Cornwall Monitoring Report

Development Plan Preparation Progress

December 2015
1. Implementation of the Local Development Scheme 2014/15

The purpose of this report is to assess the progress of the main documents associated with the Cornwall Local Plan against milestones set out in the latest Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the county.

The latest version of the Cornwall Local Development Scheme was published in January 2015. The main priority is the preparation of the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies DPD. It also sets out the timetable for the preparation of other elements of the Local Plan, namely: the Cornwall Local Plan Sites Allocations DPD for the main towns and other strategic sites in Cornwall; a Minerals Safeguarding DPD and a Travelling Communities Allocations DPD and the Community Infrastructure (Statement of adopted mechanism for levying developer contributions. A Policies Map to accompany all the elements of the Local Plan is also proposed.

The schedule below sets out the names of the documents in the LDS and their key milestones as required by the Local Planning Regulations 2012: 34 (1); The following is an assessment of the progress made by Cornwall Council in Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Document production over the last year. The suspension of the Local Plan examination has meant that the timetable for the production of all documents has been delayed and it is therefore recommended that the Local Development Scheme is reviewed.

A summary of the proposed key milestones contained in the LDS for each DPD are outlined below.

1.1 The Local Plan Strategic Policies DPD

(i) The Key Milestones set out in the LDS
- Publication: March 2014;
- Submission to Secretary of State: Winter 2014/15;
- Adoption: Autumn 2015.

(iii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones during the reporting year.
- The Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies was submitted to the Secretary of State on 6th February 2016.
- The examination opened on the 18th May 2015 for one week, following which it was suspended for the council to undertake further work and carry out consultation.
• Consultation on proposed modifications to the plan is expected to be carried out in January 2016 with the examination reopening in May 2016.
• The milestone for the adoption of the Local Plan in Autumn 2015 will not be met as a result of the suspension of the examination.

1.2 Progress of the Local Plan Site Allocations DPD

(i) The Key Milestones set out in the LDS
• Publication: Winter 2014/15;
• Submission to Secretary of State: Summer 2015;
• Adoption: Winter 2015/16.

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones during the reporting year.
• The milestones for publication and submission have both not been met. This is due to the suspension and resultant delay to the Local Plan - Strategic Policies. It is recommended that the Local Development Scheme is amended to reflect this revised timetable.

1.3 Progress of the Minerals Safeguarding DPD

(i) The Key Milestones set out in the LDS
• Publication: Autumn 2015;
• Submission to Secretary of State: Spring 2016;
• Adoption: Autumn 2016.

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones during the reporting year
• The milestone for publication has not been met. This is due to the suspension and resultant delay to the Local Plan – Strategic Policies. It is recommended that the Local Development Scheme is amended to reflect this revised timetable.

1.4 Progress of the Travelling Communities DPD

(i) The Key Milestones set out in the LDS
• Publication: Winter 2015;
• Submission to Secretary of State: Spring 2016;
• Adoption: Autumn 2016.

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones during the reporting year.
None of the milestones for the DPD fall within the monitoring Year 2014-2015, however the timetable will need to be revised following the delay to the Local Plan - Strategic Policies;

**Supplementary Planning Documents**

Supplementary Planning Documents provide additional detail and guidance to assist with the implementation of Development Plan Policies. The following proposed SPDs are identified in the Local Development Scheme.

**1.5 Cornwall Design Guide**

(i) The key milestones set out in the LDS profile
- Adopted as interim guidance: March 2013
- Consultation: Summer 2015
- Adoption as SPD: Autumn 2015

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones
- The document has been adopted as interim guidance. It will be formally adopted as SPD following the adoption of the Local Plan. The timetable will need to be revised following the delay to the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies.

**1.6 St Austell, St Blazey and China Clay Area Regeneration Plan**

(i) The key milestones set out in the LDS profile
- Adopted as interim guidance: November 2012
- Consultation: Winter 2015/16
- Adoption as SPD: Summer 2016

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones
- The document has been adopted as interim guidance. It will be formally adopted as SPD following the adoption of the Local Plan. The timetable will need to be revised following the delay to the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies.

**1.7 St Austell China Clay Tipping and Restoration Strategy**

(i) The key milestones set out in the LDS profile
- Approved and adopted formally in 2003 and used as a material consideration
- Consultation: Autumn 2016
- Adoption as SPD: Winter 2016/17

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones
- The document has been adopted as interim guidance. It will be formally adopted as SPD following the adoption of the Local Plan.
The timetable will need to be revised following the delay to the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies.

1.8 Affordable Housing SPD

(i) The Key Milestones set out in the LDS profile
  • Consultation: Winter 2014
  • Publication: Summer 2014;
  • Adoption: Summer 2015.

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones
  • The document has been adopted as interim guidance. It will be formally adopted as SPD following the adoption of the Local Plan. The timetable will need to be revised following the delay to the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies.

1.9 Renewable Energy SPD

(i) The Key Milestones set out in the LDS profile
  • Consultation on Landscape Sensitivity: November 2013
  • Public consultation on draft SPD: Winter 2014/15
  • Adoption as SPD: Autumn 2015.

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones
  • The Draft Renewable Energy Supplementary planning Document was consulted on in March 2015. The document will be adopted as interim guidance and then formally adopted as SPD following the adoption of the Local Plan. The timetable will need to be revised following the delay to the Cornwall Local Plan Strategic Policies.

1.10 Assessing Landscape Impact of Development SPD

(i) The Key Milestones set out in the LDS profile
  • Consultation: Autumn 2014
  • Publication: Autumn 2014
  • Adoption as SPD: Summer 2015.

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones
  • It was resolved by the Environment, Heritage and Planning PAC in October 2014 that the methodology set out in the ‘Judging landscape Capacity- A Development Management Toolkit’ be adopted as practice guidance and that it, together with the evidence base, be progressed as Supplementary Planning Guidance following the adoption of the Local Plan. Following the delays to the Local Plan the timetable for this will need to be revised.
1.9 Residential Amenity Space Standards SPD

(i) The Key Milestones set out in the LDS profile
- Consultation: Summer 2015
- Adoption as SPD: Autumn 2015.

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones
- Following the delay to the Local Plan the preparation timetable needs to be reviewed.

1.10 Development in the World Heritage Site SPD

(i) The key milestones set out in the LDS profile
- Consultation: Summer 2015.
- Adoption as SPD: Autumn 2015.

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones
- Following the delay to the Local Plan the preparation timetable needs to be reviewed.

1.11 Open Space Standards SPD

(i) The key milestones set out in the LDS profile
- Consultation: Summer 2014
- Adoption as SPD Autumn 2015

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones
- In July 2014 Cornwall Council adopted the Open Space Strategy for Larger Towns in Cornwall as interim planning guidance pending adoption of the Cornwall Local Plan, when it will follow the process to become a Supplementary Planning Document.

1.12 Guide to Distribution of Housing in Rural Areas SPD

(i) The key milestones set out in the LDS profile
- Consultation: Summer 2015
- Adoption as SPD Autumn 2015

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones
- Following proposed modifications to the Local Plan the need for this further guidance should be reviewed as part of the review of the Local Development Scheme.

1.13 Historic Environment SPD
(i) The key milestones set out in the LDS profile
- Consultation: Summer 2015
- Adoption as SPD Autumn 2015

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones
- Following the delay to the Local Plan the preparation timetable needs to be reviewed.

1.14 Housing Mix SPD

(i) The key milestones set out in the LDS profile
- Consultation: Summer 2015
- Adoption as SPD Autumn 2015

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones
- Following the delay to the Local Plan the preparation timetable needs to be reviewed.

1.15 Mitigation Strategy for European Sites: Recreational pressure from Residential SPD

(i) The key milestones set out in the LDS profile
- Consultation: Summer 2015
- Adoption as SPD Autumn 2015

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones
- Following the delay to the Local Plan the preparation timetable needs to be reviewed.

1.16 Residential Amenity Space Standards SPD

(i) The key milestones set out in the LDS profile
- Consultation: Summer 2015
- Adoption as SPD Autumn 2015

(ii) Preparation of document in relation to its LDS milestones
- Following the delay to the Local Plan the preparation timetable needs to be reviewed.