough.

To assist in doing so, the Council is lead partner in the European River Corridor Improvement Plans project or ERCIP - a transferable model of effective joint agency river management. ERCIP is part funded by the EU European Regional Development fund through the INTERREG IVC programme from January 2012 to December 2014 and involves partners from England, Germany, Greece, Italy and Romania. The objective of the ERCIP project is to promote the exchange and improvement of current experience regarding jointly produced River Corridor Improvement Plans (RCIP). This will be achieved by improving the integration between regional environment agencies, water boards and local government authorities when carrying out the range of river corridor

⁷ <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/policy/Pages/default.aspx>

management processes related to the protection of, and future development along, geographically sensitive river corridors.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Consultation on the draft charging schedule will take place in December 2012. This would lead to submission to the Secretary of State in March 2013 with formal adoption of the charging schedule by April 2014.

Planning Obligations SPD

The SPD provides transparency and openness in the way planning obligations are agreed with developers. The SPD will be up-dated to bring in into line with the CIL Schedule.

Appendix 4 Glossary of terms

Adoption The process by which a local planning authority formally brings a Local Plan or Supplementary Planning Document into operation. Among other things, an authority is required to prepare an adoption statement, advertise that the document has been adopted and make available the document itself and copies of various reports which have been prepared during its preparation.

Annual Monitoring Report A report prepared by the Council assessing progress on the preparation of the various Local Plans as set out in the LDS. In addition once a Local Plan is adopted the AMR reviews how effective the policies are and considers if they need to be reviewed and replaced.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) This is a new levy that local authorities can choose to charge on new developments in their area. The money generated is to be spent on infrastructure that is required in the local authority such as road and other transport needs, parks, schools, sports centres and community facilities.

Core Strategy A Local Plan setting out the spatial vision and strategic objectives of the planning framework for the area, in line with the Sustainable Community Strategy.

Examination in Public (EiP) A examination presided over by an independent Inspector or a Panel of Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State. The examination is to test the soundness of the Local Plan prepared by the Council.

Inspector's report Following the examination, a report will be issued by the Inspector who conducted the examination setting out their conclusions on matters raised at the examination and their view of how the Local Plan meets the tests of soundness. The report usually contains recommendations for changes to the document to ensure soundness.

Local Plans A Local Plan is a document that has been subject to independent testing and have the weight of development plan status. Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) which are not subject to independent testing, do not have development plan status and give further detail and guidance on how the policies in the Local Plans will be implemented.

Local Development Scheme (LDS) A public statement identifying which Local Plans will be produced by the Council and when.

Lewisham Local Strategic Partnership A Local Strategic Partnership is a single non-statutory, multi-agency body which matches local authority boundaries and aims to bring together at a local level the different parts of the public, private, community and voluntary sectors.

London Plan The London Plan is the spatial development strategy for London and is prepared by the Mayor of London. It sets out strategic policies in relation to the development and use of land in Greater London. In accordance with the Planning and Compulsory

Purchase Act 2004 it forms part of the Development Plan for local planning authorities in Greater London.

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 National planning legislation from central government aimed at improving the planning process and enhancing community involvement in it. Visit www.communities.gov.uk to find out more.

Policies Map A graphical representation on an Ordnance Survey base of the policies in Local Plans, which shows in a visual form the areas of the borough to which the various Local Plan policies apply.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) A statement of national planning policy by the government. It provides guidance to local authorities and others on planning policy and the operation of the planning system. Local authorities must be consistent with the NPPF. The guidance may also be relevant to decisions on individual planning applications and appeals.

Strategic Environmental Assessment A generic term used internationally to describe environmental assessment as applied to policies, plans and programmes.

Supplementary Planning Document A document that provides further detail and guidance on how the policies in Local Plans will be implemented. A SPD is not the subject to independent testing and does not have the weight of Local Plan status.

Sustainability Appraisal Sustainability Appraisal is a systematic and iterative appraisal process, incorporating the requirements of the European Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive. The purpose of sustainability appraisal is to appraise the social, environmental and economic effects of the strategies and policies in a Local Development Document from the outset of the preparation process.

Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) The Sustainable Community Strategy has been prepared by Lewisham's Local Strategic Partnership and is a document which sets out how the vision and priorities for Lewisham will be achieved. The Core Strategy is the spatial interpretation of the SCS.

Tests of soundness The policies in a Local Plan will be tested during the independent Examination in Public to determine whether they are sound. The presumption will be that the Local Plan is sound unless it is shown to be otherwise as a result of evidence considered at the examination. The criteria for assessing whether a Local Plan is sound will apply individually and collectively to policies in the Plan.

Unitary Development Plan The planning document at the local level prepared prior to 2004 and used to assess and determine planning applications. The UDP was replaced by Development Plan Documents prepared under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (and now called Local Plans). Transitional arrangements mean that some policies in the UDP will continue to have effect until they are replaced by policies in a replacement Local Plan. The Local Development Scheme identifies these policies (if any).