

Local Development Scheme

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Local planning authorities are required by legislation¹ to prepare, maintain and publish a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The purpose of the LDS is to set out the programme for the production of Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and to enable the local community to identify the timetable for the preparation of planning documents prepared in their area.
- 1.2 DPDs are planning policy documents which make up the Local Plan. They help to guide development within a local planning authority area by setting out the detailed planning policies, which planning officers use to make their decisions on planning applications. It is a major element of Government policy that local authorities put in place Local Plans which address their future housing and economic growth requirements as speedily as possible. The importance of having an up to date Local Plan for the future development and growth of Corby has never been greater. For the Council, the Local Plan offers benefits by ensuring that it is in the best possible position to manage development pressures in the Borough, and by providing certainty to local residents, businesses and other stakeholders about when and where future development will take place.

Scope of Corby Borough Council's Local Development Scheme

- 1.3 The LDS covers a three-year period to 2023 and identifies and timetables the planning documents that Corby Borough Council specifically intends to produce. It sits together with the North Northamptonshire LDS covering the work of the Joint Planning and Delivery Unit as well as East Northamptonshire District Council, Kettering Borough Council and Borough Council of Wellingborough and the Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme prepared by Northamptonshire County Council. It supersedes the Council's previous LDS approved by Local Plan Committee on 19 June 2019 and brought into effect from this date.
- 1.4 The LDS will be published on the Council's website to allow local communities and other interested parties to keep track of the Council's progress, be aware of critical phases of plan preparation, and alert to when the key stages will occur. The preparation of new documents will bring with it the need to review and update the content of this LDS.

Public Service Reform

- 1.5 Corby Borough Council will cease to exist on 1 April 2021, and as an area will become a part of a new unitary authority. At the time of writing discussions are still ongoing as to how the day to day functions of the new unitary authority will be delivered, and this includes the planning policy function. In particular, it is likely that some of the plans and strategies which would have previously been delivered on a borough wide basis will now be prepared on a North Northamptonshire authority-wide basis. Whilst these key discussions are ongoing the intention is to proceed with the planned work programme on the agreed geographical basis. An update to this LDS will be prepared as soon as more clarity is provided on the new arrangements for the planning policy function.

¹ Section 25 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) with further requirements and guidance set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

2. Corby Borough Development Framework – Current Position

Development Plan

2.1 The Development Plan for Corby currently comprises the following documents:

- North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) (Part 1 Local Plan) – adopted July 2016
- Saved policies from the 1997 Corby Borough Local Plan – adopted June 1997
- Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan – adopted July 2017

2.2 Further details on each of these documents, and the areas they apply to, are provided below.

North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy

2.3 The North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy² was prepared by the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit, and adopted by the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee in July 2016. The JCS is the strategic Part 1 Local Plan for the area, providing strategic planning policy and outlining the big picture for the wider North Northamptonshire area.

Saved policies from the 1997 Corby Borough Local Plan

2.4 Twenty-three policies from the 1997 Corby Borough Local Plan remain in force and still form part of the Development Plan for Corby. Details of the saved policies can be found [here](#). When the Part 2 Local Plan for Corby is adopted the 1997 Corby Borough Local Plan will be replaced in its entirety.

Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan

2.5 The Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan was adopted on 1 July 2017³. The plan covers the entire county.

Neighbourhood Plans

2.6 The Localism Act 2011 introduced new rights and powers to enable communities to get directly involved in planning for their area. Neighbourhood planning allows communities to come together through a parish council or formal neighbourhood forum and produce a neighbourhood plan. They are not compulsory, but when prepared they are a statutory document that forms part of the development plan. Neighbourhood plans must be in general conformity with National Policy and the strategic planning policies already adopted by the Borough Council.

2.7 Communities in Corby have shown increased interest in preparing neighbourhood plans for their local areas. To date, Corby Borough Council has formally designated 5 neighbourhood areas, all but one being prepared by a Parish Council covering the

² North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2011-31 <http://www.nnjpdu.org.uk/publications/adopted-north-northamptonshire-joint-core-strategy-2011-2031/>

³ Adopted Minerals and Waste Local Plan <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-policy/minerals-and-waste-planning-policy/Pages/update-of-the-adopted-minerals-and-waste-local-plan.aspx>

whole of the parished area. A list of the Neighbourhood Plans and their current status is provided below.

Neighbourhood Plan Group	Date Area Designated	Status
Central Corby (CENTARA Neighbourhood Association)	4 June 2015	Work in progress
Cottingham	4 June 2015	Work in progress
Gretton	2 November 2016	Submission consultation
Stanion	27 September 2018	Work in progress
Weldon	27 February 2017	Work in progress

- 2.8 Further details of neighbourhood plans in Corby and support available from the council are available on the council's website at

<https://www.corby.gov.uk/home/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning>

Supplementary Planning Documents

- 2.9 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) do not have Development Plan status and are not required to be identified in the LDS, but do provide guidance on particular planning issues. It is therefore worth noting that SPDs have already been adopted for the following:

- [Great Oakley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan SPD](#) - October 2018
- [Gretton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan SPD](#) – October 2018
- [Planning Obligations SPD](#) – April 2017
- [Cottingham and Middleton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan SPD](#) – April 2016
- [Northamptonshire Biodiversity SPD](#) – August 2015
- [Sustainable Design SPD](#) – September 2008

- 2.10 Work is currently being co-ordinated by the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning and Delivery to prepare supplementary guidance related to design and natural capital. The Part 2 Local Plan for Corby also signals out intent to prepare SPDs in relation to Custom and Self-Build Housing and Open Space, Sport and Recreation. It may be necessary to review the above SPDs in the future. Further information on the Council's SPDs can be viewed by selecting the following link:

<https://www.corby.gov.uk/home/planning-and-building-control/planning-information/supplementary-planning-documents-and-further>

3. Development Plan Documents – Future Position

- 3.1 The DPDs that the Council intends to prepare during the period covered by this LDS are:
- Part 2 Local Plan for Corby
 - Gypsy and Traveller Allocation Plan
- 3.2 Profiles of the future DPDs are provided in Appendices 2 and 3, describing the content, explaining how each document conforms to higher order documents, the geographical area covered, arrangements for production and sets out the timetable for their production.

Part 2 Local Plan for Corby

- 3.3 In accordance with Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (As Amended) Corby Borough Council submitted the Part 2 Local Plan for Corby to the Secretary of State on 19 December 2019 for examination.
- 3.4 In response to the Inspector's Initial Questions⁴, dated 13 February 2020, the Council was asked to prepare a revised schedule of proposed changes indicating whether the Council considers these to be Main Modifications or Additional Modifications to the Publication Draft (Pre-Submission) Part 2 Local Plan for Corby⁵. The proposed Main Modifications are those that materially affect the policies in the plan, so further consultation will be required following the examination hearings which will take place in September/October 2020, so that the rights of interested parties are not prejudiced. Where necessary and appropriate, main modifications may also need to be considered in revised Sustainability and Habitat Regulations Assessments. The proposed Additional Modifications deal with more minor matters that do not materially affect the policies in the plan, so do not require further consultation.
- 3.5 The addition of a modifications consultation stage will result in a delay in adopting the Part 2 Local Plan, which was previously estimated for adoption in late 2020, and necessitates an update to the LDS. The revised LDS now estimates that the Part 2 Local Plan for Corby will be adopted in May 2021. The revised timetable for the remaining stages of the Part 2 Local Plan for Corby can be found in Appendix 2.

Gypsy and Traveller Allocation Plan

- 3.6 Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (August 2015)⁶ requires that local planning authorities identify and update annually a five year supply of deliverable sites for travellers, and to identify a supply of specific, deliverable sites, or broad locations for years 6-10 and where possible years 11-15. A Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment for North Northamptonshire⁷ identified a need for 7 pitches to be provided

⁴ <http://www.corby.gov.uk/sites/default/files/files/EXAM%201%20-%20Inspector%27s%20Initial%20Questions%20Letter%2013%20Feb%2020.pdf>

⁵ https://www.corby.gov.uk/sites/default/files/files/Inspectors%20Letter%20280220_Redacted.pdf

⁶ Planning policy for traveller sites, August 2015

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/457420/Final_planning_and_travellers_policy.pdf

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<https://www.corby.gov.uk/sites/default/files/files/North%20Northamptonshire%20Gypsy%20%26%20Traveller%20Accommodation%20Assessment.pdf>

in Corby between 2018 and 2023 and a further 3 pitches to be provided between 2023 and the end of the Plan period in 2031.

- 3.7 The Part 2 Local Plan for Corby will support the North Northamptonshire JCS in providing for the housing needs of a range of specific groups, including gypsies, travellers and travelling show people and accord with national policy and guidance. The Part 2 Local Plan was at an advanced stage in the plan making process when updated evidence of the accommodation needs of gypsies and travellers within North Northamptonshire was published in June 2019. The opportunity to identify and consult on new sites proved unachievable without introducing an unacceptable delay to the Local Plan process. In response the Council proposed changes to the Publication Draft (Pre-Submission) Part 2 Local Plan setting out the intention to prepare a separate Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocation Plan identifying sites to meet the identified needs of gypsies and travellers. Appendix 3 outlines the timetable and arrangements for producing the Gypsy and Traveller Allocation Plan.

4. Delivery and Implementation

Joint Working

- 4.1 A Joint Planning Unit (JPU) (Joint Planning and Delivery Unit (JPDU) from 2017) was set up to co-ordinate the production of strategic plan making. The JPDU is responsible for producing the Statement of Community Involvement⁸, and Authorities' Monitoring Reports. It may also be involved in coordinating other joint work and supporting the preparation of Part 2 subsidiary Local Plans by each of the partner authorities. Further information is available at www.nnjpdu.org.uk.

Resources

- 4.2 Corby Borough Council's Local Plans team is responsible for the production of the Local Plan documents set out this LDS. It is expected that the resourcing of plan production beyond April 2021 will be through a unitary North Northamptonshire Council.
- 4.3 A budget to support the preparation of the Part 2 Local Plan was agreed at One Corby Policy Committee on 29 November 2016⁹. Progress reports have been considered by Corby's Local Plans Committee.
- 4.4 Separate budgetary arrangements will need to be put in place to cover the cost of evidence gathering and preparation of a Gypsy and Travellers Allocation Plan.

Risk Assessment and Management

- 4.5 The production of complex documents as part of the Local Plan requires consideration of the potential risks involved in their preparation. An assessment has been carried out of the factors that could affect the ability of the council to deliver the Local Plan in accordance with the indicated programme. Actions to manage these risks have been identified.

Risks	Responses/Mitigation
Uncertain way forward following abolition of Borough Council and establishment of unitary authority and implications for joint working.	The Council will continue to work positively with its North Northamptonshire partner authorities, and the JPDU up to vesting day. It will also continue to engage with other authorities and organisations to ensure it satisfies the Duty to Cooperate and contribute to the preparation of any necessary Statements of Common Ground. Ongoing discussions will also help to understand and manage any policy changes required.
Staff turnover, recruitment and absence e.g. long term sick or	Prompt recruitment of new staff and recruitment of temporary staff.

⁸ <https://www.corby.gov.uk/home/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/plan-making/statement-community-involvement-0>

⁹ [One Corby Policy Committee](#), 29 November 2016

maternity leave affects capacity within the team to manage the workloads and meet timetables resulting in slippage.	
Consultants not delivering within agreed timescales.	Timescales and expectations are clear within the project brief and reinforced at inception. Should slippage begin to occur then the officer will identify the problem quickly and engage with the consultants to find a solution.
Changes in national policy or guidance that affects work streams causing consequential delay or abortive work.	Ongoing monitoring of planning policy.
Budget pressure	The budget is regularly monitored to plan and project for any extra costs potentially incurred in producing the Development Plan Documents.
Capacity of the Planning Inspectorate (PINS)	Advanced notification of timetables are being provided to the Planning Inspectorate to assist them in ensuring a suitable Inspector is available.
Agreeing the Plans through Committees	Officers work closely with all Members, but in particular the Chairman and Members of the Local Plans Committee, to inform them of progress in preparing the DPDs, and background documents, to develop understanding and foster a spirit of ownership of the content of each Plan.
Soundness of Plans	The Council will seek to minimise any risk to the assessment of “soundness” by informing PINS of the on-going process and working alongside the Council’s designated planning solicitor throughout the process.
Legal Challenge	The Council will work closely with its designated planning solicitor to reduce the risk of a successful legal challenge.
Programme slippage	The timetables set are considered challenging but also achievable. To seek to reduce the risk of slippage, the programme will be regularly monitored, and contingencies explored to keep the timetables on track.

Monitoring and Review

- 4.6 The North Northamptonshire Authorities’ Monitoring Report will monitor the progress of the LDS on an annual basis. The latest version is available to view on the Council’s website at www.corby.gov.uk.
- 4.7 The LDS will normally be reviewed within a minimum of three years from the adoption of this document. However, as described in paragraph 1.5, the abolition of Corby

Borough Council and its replacement by a new unitary authority which will have plan making powers across North Northamptonshire will likely necessitate an earlier review, particularly in light of new partnership arrangements which are expected to come into operation.



Appendix 1: Summary Schedule of Proposed Development Plan Documents

Document Title	Status	Responsible Authority	Brief Description	Chain of Conformity	Early Stakeholder + Community Involvement	Consultation of Publication Plan	Date for Submission to S. of S.	Proposed Date for Adoption
Part 2 Local Plan for Corby	DPD	CBC	Policy framework containing land allocations and site-specific proposals in Corby Borough	To conform with the Joint Core Strategy	Scoping incorporating Issues and Options November 2016 – December 2016 Emerging Draft Options July 2018 – August 2018	August 2019 – September 2019	19 December 2019	May 2021
Gypsy and Traveller Allocation Plan	DPD	CBC	Identify sites to meet the identified needs of gypsy and travellers in the Borough as identified in the NN Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment.	To conform with the Joint Core Strategy	Consultation on the preparation of a Local Plan Spring 2021 Emerging Draft Options Winter 2022	Summer 2022	Autumn 2022	Winter 2024

Appendix 2: Part 2 Local Plan for Corby Profile

Title: Part 2 Local Plan for Corby																	
Document details	<p>Role and subject The Part 2 Local Plan for Corby, when adopted, will form part of the statutory North Northamptonshire Development Plan. The Part 2 Local Plan for Corby provides locally specific policies and site allocations which complement the strategic context set out in the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2011-2031</p> <p>Geographic coverage The administrative area of Corby Borough.</p> <p>Status Development Plan Document.</p> <p>Chain of conformity North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.</p>																
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Arrangements for production	<p>Organisation leading the process Corby Borough Council</p> <p>Management arrangements The Part 2 Local Plan will be prepared, consulted upon, and managed by Corby Borough Council's Local Plans Committee until April 2021. Adoption of the Plan will be subject to the new Local Government arrangements for North Northamptonshire.</p> <p>Resources required to produce the DPD Local Plans Team, Development Management, Local Plans Budget.</p> <p>Approach to involving stakeholders and the community Refer to the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.</p>																

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The scope and duration of the Main Modifications (MM) consultation will reflect those of the consultation held at the Publications Draft (Pre-Submission) stage: this means it will last at least six weeks. The Inspector will consider all the representations made on the proposed MMs before finalising the examination report and the schedule of recommended MMs. Further hearing sessions will not usually be held, unless the Inspector considers them essential to deal with substantial issues raised in the representations, or to ensure fairness.



Appendix 3: Gypsy and Traveller Allocation Plan Profile

Title: Gypsy and Traveller Allocation Plan		
Document details	<p>Role and subject The Gypsy and Traveller Allocation Plan, when adopted, will form part of the statutory North Northamptonshire Development Plan. This document will seek to allocate land to provide sufficient pitch numbers to meet the identified need.</p> <p>Geographic coverage The administrative area of Corby Borough (subject to Local Government re-organisation).</p> <p>Status Development Plan Document.</p> <p>Chain of conformity North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.</p>	
Timetable	Consultation on the preparation of a Local Plan	Spring 2021
	Emerging Draft Options	Winter 2022
	Publication Draft (Pre-submission)	Summer 2022
	Submission	Autumn 2022
	<i>Subsequent steps are subject to the timing and progress of the examination. This is the responsibility of the appointed Inspector and may change.</i>	
	Examination	Spring 2023
	Receipt of Inspector's Report	Autumn 2023
	Adoption	Winter 2024
Arrangements for production	<p>Organisation leading the process Corby Borough Council and successor organisation.</p> <p>Management arrangements The Gypsy and Traveller Allocation Plan will be prepared, consulted upon, and managed by Corby Borough Council's Local Plans Committee prior to the establishment of the unitary authority in April 2021. Management of the Plan beyond that will be subject to the new Local Government arrangements for North Northamptonshire.</p> <p>Resources required to produce the DPD Local Plans Team, Development Management, Local Plans Budget.</p> <p>Approach to involving stakeholders and the community Refer to the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.</p>	