

Local Planning Authority (LPA) Update

LPA	Summary of LPA Planning Position
Bedfordshire	
Bedford Borough	Bedford Borough Local Plan 2030 was adopted 15th January 2020. Policy 1 of the Local Plan requires an update or replacement plan to be submitted for examination no more than three years from adoption. This review commenced in July 2020. The consultation on the issues and options which concluded in September 2021. The Council are set to consult on the Regulation 19 Draft Plan in May/June 2022. Policy 4S required some 2,350 homes to be delivered through NDP, progress of which is to be monitored annually. Except for Roxton, if a Neighbourhood Development Plan or Neighbourhood Development Order (Regulation 16) had not been submitted to the Council within a period of 12 months from adoption (January 2021), the Council will allocate additional sites under the LP review. Neighbourhood Plans are emerging/have been made for a number of areas including Great Barford, Harrold, Milton Ernest, Sharnbrook, Wilstead and Willington. Referendum took place on the Willington Neighbourhood Plan on 20th January 2022 and it was voted in favour to make the Neighbourhood Plan. The Milton Ernest and Sharnbrook Neighbourhood Plan was made 24th November 2021, Harrold Neighbourhood Plan the 5th January 2022 and Great Barford Neighbourhood Plan was made 19th January 2022. The Wilstead Neighbourhood Plan is currently out for submission consultation until 14th April 2022.
Central Bedfordshire	The Central Bedfordshire Local Plan 2015-2035 was adopted by the Council at a meeting on 22nd July 2021. The Council have now published a draft Local Development Scheme. A Local Plan Review is proposed between January – August/September 2022. The Local Plan update is set to commence immediately after the Review, with a Regulation 18 consultation in September/November 2024, Regulation 19 consultation in June/July 2025 and adoption timetabled for October 2026. Neighbourhood Plan Consultations are currently underway for Stotfold and Astwick and Biggleswade (Regulation 16) which is running until 28th March 2022. The Gravenhurst and Haynes Neighbourhood Plan were adopted November 2021.
Luton	On 7th November 2017, Luton Borough Council adopted the Luton Local Plan (2011-2031). Luton originally intended to progress a new Local Plan in 2019 with submission in 2021, at this point in time no steps have been made to progress with this review.

Hertfordshire	
East Hertfordshire	East Hertfordshire adopted a new Local Plan at an Extraordinary Council on the 23 October 2018. According to the current Local Development Scheme (LDS) (agreed July 2020), the council was to undertake an assessment (autumn 2020) to determine whether the adopted Plan needs updating. A Call for Sites was timetabled for the end of 2020 in order to supplement the council's assessment. There is currently no timetable for preparation of review of the Local Plan. The Vehicle Parking at New Developments SPD was due to be published for consultation in mid-2021. The consultation has yet to take place and a further update detailing progress is awaited. The emerging Old River Lane SPD is additionally in its early stages and timeline for consultation will be published in due course. Similarly, an update on the Old River Lane SPD is still yet to be published. The forthcoming SPDs are listed to be Custom and Self-Build Housing, Governance and Stewardship and Birchall Garden Suburb. No further updates have been provided.
North Hertfordshire	North Hertfordshire's Local Plan 2011-2031 was submitted for examination 9th June 2017. Hearing sessions have taken place. The Inspectors suggested modifications were published on the 10 March and were then approved at a Cabinet Meeting held 16 March 2021, the Local Plan Modifications were then subject to consultation which closed 24th June 2021. The representations received from the consultation on the Main Modifications have been reviewed by the Inspector. Following its examination over the last four years, the new Local Plan (2011-2031) is awaiting the Inspector's final report which is anticipated in due course.
St Albans	The adopted Development Plan comprises saved policies from the Local Plan adopted in 1994. The Council have attempted to replace this plan since, but so far have been unsuccessful, the most recent example being an emerging Local Plan being withdrawn from examination in November 2020. At a Local Plan Advisory Group meeting on 18th January 2022, a new Local Development Scheme was proposed which anticipated a Regulation 18 consultation in January/February 2023, which would push back the timetable set out in the previous LDS (dated January 2021), with adoption to fall beyond the end of 2023 (the deadline set by National Government to have a Local Plan in place).
Welwyn and Hatfield	Welwyn Hatfield's emerging Local Plan was submitted for examination 15th May 2017. During the examination process the Local Plan Inspector raised serious concerns in relation to the approach taken to Green Belt release in the plan and this ultimately prompted a new Call for Sites which ran between 7th January – 4th February 2019. Stage 9 hearing sessions took place on the proposed main modifications in February and March 2021. The Inspectors report following the Stage 9 hearing sessions was published in July 2021. The Council wrote to the Inspector on 5th August detailing a new Local Plan examination timetable and delay in submitting the additional sites. A Special Council Meeting was scheduled for 4th November discussing options to reach 15,200 dwellings, this had been delayed until 17th November following a pending response from the Secretary of State. The Council paused work on its Local Plan in October 2021 to await clarification on government policy, but work has since resumed. The Main modifications will be considered at Full Council on 16th March. However, there is speculation that the plan is on track to be withdrawn as the Council will not accept housing numbers.
Dacorum	The adopted Development Plan comprises the Core Strategy (2006-2031) adopted September 2013, the Site Allocations Development Plan Document adopted July 2017 and saved policies from the Local Plan adopted in 2004. The Council are preparing a new Local Plan (2020-2038) and the timetable in the Local Development Scheme (LDS) dated February 2022 states that the Local Plan will not be submitted until 2024, after the government's December 2023 adoption deadline. The timetable is set out as following: Draft Plan (Regulation 18) consultation in June 2023, Publication (Regulation 19) in June-July 2024 and examination followed by adoption in 2025.
Stevenage	The Stevenage Borough Local Plan 2011-2031 was adopted on 22 May 2019. A review of the Local Plan is anticipated to begin two years after adoption to produce a new Stevenage Borough Local Plan 2021-2041. At present there is no evidence of a review being progressed.
Joint Strategic Plan	Dacorum, Hertsmere, St Albans, Three Rivers and Watford Borough Council are progressing work on a Joint Strategic Plan (JSP) for the South West Hertfordshire area. A Statement of Common Ground (SCG) was agreed by the Authorities in Summer 2021 for the preparation of a Joint Strategic Plan (JSP), with key milestones comprising a Draft Issues and Options (Regulation 18) early 2022, a Draft Spatial Options (Regulation 18) in early 2023, Final Draft Version (Regulation 19) in early 2024 and examination followed by adoption mid-end 2024. There are no updates on this work at present.
London Borough	
Barnet	The adopted Local Plan currently comprises Barnet's Local Plan (Core Strategy) 2012. Regulation 19 consultation ran until 9th August 2021 on the draft Local Plan. Following approval at the Council meeting held 19th October 2021, the Local Plan has since been submitted for examination on 26th November 2021. The Inspectors report is expected shortly.

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Central Bedfordshire											
Houghton Regis North (Sites 1 and 2)	Adopted	7,000 total Site 1 - 5,150 (as at outline approval) Site 2 (4 parcels) - 1,850 (as at outline approval)	Site 1: Two approved RM applications. Further RM applications subitted and awaiting decision: October 2021 (202 dwellings), December 2021 (100 dwellings) and January 2022 (5150 dwellings). Site 2: A RM application for site 2 was submitted January 2022 for 1,850 dwellings. Awaiting decision. The Annual Monitoring Report published January 2022 identifies a total of 356 completions between 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2021 in Houghton Regis across different schemes.	Primary school				Houghton Regis, Dunstable (191) 222 - Houghton Regis			
Wixams	Adopted	Total of 5,000 projected (2000 in Central Bedfordfordshire)	Village 4 RM by Morris Homes approved for 187 homes on parcel 4; 138 dwellings are complete with 15 under construction and RM approved for 217 dwellings by Abbey Developments at parcel 4.1 of Village 4; construction in progress with 205 dwellings complete with 10 under construction. A RM for parcel 4.3 has been approved for 120 dwellings. Tilia Homes are to deliver the site. 85 are complete to date and at last reporting 19 were under construction. Village 2 Barratt David Wilson submitted an application for 500 dwellings. A further application for 56 homes has been approved. Barratts intend to start on site imminently. 309 homes to be provided at Phase 1 Village 2 by 2024/25. Village 3 Village 3 will provide in the region of 1,600 dwellings approximately 75% of which will be within Central Bedfordshire. RM application for 286 dwellings submitted March 2022.					Bedford			
North of Luton	Adopted	3600 (According to the July 2021 housing trajectory)	Delivery is expected to commence in 2023 with 110 dwellings. An outline application is timetabled for late 2021. There is currently no sight of this.	Day nurseries, early years, primary, secondary and sixth form facilities.	Local plan adopted 22nd July 2021.			Luton			

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Land East of Biggleswade (east of allocated new village, south of Sutton and West of Dutton)	Adopted	up to 5,000 homes						Biggleswade			
Land at North, South and East of Tempsford is safeguarded for future development	Adopted	potential capacity for 10,000+ homes,	/					The Riversmeet, Biggleswade			
Marston Vale New Villages	Adopted	circa 5,000	18/01969/OUT - application submitted for 5,000 new homes, community, open spaces, leisure and sports uses and associated infrastructure. This application has still not been determined. RM application was scheduled for early 2022 and delivery had been anticipated to commence in 2022/23 with 25 dwellings.	day nurseries, early years, primary, secondary and sixth form facilities.				Marston Morteyne with Lidlington, Bedford			
Land at Aspley Guise (North of the Railway Line) is safeguarded for future development	Adopted	circa 3,000 homes	/					Aspley Guise with Husborne Crawley and Ridgmont, Ampthill and Shefford			

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Gilston Area	Adopted	10,000	Neighbourhood Plan anticipates 3,000 to be delivered prior to 2033. 6,950 post 2033. Pending outline planning application from Places for People for 8,500 homes on the Gilston Park Estate. 3/19/1045/OUT. Village 1: 1957 (Eastwick) village 2: 1895 (Gilston) village 3:1075 (Gilston) village 4:2037 (Gilston) village 5:772 (Eastwick) village 6:1274 (Eastwick) Turlings Park: 200 village 7: Outline application (3/19/2124/OUT) submitted for 1,500 homes alongside infrastructure in Gilston Village 7 is awaiting decision	Church school expansion; existing churches (Gilston; Eastwick); will need adaptation of buildings Neighbourhood Plan - land for twenty forms of entry for both primary and secondary education - new community facilities	East Herts Council has received an outline planning application from Places for People for a residential-led mixed use development of up to 8,500 homes on the Gilston Park Estate. 3/19/1045/OUT. The application is still awaiting a decision. A Neighbourhood Plan for the Gilston Area went to referendum on 27th May 2021 and has now been made.	Plus Pioneer Minister		Bishop's Stortford (93) 132 - High Wych & Gilston w Eastwick			
North Hertfordshire											
Luton East	Emerging	Luton East (west) - 1050 Luton East (east) - 350 East of Luton - 2,100	From 2021. 1,500 homes by 2031 (main mods).No updated information provided.	Up to 4FE of primary-age and secondary-age education provision	Concerns raised at examination of potential of these sites.			Luton			
St Albans											
East Hemel Hempstead	No Local Plan status - it will be an emerging allocation (joint delivery with North Hemel in Dacorums as part of Hemel Garden Communities)	circa 4000-5000		Unclear at this time, but see North Hemel below for general idea of level of infrastructure anticipated.	A key area for future growth, but Local Plan status. Recent public consultation on public transport closed 31st March 2022.						

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