

Southampton City Council Planning Policy Bulletin

Making plans for Southampton – Spring 2010



Latest News

Core Strategy Adopted

Only 15% of local authorities in England have an adopted Core Strategy. Southampton's was found sound by an independent planning inspector, and formally adopted by the council on 20th January 2010.

David Lock Associates appointed for City Centre Action Plan

They will be leading a team to assist in the early stages of the City Centre Action Plan (CCAP) by creating a Masterplan for the future of the city centre.

Work started on the Southampton Development Plan

Studies are underway which will provide the evidence base for the neighbourhoods outside of the City Centre.

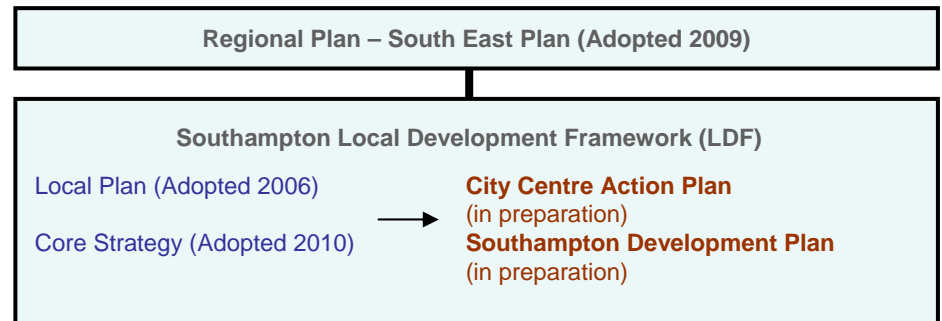


Why are plans important?

Plans set out how we want our city to look and feel, they show how much and what sort of new development is needed and where it will go. They also help to protect what is important to us like heritage and green spaces. In planning for the future we are seeking to give people confidence to invest in homes and businesses, which couldn't be more important in the current economic climate. This will place the city in a good position for economic revival.

Q. What is the Local Development Framework?

This is a set of plans that will shape the future of the city for the next 20 years. It will consist of 4 key documents:



Q. What is the Core Strategy?

It is the key document for the City setting out a vision for what we want the city to be like and a strategy of how we will get there, including overarching policies to guide development in the city up to 2026. The Core Strategy provides the framework for the CCAP and SDP. **See overleaf for more information.**

Q. The City Centre Action Plan (CCAP)

This will show in detail how the City Centre will grow to meet the future demands of businesses and residents. **See special feature overleaf on some of the likely challenges and the timetable for production.**

Q. The Southampton Development Plan (SDP)

While the CCAP focuses on the City Centre, the focus of the SDP is on the neighbourhoods outside the city centre. Future bulletins will inform you of our progress.

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Q. Do these documents replace the Local Plan?

Yes, once the City Centre Action Plan and Southampton Development Plan are adopted. Until then parts of the Local Plan are 'saved' (see our Policy web site above for details of saved policies).

Q. How do Minerals & Waste plans fit in?

There is a separate Minerals and Waste LDF. It is prepared jointly with Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and New Forest National Park.

More information on all these documents can be found on the Policy website.

An Adopted Core Strategy!

In July 2009 the Core Strategy went through a thorough public examination overseen by an independent Planning Inspector. The Inspector's binding report was received in October and the Core Strategy was adopted in January 2010.

The Core Strategy explains how much and what sort of development there will be in the city, where it will be located and how it will be delivered. It paints a clear picture of Southampton in 2026 as being:

- South Hampshire's economic driver bringing in new businesses, supporting existing businesses and creating new jobs for local people.
- A good place to live, with a variety of homes – big and small, open market and affordable – set in attractive neighbourhoods with green spaces, local services and facilities.
- A sustainable city where action is taken to protect biodiversity, reduce our carbon footprint and flood risk and encourage renewable energy, green building design, recycling and sustainable transport.
- It will have high quality, safe public spaces and exciting buildings designed with respect for our historic heritage.

Having an adopted Core Strategy in place allows the Council to move forward, identifying key sites and regeneration opportunities and setting out detailed policies in the CCAP and SDP.

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CCAP Timetable

CCAP stage	Timetable
Evidence gathering & informal discussions	May 2010– Aug 2010
Prepare draft plan to show the preferred approach	Sep 2010 – Apr 2011
Public consultation on the draft plan	Jun 2011– Jul 2011
Prepare the final version	Aug 2011 – Mar 2012
Public consultation on the final version	May 2012– July 2012
Submit the plan with background evidence and any outstanding objections to government	Sep 2012
Examination of the plan, held in public	Jan 2013
City Council adopts the plan	Summer 2013



Delivering change in the City Centre (CCAP)

Did you know that approximately 50% of the City Centre is at risk of flooding. How do we provide much needed regeneration and development within the City Centre while ensuring that the consequences of flooding are reduced to an acceptable level?

The City Centre is the focus for significant amounts of development including approximately 5000 new houses as well as significant amounts of new office, retail and other employment development. How do we accommodate new development whilst creating attractive neighbourhoods where people choose to live and work?

With a predicted increase in trips to the City Centre of 50% what must we do to keep the city moving and also create a pedestrian/cycle friendly city centre attractive to shoppers, visitors, residents and employers?

While ensuring that development takes place how can we make sure that our historic and natural features including parks and historic walls are protected and improved?

The initial stage for the **City Centre Action Plan (CCAP)** is to gather evidence to resolve these key issues, amongst others, in discussion with stakeholders and residents.

A **City Centre Masterplan** is being prepared to focus on how the city centre will look. It sets out an urban design framework together with design principles for specific sites and an implementation plan to deliver high quality stimulating buildings and public spaces. It will be a promotional and marketing document in its own right encouraging businesses to locate in the city, boosting the city's economy and bringing jobs for local people.

Have your say!

If you have any comments to feed into the preparation of the CCAP or SDP get in touch with us. If you would like to be added to our consultation database send your contact details to: sharon.burley@southampton.gov.uk

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