

Local Plan

Local Development Scheme

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a project plan for the Local Plan for West Lancashire. The production of an LDS is a requirement on Local Planning Authorities arising from the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended by Section 111 of the Localism Act 2011. Furthermore, the Council's adherence to the timescale it has set itself within the LDS will be used as a performance measure.

1.2 This Local Development Scheme provides a guide for the preparation of the Local Plan and any additional Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). This version of the LDS updates that previously produced in June 2012. It includes the following Chapters:

- Chapter 1 provides an introduction and offers a background to why we have prepared an LDS and what the purpose of it is;
- Chapter 2 deals with the adopted Replacement Local Plan for West Lancashire and which policies from that plan have been 'saved';
- Chapter 3 identifies the documents that we envisage will make up the Local Plan for West Lancashire and the likely timescale for preparing these;
- Chapter 4 looks at the evidence base that will underpin the production of the Local Plan;
- Chapter 5 identifies the resources available to the Planning Policy Section; and
- Finally, Chapter 6 considers the risks that exist which could slow progress on the Local Plan and some of the mitigation measures which can be put in place.

Background

1.3 Producing any Local Plan is a major project that requires significant resources in order to prepare it and a project management approach is vitally important to enable production within a given timescale. The Borough Council views the LDS as a key project management tool in the production of its Local Plan.

1.4 The LDS has four main purposes:

- To inform people of how the Local Plan will be prepared and the likely timescale involved;
- To establish work priorities and enable work programmes to be formed;
- To set a timescale for the review of such documents; and
- To indicate which policies from the Replacement Local Plan are "saved" beyond the three year period under the interim arrangements ('saved policies' are those that will continue to be used in determining planning applications).

1.5 This Local Development Scheme contains all those DPDs and SPDs for which a timetable is known as at April 2013. It is possible that in the future further documents will be added. These will only be added into this document, however, when a detailed timetable for the work can be established.

Chapter 2 Replacement Local Plan

2.1 The Replacement Local Plan was adopted on 5th July 2006 and supersedes the former West Lancashire Local Plan that was adopted in 1999. The Replacement Local Plan took account of many of the changes arising from the new planning legislation in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Saved Policies

2.2 The policies contained within the Replacement Local Plan were all automatically saved for a period of 3 years from adoption, i.e. until June 2009. The Secretary of State agreed that all but two of the policies in the Replacement Local Plan should be saved beyond June 2009 and these policies still form part of the Development Plan until such time as they are replaced by policies contained within a new Local Plan. The two policies not saved are Policy DE17 (Tourism Development) and Policy DE18 (Advertisements). All the saved policies from the Replacement Local Plan are listed in Appendix 1. This includes an indication as to which policies in the emerging new Local Plan will replace them, if any.

2.3 In July 2010, the Council adopted an Interim Housing Policy Statement. This policy statement does not have the same weight as a Local Plan policy, and cannot replace any policy in the Replacement Local Plan, but it does have material weight in planning decisions. In comparison to the Replacement Local Plan, the Policy Statement allows more housing in more settlements and was prepared in response to the need to deliver more housing in order to meet regional housing targets for the Borough.

2.4 The Replacement Joint Lancashire Structure Plan 2001-2016 was adopted on 31 March 2005. All the policies within the Structure Plan, apart from Policy 29 (Sites for Gypsy and Traveller Families) were replaced by the Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West when it was adopted in September 2008. However, the Regional Spatial Strategy itself is due to be revoked on 20 May 2013 by an Order laid before Parliament on 24 April 2013.

Supplementary Planning Guidance

2.5 Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) adopted by West Lancashire Borough Council will remain in force until the saved policy to which it is linked is time expired or the site in question is developed. The Council produced factual updates of most of its SPGs in 2007 to ensure that they refer to current planning documents and policies. A list of all current SPG is set out below:

1. Managing Housing Supply (2004, updated December 2008);
2. Accommodation for Temporary Agricultural Workers (2004, updated January 2007);
3. Affordable Housing (2004, updated July 2007);
4. Domestic Extensions and Outbuildings and Replacement Dwellings in the Green Belt (June 2000, updated October 2007);
5. Erection of Stable Buildings in the Green Belt (February 2001, updated April 2007);
6. Natural Areas & Areas of Landscape History Importance (1996, updated August 2007);
7. Trees and Development (1998, updated July 2007);
8. Site Planning, Layout and Design (1998, updated August 2007);
9. Whalleys Housing Sites, Skelmersdale plus Mixed Development (2000, updated July 2007);

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10. Cobbs Clough Employment Area, Whalleys, Skelmersdale (1997, updated April 2007);
and
11. Land to the West of Stanley Industrial Estate, Skelmersdale (2000, updated May 2007).

Supplementary Planning Documents

2.6 There have also been three Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) prepared since 2007:

1. Skelmersdale Town Centre (2008);
2. Design Guide (2008); and
3. Open Space and Recreation Provision in New Residential Developments (2009).

Chapter 3 Local Plan 2012-2027

3.1 Following the publication of the Localism Act 2011, the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the Council's approach to local planning policy has evolved. Since 2007, the Council have been preparing a Local Development Framework (LDF) encompassing several Development Plan Documents (DPDs), including a Core Strategy DPD, Development Management Policies DPD and Site Allocations DPD. However, given the recent publications by Government, the Council has switched to the preparation of a West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 DPD (Local Plan DPD), which combines the previously separate DPDs into a single DPD.

3.2 The Local Plan DPD encompasses strategic policy (based on that previously consulted upon as part of the Core Strategy DPD), new development management policy and selected site allocations. A new Proposals Map (also known as a Policies Map) will also accompany the Local Plan DPD.

3.3 The Council also has an adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), setting out how the Authority intends to involve the public and other organisations in the production of the various documents. Due to previous amendments to the Town and Country Planning Regulations, an Addendum to the SCI has been published setting out how the Local Planning Authority will consult given the revised stages of plan preparation.

3.4 Work has progressed significantly on what was the Core Strategy and other DPDs, and is now the Local Plan, since the publication of the last LDS. The Local Plan DPD is currently at Examination stage, and it is anticipated that it will be adopted in October 2013.

3.5 The preparation of all documents that make up the Local Plan need to include a full evidence base and a risk assessment, and these are set out in Chapter 4 and 6 respectively of this LDS. A Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment, will also need to be conducted on each document, as well as a Habitats Regulation Assessment, incorporating an Appropriate Assessment, considering the impact of each document on sites that are internationally designated for their habitat value.

The Local Plan Timetable

3.6 The overall timetable for the Local Plan DPD is set out below. This has been changed a little since the last Local Development Scheme (June 2012) due to the anticipated need for further public consultation on Modifications to the Local Plan within the Examination period.

3.7 Alongside the Local Plan DPD, the Council are also considering implementing the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and consulted on a Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule from late January to early March 2013. While the Council may yet decide not to take forward CIL, it is prudent to include the Charging Schedule (and the timetable for its preparation) in this LDS on the assumption that the initial viability assessment work for CIL will show that it is appropriate to take CIL forward for West Lancashire.

3.8 A new addition to the timetable is the preparation of a DPD on Provision for Travellers' Sites. The need for this new DPD has arisen out of the Examination of the Local Plan DPD given concerns that the Inspector has expressed about the soundness of the policy within

the Submitted Local Plan DPD on Provision for Gypsies & Travellers and Travelling Showpeople (Policy RS4). As a result of these concerns, Policy RS4 will be deleted from the Local Plan DPD and a separate DPD will be prepared to provide local planning policy on this important matter. It is anticipated that this DPD will be adopted within two years of the date of this LDS.

3.9 The timetable also includes three new SPDs to supplement policy that is within the Local Plan DPD and to replace existing SPDs / SPGs that are now out of date. These SPDs will be a Yew Tree Farm Masterplan SPD, an Affordable Housing SPD (to replace the 2007 SPG of the same name) and an Open Space and Recreation Provision in New Residential Developments SPD (to replace the 2009 SPD of the same name). Both will ultimately need to take account of what is decided by the Council regarding a CIL Charging Schedule.

3.10 Set out below is a revised timetable for the Local Plan DPD, the CIL Charging Schedule, the new DPD on Provision for Travellers' Sites and those SPDs which it is anticipated will be prepared in the near future to support the Local Plan. It is intended that a significant proportion of the Planning Policy Team's resources will be focused on taking these documents through to adoption. Detailed schedules for the Local Plan DPD and other documents are set out in Appendix 2.

	2011			2012					2013					2014					2015								
	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M		
Affordable Housing SPD																											
Prepare Draft SPD																											
Consult on Draft SPD																											
Refine SPD																											
Adopt SPD																											
Open Space and Recreation Provision in New Residential Developments SPD																											
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Overall Local Plan Timetable

Chapter 4 Evidence Base

Evidence	Date	Status
General		
2001 Census	2001	Completed
2011 Census	2013	Completed, subject to further releases by ONS
Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)	2012	Updated annually
Merseyside Overview Study	2010	Completed
Thematic Evidence summary papers	2011	Updated as relevant
Spatial Evidence summary papers	2011	Updated as relevant
Housing		
Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)	2012	Completed
Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)	2009	Completed
Housing Land Supply (HLS)	2012	Updated annually
West Lancashire Housing Strategy 2004-2009, including update	2009	Completed
West Lancashire Interim Housing Policy Statement	2010	Adopted July 2010
Affordable Housing Strategy 2008-2013	2008	Completed
Liverpool City Region Housing Strategy Market Assessment	2009	Completed
Housing Needs Survey 2005	2005	Completed
Housing Needs and Demands Survey 2010	2010	Completed
Housing Viability Study 2010	2010	Completed
Housing Technical paper	2010	Completed
Framework Formulation Part 1 and Part 2	2010	Completed
Local Economy & Employment		

Chapter 4 Evidence Base

Joint Employment Land and Premises Study (JELPS)	2010	Completed
Regeneration Strategy	2005	Completed
Rural Economy Study	2006	Completed
West Lancs Economic Assessment / Study	2009	Completed
LCC Town Centre Office Study	2008	Completed
Employment Land Supply Monitor	2011	Updated annually
Remodelling of existing industrial estates in Skelmersdale	2010	Completed
Skelmersdale Town Centre Masterplan / SPD	2008	Completed
Economy and Employment Technical paper	2012	Completed
Edge Hill Technical paper	2012	Completed
The Economic Impact of Edge Hill University	2010	Completed
Employment Land Regeneration	2011	Completed
Local Services & Community Infrastructure		
Retail and Leisure Study	2012	Completed
Open Space Study, Recreation & Playing Pitch Strategy	2009	Completed
Skelmersdale - Ormskirk Linear Park Study	2006	Completed
Sustainable Settlement Study	2012	Completed
Lancashire Shopping Study	2003	Completed
Market Towns Initiatives (undertaken for Burscough and Ormskirk)	2007/8	Completed
Linear Park Proposals	-	Ongoing
Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)	2012	Completed
Infrastructure Delivery Schedule (IDS)	2012	Completed

Infrastructure Contacts and Meetings Record	2012	Completed
Lancashire Local Broadband Plan	2012	Completed
Transportation		
Feasibility Study / GRIP1 Study for Skelmersdale Rail link	-	Completed
Merseyside LTP2 2006-2011	2006	Completed
Merseyside LTP3	2011	Completed
Lancashire LTP3	2011	Completed
Lancashire LTP3 Implementation Strategy	2011	Completed
Greater Manchester LTP3	2011	Completed
M58 to Southport corridor study	2012	Completed
Transport technical paper	2012	Completed
Feasibility Study of Burscough Curve	2012	Completed
A570 Ormskirk Study Bypass Wider Transport Review	2008	Completed
Access to the Port of Liverpool Study	2011	Completed
Air Quality Action Plan for West Lancashire	2011	Completed
Feasibility Study for the Linear Park at Tarleton and Hesketh Bank	2010	Completed
Joint Lancashire Structure Plan Parking Standards	2005	Completed
LCC Response to Core Strategy Preferred Options	2012	Completed
Ormskirk Evaluation of Smaller Scale Schemes	2011	Completed
Ormskirk Town Centre Cycle Strategy	2006	Completed
Survey of usage of cycling and walking routes in Skelmersdale Park	2005	Completed
West Lancashire Cycling Strategy	2005	Completed

Chapter 4 Evidence Base

West Lancashire Integrated Transport Report	2008	Completed
Wigan Borough on the Move 2011-2016	2011	Completed
Merseyside Route Utilisation Strategy	2008	Completed
Population & Social Inclusion		
Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)	2011	Completed
Ageing population in West Lancashire	2009	Completed
Cultural Heritage & Landscape		
Landscape Character Assessment	2010	Completed
Conservation Area Character Appraisals	Various	Updated periodically
Listed Buildings Register	N/A	Updated periodically
Register of Historic Parks and Gardens	N/A	Updated periodically
Landscape Technical Paper	2012	Completed
Biodiversity		
Green Infrastructure Provision, see IDP	2012	Completed
Biodiversity Site Assessments (LCC)	2010	Part completed, part in progress
Biological Heritage Site Register	2005	Updated annually by LCC
Habitats Gains, Losses, Creation Project	-	Completed
Wildlife Action Plan for West Lancashire	-	Completed
Land Resources		
Green Belt Study and Addendum	2011, 2012	Completed
Green Belt Study Consultation Report	2011	Completed
Strategic Options and Green Belt release paper	2012	Completed
Water Quality & Resources		
Water Utilities Infrastructure, IDP	2012	Completed
Climatic Factors & Flooding		
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) Level 1	2007; 2010	Completed

Indicative Flood plan maps (included in SFRA)	2010	Updated annually by Environment Agency
SFRA Level 2 (including Flood Risk Sequential Test)	2012	Completed
Liverpool City Region Renewable Energy Capacity Study	2010	Completed
SQW Lancashire Renewable Energy Capacity Study	2012	Completed
Consultation		
LDF Issues Consultation Feedback Report (including responses)	2008	Completed
LDF Options Consultation Feedback Report (including responses)	2009	Completed
LDF Preferred Options Feedback Report (including responses)	2011	Completed
Local Plan Preferred Options Feedback Report (including responses)	2012	Completed
Local Plan Consultation Statement Regulation 18	2012	Completed
Local Plan Publication Consultation Statement Regulation 20 (including responses)	2012	Completed
Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment and Other Assessments		
SA Scoping Report	2008	Completed
SA Scoping Report update	2010	Completed
Interim Habitats Regulation Assessment	2009	Completed
Interim Sustainability Appraisal	2009	Completed
LDF Preferred Options Sustainability Appraisal	2011	Completed
LDF Preferred Options Habitats Regulation Assessment	2011	Completed
Local Plan Preferred Options Sustainability Appraisal	2011	Completed

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Local Plan Preferred Options Habitats Regulation Assessment	2011	Completed
Local Plan Preferred Options Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA)	2012	Completed
Local Plan Preferred Options Health Impact Assessment (HIA)	2012	Completed
Local Plan Preferred Options Rural Proofing Report	2012	Completed
Local Plan Publication Sustainability Appraisal	2012	Completed
Local Plan Publication Habitats Regulation Assessment	2012	Completed
Local Plan Publication Health Impact Assessment	2012	Completed
Local Plan Publication Equalities Impact Assessment	2012	Completed
Local Plan Publication Rural Proofing Report	2012	Completed

Chapter 5 Resources

5.1 The Local Plan DPD for West Lancashire will be produced by the Planning Policy Team of West Lancashire Borough Council. The section is headed by the Planning Policy Team Leader.

5.2 The Planning Policy Team Leader will take the lead role in developing the Local Plan for West Lancashire, project managing its preparation, and be responsible for the preparation of all other local planning policy documents and CIL documents. The Planning Policy Team will liaise closely with a number of other Council sections in developing the Plan, which include the Housing and Regeneration Service (who will provide particular input on general housing matters and affordable housing policies, as well as employment, town centre and regeneration issues) and the Planning Control Section (who will provide advice on the usability of policies and developability of certain sites).

5.3 An enhanced budget was allocated to the Planning Policy Team for 2007/08, and this has been carried forward into 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11, with slight reductions in 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 as the overall budget for the Council is reduced. This has enabled, and will continue to enable, suitable work to be undertaken to prepare the evidence base for the Local Plan and prepare the Local Plan DPD, CIL Charging Schedule and other local planning policy documents.

5.4 There will be a team of planners preparing the Local Plan and all other local planning policy / CIL documents. The staff will be responsible for the following:

- The finalisation of the Local Plan and the preparation of a CIL Charging Schedule and all other local planning policy documents
- Responding to new Government Planning Policy Statements, and other Government strategies and plans
- Responding to planning documents produced by adjacent authorities and agencies
- All monitoring required to prepare the Annual Monitoring Report
- The ongoing maintenance of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- The preparation of all evidence base work for the Local Plan and other documents
- Involvement in the preparation of the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy, and other key Council strategies
- Enhancing the Section's IT capabilities to meet the e-government agenda
- Advising the Council's Development Control Team on the interpretation of planning policies and, where necessary attending planning appeals
- Implementation of key projects to help deliver the proposals within the Local Plan and other documents

5.5 The Planning Policy Team is part of a larger Planning Service which also encompasses Development Control, Building Control and Heritage & Environment. Shown below is how the Planning Policy Team sits within the wider Planning Service and its key links with other Services and Directorates within the Council.

Assistant Director Planning		Other Services
<u>Planning Policy Team</u>	Liaison with the following Key Teams within the Planning Service	Liaison with the following key Divisions within the Council
Planning Policy Team Leader Principal Planning Officers (2) Planning Officer Research Officer	Heritage & Environment Team (Conservation, Trees & Landscape)	Housing and Regeneration Service (affordable housing and strategic housing matters, estates, regeneration and economic development issues)
	Planning Control Team (Site development issues)	Community Services (highways, engineering, flooding, leisure and pollution issues)

Table 5.1 The Planning Policy Team within the wider Council structure

5.6 Given that West Lancashire Borough Council is a two-tier Authority with Lancashire County Council, the Planning Policy Team will also continue to liaise closely with the County, especially on issues of highways and transportation, as well as having reference to the County's planning policy work on Minerals and Waste. On the issue of transport, the Planning Policy Team also liaise closely with Merseytravel as the public transport executive for Merseyside, extending into parts of West Lancashire, and Transport for Greater Manchester.

5.7 Resources have also been, and will continue to be, saved through effective partnership working with neighbouring Local Authorities. West Lancashire's Planning Policy Team are working closely with their peers in Merseyside, Lancashire and Greater Manchester in order to deliver "joined-up" cross-border planning on many issues that are not restricted by Local Authority boundaries. This also helps to fulfil the Duty to Co-operate introduced by the Localism Act 2011.

5.8 The Planning Policy Team will also continue to liaise closely with a wide range of infrastructure providers to ensure that development is located where infrastructure is already provided or to consider how infrastructure can be provided over the Local Plan period to meet the needs created by development in the Local Plan.

Chapter 6 Risk Assessment

6.1 The planning system requires effective project management techniques to ensure, as far as possible, that stated timetables for document preparation are adhered to. Through the use of such techniques, the Planning Policy Team will endeavour to ensure that progress is kept 'on track', in accordance with the dates set out within this LDS. However, there are a variety of circumstances which alone, or in combination, can conspire to delay the preparation process.

6.2 It is important that the Council, the local community and all other stakeholders in the planning process, are aware of the possible risks to preparation. This is so that the risks can be minimised or mitigation measures put in place in the case of delays being occasioned. The following table identifies some of the more likely risks that could prejudice document preparation and the mitigation measures that could be employed.

Risk	Mitigation
External Factors	
<p>Legislation / Government Guidance Publication of national planning policy statements can generate new issues that the Local Plan, or its preparation, must address, sometimes causing delays.</p>	<p>Maintain close liaison with latest national guidance and its preparation.</p> <p>Revise Local Plan timetable if necessary.</p> <p>Adequate budgetary provision for consultancy support if required.</p>
<p>Planning Inspectorate Delays could be caused if the Local Plan or other documents takes longer than expected in the Examination process.</p>	<p>Keep in touch with Inspectorate and advise them of requests for Examinations at the earliest possible time.</p> <p>The Council will monitor Inspector's decisions.</p>
<p>Other External Bodies The new planning system involves more complex arrangements for co-operation, consultation, engagement and evidence gathering. Failure on the part of other bodies to respond on time or to provide inadequate responses which require subsequent clarification could cause significant delay to work programmes.</p>	<p>Programme work to accommodate the likely delays.</p>

Chapter 6 Risk Assessment

Risk	Mitigation
<p>Difficulty of achieving joint working with other local authorities on evidence base and ensuring that the Duty to Co-operate is fulfilled.</p>	<p>Clear working arrangements with other local authorities and ensuring strong programme management.</p>
<p>Internal Factors</p>	
<p>Staffing</p> <p>Individual absences due to leave, personnel changes or sickness can cause delays in document production.</p> <p>Staff could leave the authority and could be difficult to replace, therefore causing delays to document production.</p>	<p>Local Plan timetable should be set on a realistic basis taking into account the staff resources available.</p> <p>Ensure quick replacement of staff.</p> <p>Flexibility of staff within the Planning Service enabling secondment opportunities from other planning-related teams in the Council to help with workload.</p> <p>Some elements of work can be undertaken by consultants.</p> <p>Difficulties of staff recruitment and retention has been addressed by the provision of better pay and rewards packages.</p>
<p>Political Direction / Management</p> <p>Members requiring late amendment to proposed documents.</p>	<p>Early consultation and information sharing with Members will reduce the likelihood of late amendments being required.</p>
<p>Legal / Soundness</p> <p>Local Plan DPD, or other documents, fails tests of soundness which would significantly delay process.</p> <p>Legal challenge to document could see Local Plan DPD quashed.</p>	<p>Ensure robust evidence base and use soundness self-assessment toolkit.</p> <p>Enhanced budget for LDF preparation has been given since 2007/08 to ensure good evidence base is provided.</p>

Risk	Mitigation
	Ensure procedures, Acts and Regulations are complied with.

Table 6.1 Risk Assessment

Appendix 1 West Lancashire Replacement Local Plan (2006) Schedule of Saved Policies

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Replacement Local Plan Policies (adopted July 2006)	Draft Local Plan policy expected to include replacement policy
Development Strategy Policies	
DS1 Location of Development	Policy SP1
DS2 Protecting the Green Belt	Policy GN1
DS3 Safeguarded Land	Policy GN2
DS4 Open Land on the Urban Fringe	Policy GN1
General Development Policies	
GD1 Design of Development	Policy GN3
GD2 Developer Contributions to Infrastructure	Policy IF4
GD3 Development of Contaminated Land	Policy SP1
Policies for Protecting and Enhancing the Environment	
EN1 Biodiversity	Policy EN2
EN2 Protection of Agricultural Land	Policy EN2
EN3 Coastal Zone	Policy EN2
EN4 Conservation Areas	Policy EN4
EN5 Buildings of Historic Importance	Policy EN4
EN6 Archaeological Heritage	Policy EN4
EN7 Protection of Historic Parks and Gardens	Policy EN4
EN8 Green Spaces	Policy EN3
EN9 Protection of Trees and Woodland	Policy EN2
EN10 Flood Risk	Policy GN3
EN11 Protection of Groundwater Resources	Policy GN3
Development and Economy Policies	
DE1 Residential Development	Policy RS1

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Replacement Local Plan Policies (adopted July 2006)	Draft Local Plan policy expected to include replacement policy
DE2 Whalleys, Skelmersdale	Policy RS1
DE3 Affordable Housing Development	Policy RS2
DE4 Caravan Sites for Gypsies and Travelling Show People	Provision for Travellers' Sites DPD
DE5 Employment Development	Policy EC1
DE6 The Rural Economy	Policy EC2
DE7 Agricultural Produce Packing Facilities	Policy EC2
DE8 Accommodation for Seasonal Agricultural / Horticultural Workers	Policy RS5
DE9 Removal of Agricultural Workers Dwelling Conditions	Policy GN4
DE10 Retail and Other Town Centre Development	Policy IF1
DE11 Skelmersdale Town Centre	Policy SP2
DE12 Ormskirk Town Centre	Policy IF1
DE13 Business and Office Development	Policy EC1
DE14 Development Opportunity Sites	Policy EC3
DE15 Tollgate Road / Pippin Street, Burscough	None
DE16 Former Hattersley Works, Burscough Road, Ormskirk	None
DE17 Tourism Development	Policy Not Saved
DE18 Advertisements	Policy Not Saved
Social and Community Policies	
SC1 Sports, Recreational, Leisure and Cultural Facilities	Policy EN3
SC2 Recreation Facilities	Policy EN3
SC3 Linear Parks	Policy IF2 / Policy EN3
SC4 Educational Facilities	Policy IF3
SC5 Health Facilities	Policy IF3
SC6 Roads	Policy IF2
SC7 Public Transport	Policy IF2

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Replacement Local Plan Policies (adopted July 2006)	Draft Local Plan policy expected to include replacement policy
SC8 Land at the Railway Pad, Appley Bridge	Policy IF2
SC9 Cycling and Walking Facilities	Policy IF2
SC10 Infrastructure, Services and Utilities	Policy IF3
SC11 Telecommunications	Policy IF3
SC12 Renewable Energy	Policy EN1
SC13 Cemeteries and Crematoria	None

Table .1

Appendix 1 West Lancashire Replacement Local Plan (2006)

Schedule of Saved Policies

Appendix 2 Schedule of Planning Policy documents to be Produced

Local Plan DPD		
Document Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title: West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 DPD; • Role & Content: Sets out the main planning context of the Borough, the development strategy for the Borough and priority locations for development, development management policies and site allocations; • Status: DPD; • Chain of Conformity: The Local Plan DPD should conform with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the RSS for the North West (until it is revoked) and closely correspond with the West Lancashire Sustainable Community Strategy. Any additional DPDs or SPDs, and any Neighbourhood Plans, should conform with the Local Plan DPD. • Geographic Coverage: Whole Borough. 	
Timetable	<p>Initial Regulation 25 Scoping Consultation</p> <p>Preferred Options Consultation</p> <p>Publication Consultation</p> <p>Submission</p> <p>Examination Period</p> <p>Adoption</p>	<p>November / December 2011</p> <p>January / February 2012</p> <p>August to October 2012</p> <p>October 2012</p> <p>October 2012 to September 2013</p> <p>October 2013</p>
Arrangements for Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by Planning Policy Team; • Input from other Council services; • Input and approval from Members via Cabinet, Cabinet Working Group, Planning Committee, Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee and, for submission and adoption, Council; • Adequate resources available within Department for production. 	

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Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule		
Document Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title: CIL Charging Schedule; • Role & Content: Sets the charge for CIL in relation to different types of development in different parts of the Borough; • Status: Charging Schedule; • Chain of Conformity: The justification for charging CIL must be demonstrated by the need for funding for new infrastructure as a result of the development proposed in the Local Plan DPD; • Geographic Coverage: Whole Borough. 	
Timetable	Consultation on Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule Consultation on Draft Charging Schedule Submission Examination Period Adoption	January to March 2013 September to October 2013 October 2013 October 2013 to March 2014 April 2014
Arrangements for Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by Planning Policy Team; • Input from other Council services; • Input and approval from Members via Cabinet, Cabinet Working Group, Planning Committee, Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Council; • Adequate resources available within Department for production. 	

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Provision for Travellers' Sites DPD		
Document Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title: Provision for Travellers' Sites DPD; • Role & Content: Sets the local planning policy regarding provision for Gypsies & Travellers and Travelling Showpeople; • Status: DPD; • Chain of Conformity: Policy within the DPD must be in conformity with the NPPF, the Planning Policy for Travellers' Sites (CLG) and the Local Plan DPD; • Geographic Coverage: Whole Borough. 	
Timetable	<p>Initial Regulation 18 Scoping Consultation</p> <p>Preferred Options Consultation</p> <p>Publication Consultation</p> <p>Submission</p> <p>Examination Period</p> <p>Adoption</p>	<p>September to October 2013</p> <p>February to March 2014</p> <p>August to September 2014</p> <p>September 2014</p> <p>September 2014 to February 2015</p> <p>March 2015</p>
Arrangements for Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by Planning Policy Team; • Input from other Council services; • Input and approval from Members via Cabinet, Cabinet Working Group, Planning Committee, Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee and, for submission and adoption, Council; • Adequate resources available within Department for production. 	

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Yew Tree Farm Masterplan SPD		
Document Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title: Yew Tree Farm Masterplan SPD; • Role & Content: Provides a detailed masterplan for the development of the Yew Tree Farm Strategic Development Site identified in the Local Plan DPD; • Status: Supplementary Planning Document; • Chain of Conformity: The SPD must conform with the Local Plan DPD, particularly Policy SP3, and the NPPF; • Geographic Coverage: Yew Tree Farm Strategic Development Site, Burscough. 	
Timetable	Consultation on Baseline Study Consultation on Options Consultation on Final Draft Masterplan Adoption	January 2014 June to July 2014 October to November 2014 December 2014
Arrangements for Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by Planning Policy Team; • Input from other Council services; • Input and approval from Members via Cabinet, Cabinet Working Group, Planning Committee and Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee; • Adequate resources available within Department for production. 	

Appendix 2 Schedule of Planning Policy documents to be Produced

Affordable Housing SPD		
Document Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title: Affordable Housing SPD; • Role & Content: Provide further policy guidance on the delivery of affordable housing within market housing schemes; • Status: Supplementary Planning Document; • Chain of Conformity: The SPD must conform with the Local Plan DPD, particularly Policy RS2, and the NPPF; • Geographic Coverage: Whole Borough. 	
Timetable	Consultation on Draft SPD Adoption	February to March 2014 July 2014
Arrangements for Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by Planning Policy Team; • Input from other Council services; • Input and approval from Members via Cabinet, Cabinet Working Group, Planning Committee and Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee; • Adequate resources available within Department for production. 	

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Open Space and Recreation Provision in New Residential Developments SPD		
Document Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title: Open Space and Recreation Provision in New Residential Developments SPD; • Role & Content: Provide further policy guidance on the standards for the provision of open space and recreation facilities within new residential developments; • Status: Supplementary Planning Document; • Chain of Conformity: The SPD must conform with the Local Plan DPD, particularly Policies IF4 and EN3, and the NPPF; • Geographic Coverage: Whole Borough. 	
Timetable	Consultation on Draft SPD Adoption	February to March 2014 July 2014
Arrangements for Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared by Planning Policy Team; • Input from other Council services; • Input and approval from Members via Cabinet, Cabinet Working Group, Planning Committee and Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee; • Adequate resources available within Department for production. 	

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