

Sheffield City Council
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Introduction

The [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Section 15](#), (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires a Local Planning Authority to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS). An LDS sets out a timetable for producing development plan documents which, when eventually adopted, will comprise the Local Plan for the area.

When adopted, the Council's Local Plan will be called the Sheffield Plan. This LDS contains details of the timetable for producing the Sheffield Plan. It sets out a planning work programme for the Council over the period to December 2024 and takes effect from 21 October 2021. The LDS will be regularly reviewed to keep it up to date.

Background to Plan Making

The [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) defines a local plan as “a plan for the future development of a local area, drawn up by the local planning authority in consultation with the community. In law this is described as the development plan documents adopted under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. A local plan can consist of either strategic or non-strategic policies, or a combination of the two”. Section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the NPPF specify what the local plan should include. Further guidance is also provided in [National Planning Practice Guidance on Plan-making](#) (September 2018).

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) requires the City Council to update the LDS, to keep a copy of any amendments and provide up to date information about compliance with the published timetable. The Sheffield Plan is currently on track to be produced in line with the timetable outlined in this LDS.

Current Development Plan Documents

The current adopted development plan documents (often referred to as the “Local Plan”) for Sheffield are:

- [Sheffield Core Strategy \(2009\)](#)
- ‘Saved’ policies of the [Sheffield Unitary Development Plan \(UDP\) \(1998\)](#) – see [Sheffield Core Strategy Appendix 3](#) for the list of UDP policies that were superseded by the Core Strategy

New Development Plan Documents in Preparation

(a) Sheffield Local Plan

Sheffield's Local Plan is currently in the process of being replaced, as confirmed by this Local Development Scheme. The new plan will be referred to as "the Sheffield Plan" and will include both strategic and local policies. It will set out the vision, objectives and strategic policies for the whole of the Sheffield administrative area except the part of the district within the Peak District National Park¹. The **strategic policies** will set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development and make sufficient provision for housing, employment, retail, leisure and other commercial development, infrastructure, community facilities, and conservation and enhancement of the natural, built and historic environment, as well as including policies designed to secure contribution towards mitigation of and adaption to climate change.

The Plan will also include **non-strategic policies** setting out more detailed policies for specific areas, neighbourhoods and types of development. This will include the local provision of infrastructure and community facilities, establishing design principles, conserving and enhancing the natural and historic environment, and other development management policies.

Allocated sites will be illustrated on a Policies Map which will form part of the Sheffield Plan.

The plan will cover the period 2024-2039.

Once adopted, the Sheffield Plan will replace:

- All the policies in the Sheffield Core Strategy (2009) except the following policies (see further at paragraph (b) below):
 - [CS68 Waste Development Objectives](#);
 - [CS69 Safeguarding Major Waste Facilities](#) and
 - [CS70 Provision for Recycling and Composting](#)
- All the saved policies in the Sheffield Unitary Development Plan (1998)

¹ The Peak District National Park Authority is responsible for preparing the Local Plan for the national park. See [Peak District National Park Local Development Framework Core Strategy \(2011\)](#) and [Development Management Policies \(2019\)](#).

Consultation on the [Sheffield Plan Issues and Options](#) took place in September-October 2020 and work is currently taking place on the production of a Publication (Pre-Submission) Draft Plan (under Regulation 19²). It is anticipated that the Plan will be adopted in 2024 following examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. The full timetable, showing the main future milestones, is set out in Table 1 below. Progress against the milestones will be reported in the Authority Monitoring Report.

The Sheffield Plan will be reviewed at least every 5 years after it has been adopted.

(b) South Yorkshire Joint Waste Local Plan

Agreement has been reached, in principle, with the other South Yorkshire Unitary Authorities to produce a Joint Waste Local Plan. This will replace waste management policies in the Sheffield Core Strategy (2009) as well as the adopted [Joint Barnsley, Doncaster & Rotherham Waste Plan \(March 2012\)](#). The overall timetable for producing the plan has not yet been agreed between the four local authorities but the process has started by the commissioning of consultants to produce the evidence base. The evidence gathered will help to inform the next stages of the project. The authorities intend to work towards production of a memorandum of understanding and legal agreement directly relating to the production of the Joint Waste Local Plan. The LDS will be updated as and when this occurs.

Once adopted, the South Yorkshire Joint Waste Local Plan will replace the following policies in the Sheffield Core Strategy (2009)

- [CS68 Waste Development Objectives](#);
- [CS69 Safeguarding Major Waste Facilities](#)
- [CS70 Provision for Recycling and Composting](#)

Neighbourhood Plans

Neighbourhood plans are defined in the NPPF as plans which are “prepared by a parish council or neighbourhood forum for a designated neighbourhood area. In law this is described as a neighbourhood development plan in the Planning and Compulsory

² Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Purchase Act 2004”. Once they have been adopted, neighbourhood plans become part of the development plan (often referred to as “the Local Plan”) for the area.

Two neighbourhood plans³ have been adopted in Sheffield and a further three are currently being prepared. Details of the plans still being prepared are set out in Table 2 below.

Table 1: Sheffield Plan Timetable

	Sheffield Plan Stages	Dates
A	Consult on Publication (Pre-submission) Draft Plan (under Regulation 19*)	October 2022 - November 2022
B	Submission of the Draft Plan to the Government and Public Examination (Regulation 22**)	April 2023 – September 2024
C	Inspector’s Final Report published	September 2024
D	Adoption by the City Council	December 2024

*Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012.

**Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012. Please note that this stage B incorporates time for public hearings, the inspector’s Preliminary Report and consultation on any main modifications.

³ Broomhill, Broomfield, Endcliffe, Summerfield and Tupton (BBEST) Neighbourhood Plan (June 2021) and Dore Neighbourhood Plan (October 2021).

Table 2: [Sheffield Neighbourhood Plans](#)⁴

Area Covered by Neighbourhood Plan	Neighbourhood Planning Body	Status of Neighbourhood Plan as at Sept 2021	Expected Adoption Date
Kelham Island & Neepsend	Kelham Island & Neepsend Neighbourhood Forum	Draft plan expected April 2022	Early 2023
Ecclesfield	Ecclesfield Parish Council	Draft plan expected March 2022	May 2023
Stockbridge	Stocksbridge Town Council	On hold – future dates not published	TBC

⁴ Further details of all neighbourhood planning proposals, including the geographical areas to which each proposed neighbourhood plan will cover, can be accessed via <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/planning-development/neighbourhood-planning>.