

## **Mid Devon District Council**

### **Local Development Scheme – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Mid Devon District Council is required to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the district. The LDS provides interested people and organisations with the Council's project plan for the preparation of local development documents. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that the LDS must specify:

- The local development documents which are to be 'development plan documents'
- The subject matter and geographical area to which each development plan document relates
- The timetable for preparation and revision of the development plan documents

1.2 Local authorities can update their LDS at such times as considered appropriate. The previous Mid Devon LDS has been in place since January 2022.

1.3 The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 has introduced the requirement to review local development documents within certain time periods. In respect of local plans, a review must be completed every five years, starting from the date of adoption of the local plan. Consequently, this LDS provides a timescale for the production of a new local plan.

#### **2. THE LOCAL PLAN**

2.1 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) makes clear that development plans (including Local Plans) are key to delivering sustainable development and local authorities should produce a development plan for their area, which includes strategic and also non-strategic policies. The Local Plan can be reviewed in whole or in part to respond flexibly to changing circumstances.

2.2 Mid Devon's Local Plan 2013 – 2033 was adopted on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020. It guides development in the district over the period to 2033 and aims to ensure that new homes, jobs and services needed by communities are located in the most sustainable places. It will also help deliver the infrastructure, facilities and other developments needed to make this possible.

2.3 Devon County Council has a strategic planning role and is responsible for minerals and waste planning in Devon including the production of mineral and waste plans. The Devon Minerals and Waste Plan is currently made up of two parts which are development plan documents. The two documents are:

<b>Document</b>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Subject matter</b>
Devon Minerals Plan 2011-2033	February 2017	Devon	The Devon Minerals Plan contains the County Council's vision and objectives for minerals planning and provides the policy framework and site proposals to maintain the supply of minerals and limit the impacts of their working.
Devon Waste Plan	December 2014	Devon	The role of the Devon Waste Plan is to establish the overarching principles and policy direction for waste planning in Devon, it also identifies strategic sites for energy recovery across the County and a series of planning policies for making decisions on planning applications. The Plan covers the period to 2031.

2.4 Neighbourhood Plans were introduced through the Localism Act 2011.

Neighbourhood Plans are a community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of an area which conform to the strategic policies of the Local Plan. Neighbourhood Plans, once 'made' will be adopted as part of the overall development plan.

2.5 The following Neighbourhood Plans have either been 'made' / adopted by the Council or are currently under development within the Mid Devon area:

- Cullompton Neighbourhood Plan – 'made' / adopted 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- Crediton Neighbourhood Plan – 'made' / adopted 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- Tiverton Neighbourhood Plan – 'made' / adopted 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Silverton Neighbourhood Plan – Regulation 16 stage / Examination
- Willand Neighbourhood Plan – Revised Neighbourhood Area being consulted on, and progressing towards Regulation 14 stage
- Newton St Cyres Neighbourhood Plan – Area designation approved December 2021

2.6 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) are not part of the Local Plan, nor are they development plan documents. Therefore, information on their production is not set out within the LDS. Instead, such information can be found on the Mid Devon website at <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/planning-policy/supplementary-planning-documents/>.

### **3.0 NEW LOCAL PLAN FOR MID DEVON**

3.1 The Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan for Mid Devon (which will be known as ‘Plan Mid Devon’). This new Local Plan will cover Mid Devon District (excluding part of the district within the Dartmoor National Park). Once adopted it will form part of the statutory Development Plan for Mid Devon together with other development plans (once adopted) including the Devon Minerals and Waste Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans. The new Local Plan will include a spatial development strategy, strategic policies and non-strategic policies for the use and development of land and buildings in Mid Devon.

3.2 The new Local Plan, once adopted, will supersede the Mid Devon Local Plan Review 2013 - 2033.

3.3 The following table sets out the timetable for production and adoption of the document:

Stage	Date
Regulation 18 Issues Consultation	January – March 2022 (Completed)
Draft Policies and Site Options Consultation (Regulation 18 continued)	November 2024 – January 2025
Regulation 19 Publication (Proposed Submission) consultation	December 2025 – February 2026
Submission	April 2026
Examination and Main Modifications	April 2026 – March 2027
Adoption	April 2027

## 4.0 PROGRESS REPORTING

4.1 The Council produces an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) in December each year, covering the ‘monitoring year’ (of the preceding April-March period). A new AMR will be prepared which will set out the timetable for the preparation of the new Local Plan, the stages which has been reached in relation to key milestones, and if they are behind schedule, the reasons for this.

4.2 The AMR will be made available on the Mid Devon website at:  
<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/planning-policy/monitoring/>

## 5.0 IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 This LDS will have effect from 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

## 6.0 REVIEW

6.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that local authorities can revise their LDS at such times as they consider appropriate. The Mid Devon District Council website will be updated to set out if the LDS has been subject to further revision. Proposed changes are subject to approval by the Council’s Cabinet.