

Wolverhampton Local Development Scheme 2021-2024

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**CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL**

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 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 authorities;
 - 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 the Wolverhampton area for the period 2021-2024, and supersedes all previous versions of the Wolverhampton LDS.

2. Wolverhampton Development Plan Documents

- 2.1 The Local Development Documents covering the City of Wolverhampton Council local authority area which are to be defined as Development Plan Documents through this LDS are:
- Wolverhampton Unitary Development Plan – adopted 2006 (saved policies)
 - Black Country Core Strategy – adopted 2011
 - Black Country Plan (to be prepared to replace the Black Country Core Strategy)
 - Bilston Corridor Area Action Plan – adopted 2014
 - Stafford Road Corridor Area Action Plan – adopted 2014
 - Wolverhampton City Centre Area Action Plan – adopted 2016
- 2.2 The Wolverhampton Unitary Development Plan was the single plan covering the Wolverhampton area when it was adopted in 2006. It included both strategic and local policies and all allocations and designations.
- 2.3 The Black Country Core Strategy is a strategic plan prepared jointly by the Black Country authorities (Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton) 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. The Core Strategy replaced various policies and allocations in the Wolverhampton Unitary Development Plan when it was adopted in 2011.
- 2.4 The three Area Action Plans were prepared to set out local policies, allocations and designations for the three key regeneration areas identified in the Black Country Core Strategy. These Area Action Plans replaced various policies and

allocations in the Wolverhampton Unitary Development Plan when they were adopted in 2014 / 2016.

3. Timetable for Preparation and Revision of Wolverhampton Development Plan Documents

- 3.1 The NPPF requires all local planning authorities to complete a review of DPDs which 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:

DPD	Years since adoption	Need for revision during 2021-24?	Reasons for decision
Wolverhampton UDP (saved policies)	15	No	All parts of the UDP which required updating have been replaced through subsequent adoption of the Black Country Core Strategy and Area Action Plans.
Black Country Core Strategy / Black Country Plan	10	Yes	Review currently underway and revision timetable included in this LDS.
Bilston Corridor Area Action Plan	Seven	No	Preparation of the Black Country Plan will review and replace any policies and allocations which require revising.
Stafford Road Corridor Area Action Plan	Seven	No	Preparation of the Black Country Plan will review and replace any policies and allocations which require revising.
Wolverhampton City Centre Area Action Plan	Five	Yes	The emerging Black Country Plan does not include allocations for that part of the Wolverhampton City Centre AAP area which falls within the defined Strategic Centre. Therefore, a review of this AAP will be required bason on a new boundary covering the Strategic Centre only. The timetable for the review is set out in this LDS.

- 3.3 City of Wolverhampton Council is currently working with Dudley, Sandwell 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 of the strategic policies for the Black Country, as defined in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The DPD name will also be changed to Black Country Plan to reflect 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

Stage	Timescale
Issues and Options Report Consultation	July – September 2017
Draft Plan Consultation (Regulation 18)	August – September 2021
Publication Consultation (Regulation 19)	August - September 2022
Submission	March 2023
Examination	April 2023 – March 2024
Adoption	April 2024

- 3.4 A review of the existing Wolverhampton City Centre Area Action Plan is required, to provide up-to-date development allocations and policies for that part of the AAP area which is not covered in detail by the emerging Black Country Plan. The timetable for the review is set out below:

Wolverhampton City Centre Area Action Plan Review Timetable

Stage	Timescale
Issues and Options Report Consultation	Autumn 2023
Draft Plan Consultation (Regulation 18)	Summer 2024
Publication Consultation (Regulation 19)	Late 2024 / Early 2025
Submission	Summer 2025
Examination	Autumn 2025 – Spring 2026
Adoption	Summer 2026

- 3.5 No other DPDs are currently programmed for review or preparation during 2021-2024.