

# Sandwell MBC Local Development Scheme



Sandwell  
Metropolitan Borough Council

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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This Local Development Scheme (LDS) has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and sets out: -
- the Local Development Documents (LDDs), which are to be defined as Development Plan Documents (DPDs);
  - the subject matter and geographical area to which each DPD is to relate;
  - which DPDs are to be prepared jointly with one or more other local planning authority; and
  - the timetable for the preparation and revision of the DPDs
- 1.2 The LDS sets out the timetable for the preparation or revision of any LDDs covering Sandwell for the period 2020-2023 and supersedes all previous versions of the Sandwell LDS.

## **2. Sandwell Development Plan Documents**

- 2.1 The Local Development Documents, which are to be defined as Development Plan Documents, covering the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council local authority area through this LDS are: -
- Black Country Core Strategy – adopted 2011 (now Black Country Plan)
  - Sandwell Site Allocations & Delivery Development Plan Document - adopted 2012
  - West Bromwich Area Action Plan – adopted 2012
  - Smethwick Area Action Plan – adopted 2008
  - Tipton Area Action Plan – adopted 2008
  - Statement of Community Involvement - adopted 2016
- 2.2 The Black Country Core Strategy is a strategic plan prepared jointly by the four Black Country authorities to cover the Black Country area (Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton) for the period 2006-2026. The Core Strategy addresses strategic priorities for the Black Country, covers all subject areas at a strategic level and indicates broad locations for development on a key diagram. When it was adopted in 2011, the Core Strategy replaced various policies and allocations in the Sandwell Unitary Development Plan (2014).
- 2.3 The Area Action Plans were prepared to set out local policies, allocations and designations for key regeneration areas identified in the Black Country Core Strategy. These Area Action Plans replaced various policies and allocations in the Sandwell Unitary Development Plan when they were adopted.

### 3. Timetable for Preparation and Revision of Sandwell Development Plan Documents

3.1 The NPPF requires all local planning authorities to complete a review of DPDs that have been adopted for five or more years and to decide either:

- that their policies do not need revising and publish their reasons for this decision; and / or
- that one or more policies do need revising and update their LDS to set out the timetable for this revision.

3.2 This LDS fulfils the requirements of the NPPF in this regard, as set out below:

<b>DPD</b>	<b>Years since adoption</b>	<b>Need for revision 2020-23?</b>	<b>Current position and way forward</b>
Black Country Core Strategy / Black Country Plan (BCP)	9	Yes	Review currently underway and revision timetable included in this LDS.
Sandwell Site Allocations and Delivery DPD (Sandwell Development Plan)	8	Yes	Review currently underway and revision timetable included in this LDS.
West Bromwich Area Action Plan	8	Yes	Review of AAP will form part of Development Plan and will help deliver the BCP. Not yet underway, although an interim planning statement and masterplan is in the process of being prepared, to help bridge the policy gap prior to adoption of the revised AAP
Smethwick Area Action Plan	12	Yes	Review of AAP will form part of Development Plan and will help deliver the BCP. Not yet underway.
Tipton Area Action Plan	12	Yes	Review of AAP will form part of Development Plan and will help deliver the BCP. Not yet underway.

3.3 Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council is currently working with Dudley, Wolverhampton and Walsall Councils to review the Black Country Core Strategy. The subject matter scope of the new Plan will be wider than the existing Core Strategy, including new site allocations and a review of existing

allocations, where appropriate. The new Plan will include all the strategic policies for the Black Country, as defined in the 2019 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The Black Country Core Strategy will in future be known as the “Black Country Plan” to reflect the guidance set out in the NPPF.

The timetable for the review is set out below:

### **Black Country Plan (formerly Black Country Core Strategy) Preparation Timetable**

<b>PLAN PREPARATION STAGE</b>	<b>TIMESCALE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues and Options consultation</li> </ul>	July – September 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publish revised timetable</li> <li>• Publish further evidence</li> <li>• Open ‘call for sites’ consultation for 6-8 weeks</li> </ul>	June-July 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publish delivery evidence</li> </ul>	December 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet consideration of Draft Plan</li> </ul>	July 2021
<b>Draft Plan Public Consultation (eight weeks)</b>	August-September 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet consideration of publication version of BCP</li> </ul>	July 2022
<b>Publication Public Consultation</b>	August-September 2022
<b>Submission of Plan</b>	March 2023
<b>Examination</b>	April 2023 - March 2024
<b>Adoption</b>	April 2024

3.4 It is the intention to run the Sandwell Development Plan review approximately twelve months behind that of the Black Country Plan. To avoid consultation duplication on any stage of the Sandwell Development Plan coinciding with those of the Black Country Plan, the proposed timetable is set out below:

### **Sandwell Development Plan (formerly Sandwell Site Allocations Document)**

<b>Issues &amp; Options Consultation</b>	January 2022
<b>Draft Plan consultation</b>	October 2022
<b>Plan Publication</b>	October 2023

<b>Submission to Secretary of State</b>	March 2024
<b>Examination in Public</b>	Summer 2024
<b>Adoption</b>	March 2025