

Key Dates:

Timetable for LDF Production

Dates subject to approval from the government office

Statement of Community Involvement -
Adopted September 2006

Core Strategy
November 2004 - September 2008

City Centre Area Action Plan
October 2006 - January 2010

Allocations (DPD)
April 2007 - September 2010

Development Control Policies (DPD)
January 2008 - November 2010

Residential Design Guide (SPD)
Adopted September 2006

A detailed explanation of the LDF programme is given by the Local Development Scheme (LDS)- please see our website for details.





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What is the Local Development Framework

The aim of the planning system is to achieve an excellent layout for developments such as buildings, parks and streets providing an attractive environment in which to live, work and enjoy. Planning seeks the best locations for buildings and ensures they are well designed. This is known as ‘sustainable development’. Planning’s purpose has always been to make the places where we live as pleasant as possible, good planning helps shape spaces and places.

The **‘Local Development Framework (LDF)’** is the term used to describe the development plans affecting a local area. The plans affecting Southampton are produced by the City Council in consultation with the community and other key stakeholders (such as businesses and hospitals).

These plans are important because they set out how we want our city to look and feel. The plans will influence planning applications and decisions for the future development of the city.

The planning system has to balance different views and often make difficult decisions. For example some people may want a new sports centre in a local park so that they can exercise and get healthy. Other people may be dismayed at the loss of a local green space. Therefore a system was introduced which involves preparing plans that set out what can be built and where.

We shall be producing the Development Plans forming the LDF over the next four years

There are now two levels of plan, the Regional as well as the Local.

Each region is covered by a plan called a Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). Regional Spatial Strategies are drafted by the Regional Planning Body. The strategy for the South East is called the ‘South East Plan’, this is drafted by the South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA). The plan looks at issues such as how many homes are needed to meet the future needs of people in the region, or whether the region needs a new major shopping centre or transport infrastructure.

The local level is covered by the LDF that comprise a portfolio of documents prepared by the City Council, these are: -

Statement of Community Involvement - A document outlining how we will consult over planning applications and plans.

Core Strategy - The overall citywide planning framework looking forward 20 years- a geographical plan that draws from the ideas given by the City of Southampton Strategy (Community Strategy).

City Centre Area Action Plan - A planning framework and masterplan for the City Centre.

Development Control Allocations & Policies - Two documents that allocate specific areas of land for particular uses and provides specific policies for assessing planning applications.

Annual Monitoring Report - Provides an update on the progress of the LDF and the implementation of planning policies.

The documents forming the LDF have to go through certain procedures and be produced in accordance with Government and Regional planning policy. There will be a number of drafts produced for consultation and ultimately the development plan documents will be subject to a public inquiry (examination).

A number of **Supplementary Planning Documents** will also be produced that provide further planning principles and guidance. These may be guides for design, environmental sustainability or heritage conservation.