

Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
Local Development Framework

Local Development Scheme (LDS)

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1 Introduction

The Council is required to prepare a Local Development Scheme (LDS) to inform the public about the current planning policies for Stockport as well as to set out the programme for the preparation of the Local Development Framework (LDF). The LDF contains new planning policy documents which will progressively replace or update existing policies.

This LDS sets out a programme which details the key stages of production of planning documents to 2012. Its purpose is to inform stakeholders and the community about when they can become involved in the production of planning documents, in particular, when there will be periods of consultation.

The LDS also contains a supporting statement which sets out in some detail the Council's procedures and protocols which will be followed in the production of the LDF.

The LDS has been approved by government and is now available on the Council's website (<http://www.stockport.gov.uk/lDs>) along with all other current planning policy documents and emerging LDF documents.

Whilst every effort has been made to make this LDS as clear as possible, it is appreciated that the planning system can on occasions be complicated and difficult to understand. For this reason a glossary of terms and acronyms used in this LDS has been provided at the end of the document.

The New Planning System

A new planning system came into force in September 2004 which replaces existing development plans with Local Development Frameworks. In Stockport the LDF will replace the Unitary Development Plan Review (adopted May 31st 2006)

The underlying principles behind the new planning system are:

- To produce a system that allows plans and policy to be more responsive to change and capable of being updated in shorter time frames;
- To facilitate continuous stakeholder and community involvement to build consensus in plan making;
- To have a clear approach to community involvement;
- To have a requirement for a comprehensive evidence base;
- To have a requirement for Sustainability Appraisal, including Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA), for all plans;
- To have a wider spatial approach to planning to make the LDF the spatial expression of the Community Strategy and other local partnership strategies (see 'Links with Other Council and External Strategies' for more detail); and
- A programme managed approach to plan making that adds greater certainty to plan production time-scales that can be measured.

LDFs consist of three different types of Local Development Document (LDD) (see Figure 1 'How the LDF fits together'):

Development Plan Documents (DPDs): these, along with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS), will make up the statutory Development Plan. DPDs must be in conformity with the RSS and

government policy. Each DPD will be subject to an independent examination by the Planning Inspectorate who's recommendations will be binding on the Council.

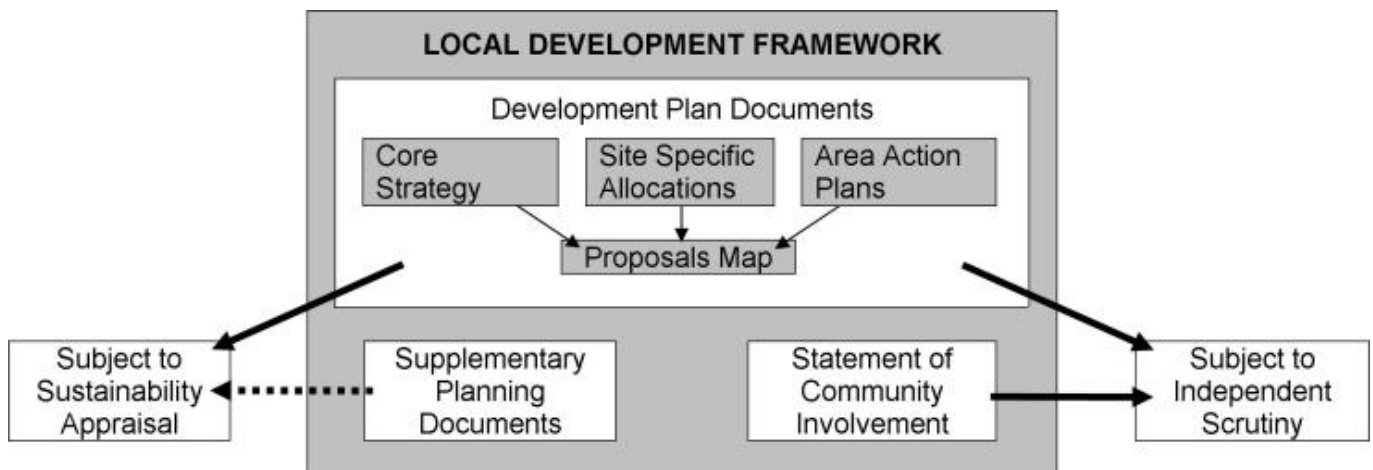
The adopted Proposals Map is also a Development Plan Document that must be included within the LDF. It has to be revised each time a new DPD is adopted. Up-to-date plans/policies under the old planning system can be brought forward and "saved" in parallel to the LDF. All but a small number of the policies in Stockport's UDP Review have been saved (see 'Saved Plans and Policies' for more information) pending their replacement by the LDF.

Proposals/policies for specific action areas in the form of Action Area Plans (AAPs) may also be DPDs.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI): this sets out how the stakeholders and the community will be able to be involved in the preparation of DPDs. It is subject to independent examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD): these will provide detailed guidance on specific sites and topic areas to supplement DPDs, but will not form part of the statutory Development Plan. They will, however, carry more weight in determining planning applications than old style Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) because they will be produced in line with new statutory regulations.

Figure 1 How the LDF fits together



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Development Plan Documents (DPD)

The Council intends to prepare (or begin preparing) the following DPDs within the 3 year timescale of this LDS:

- **The Core Strategy** which will set out the key elements of the planning framework for Stockport comprising a spatial vision and strategic objectives, a spatial strategy, core policies as well as a monitoring and implementation framework.
- **Allocations**, providing a spatial planning framework to secure the implementation of the sustainable development of the Borough of Stockport (outside of the Town Centre).
- **Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan**, identifying sites required to meet Greater Manchester's future waste management needs and development management policies to enable effective and appropriate development of those sites.
- **Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan**, will show how Stockport Council together with the other Greater Manchester Local Planning Authorities will meet their contribution to delivering the identified needs of the region for all minerals, within acceptable social, economic and environmental parameters.

When the Council adopts its first DPD it will revise the adopted Proposals Map from the UDP Review identifying the appropriate amendments or additions and also any saved policies.

Stockport Town Centre Area Action Plan

Earlier editions of the Stockport LDS included a proposal to develop a specific DPD with the aim of providing a spatial planning framework to secure the implementation of the sustainable development of Stockport Town Centre and peripheral areas in the period beyond that covered by the saved UDP Review policies. Following further consideration and having regards to resource availability in the next few years it has been concluded that an AAP should not be proposed and that, alternatively, the specific issues and requirements relating to Stockport Town Centre would be best met through its inclusion within the Core Strategy DPD as a "Strategic Location" and through detailed allocations within the Allocations DPD.

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)

The current suite of Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) issued by the Council was assessed in the light of the adoption of the UDP Review in 2006, and is continuously monitored and assessed to ensure that each SPG continues to relate to up-to-date, saved policies.

The following existing SPG will be retained as SPG so long as they continue to relate to saved policies or until such other time as it is considered necessary to replace them with SPD:

Table 1 Retained SPG considered up-to-date

SPG to be retained	Specifically related saved policies
Day Care Nurseries (January 2002)	CDH1.6

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SPG to be retained	Specifically related saved policies
Recreational Open Space Provision and Commuted Payments (July 2006)	L1.1-L1.3
Shopfronts and Related Advertisements (January 2002)	SE1, SE1.2
Telecommunications (February 2003)	EP1.11

The following SPD were adopted with, or since, the UDP Review adoption. They are considered to be fully up-to-date and relevant and form part of the LDF:

Table 2 Adopted SPD considered up-to-date

Adopted SPD	Specifically related saved policies
Design of Residential Development (December 2007)	DCD1.1, CDH1.1
Future Stockport: Town Centre Masterplan (June 2006)	TCG1-TCG4.6
Sustainable Transport (December 2007)	ST1-ST3, TD1-TD2.3
Town Centre Housing	HP2.1, L1.3, TCG1.2 – TCG1.5, TD1.4, TD1.5
Transport and Highways in Residential Areas (September 2006)	ST1.3

So as to reflect changes in national and regional policy, as well as to take account of the Council's experience in implementation, it is considered that the following currently adopted SPD and SPG require revision. It is intended to undertake this revision within the next year (note that the SPG will be replaced with a new SPD): in the meantime these SPG will continue to be applied in the development management process.

Table 3 Adopted SPD/SPG requiring revision

Adopted SPD / SPG	Specifically related saved policies
Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (May 2006)	DCD1, NE1, EP1, ST1, ST3, TD1, MW3
Extension and Alteration to Dwellings SPG (July 2001)	DCD1, DCD1.1, NE2.1, HC1, HC3, GBA1, GBA1.5, CDH1.1 CDH1.8
Affordable Housing (January 2003).	HP2.1

Development of the following new SPDs is scheduled to begin within the next year and are therefore being added to the LDS:

Table 4 Proposed SPD

Proposed New SPD	Specifically related saved policies
Tall Buildings	DCD1.1, DCD1.2
Maximising Local Employment & Skills Benefits from Developments	n/a (SPD is intended to be developed so as to provide guidance upon the implementation of development management policies which it is intended to include within the Core Strategy DPD).

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

This sets the standard and approach to involving stakeholders and the community in the production of all LDF documents and planning applications. It was amongst the first LDF documents to be produced as it sets out the consultation approach that will be used for all the other documents.

The SCI took approximately 12 months to produce as a wide consensus was required to ensure its effectiveness. It was adopted in June 2006. Changes to the regulations governing the preparation of LDF documents require that the Council revises the SCI. This will be completed by the time the first Development Plan Document, the Core Strategy is published.

Through the SCI the Council intends to make best use of its existing established connections and partnerships with stakeholders and the community to follow a principle of "front-loading" consultation wherever possible. The Council also intends to establish a LDF Consultation Network (which will be primarily, but not exclusively, internet based) to keep the public and subscribers informed of progress in the LDF's development.

The SCI will have to have regard to community involvement at a Greater Manchester level because of the inclusion within the LDF of documents such as the Joint Waste Development Plan for Greater Manchester.

Saved Plans and Policies

The following policies, plans and guidance material have been produced under the old planning regime. The Secretary of State has approved the saving of the UDP Review policies shown beyond the initial three year post adoption period. The Council has retained the other policy guidance documents for planning purposes. Over the next several years these policies and documents will be progressively replaced, where it is appropriate to do so with DPDs and/or SPDs in accordance with guidance in PPS12 Local Development Frameworks (paragraph 5.15). A schedule of saved documents is provided in Table 5 'Supersession of UDP Review Policies' below.

Unitary Development Plan Review - Those policies which conform with the criteria in PPS 12 (see below) for the saving of planning policies, including general conformity with the North West Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS), have been saved until they are replaced by LDF policies and proposals.

UDP Review Part 1 policies will be replaced by the Core Strategy DPD by 2011 as this is a key element of the local spatial plan which must be in place as soon as possible.

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UDP Review Part 2 policies relating to waste are to be replaced through the Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD in 2011. Those relating to minerals will be replaced by the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals DPD timetabled for adoption in 2012. All other UDP Review Part 2 policies do not, at this stage, require replacement as they are considered to be up-to-date and relevant and to meet the following considerations set out in Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 12 (Local Development Frameworks) paragraph 9.2:

- Policies to be extended should comply with the following criteria:
 - *where appropriate, there is a clear central strategy;*
 - *policies have regard to any sustainable community strategy for the area;*
 - *policies are in general conformity with the regional spatial strategy or spatial development strategy;*
 - *policies are in conformity with the core strategy development plan document (where the core strategy has been adopted);*
 - *there are effective policies for any parts of the authority's area where significant change in the use of development of land or conservation of the area is envisaged; and*
 - *policies are necessary and do not repeat national or regional policy.*
- ii. The Government will have particular regard to:
- *policies that support the delivery of housing, including unimplemented site allocations, up-to-date affordable housing policies and policies relating to the infrastructure necessary to support housing;*
 - *policies on Green Belt general extent in structure plans and detailed boundaries in local plans or unitary development plans;*
 - *policies that support economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres;*
 - *policies for waste management, including unimplemented site allocations; and*
 - *policies that promote renewable energy, reduce impact on climate change or safeguard water resources.*

However, the potential for adjustments to the LDS for replacement of these with DPDs will be regularly monitored, including through the preparation of the Annual Monitoring and Review Document (see <http://www.stockport.gov.uk/ldf>).

Supersession of UDP Review Policies sets out how UDP Review policies will be superseded by DPDs. Policies are listed in order of UDP Review Policies with strategic (part 1) policies shown in bold. The Secretary of State has approved the saving of the policies in Table 5 beyond the initial three year post adoption period, and until such time as superseded by the LDF.

Until the Core Strategy DPD and Allocations DPD have been further developed it is not possible to fully determine the method of supersession for some policies (see 'Development Plan Documents (DPD)'). Those policies are identified with a * in the "Superseding DPD" column of Table 5 'Supersession of UDP Review Policies':

Table 5 Supersession of UDP Review Policies

UDP Review Policy		Superseding DPD
DCD1	Design and Character of Development	Core Strategy DPD

UDP Review Policy		Superseding DPD
DCD1.1	Design Principles	*
DCD1.2	Design Appraisals	*
DCD1.3	Access for People with Access Difficulties	*
DCD1.4	Landscaping of New Development	*
DCD1.6	Public Health, Safety and Security in Development	*
DCD1.7	Advertisements	*
LCR1	Landscape, Countryside and River Valleys	Core Strategy DPD
LCR1.1	Landscape Character Areas	Allocations DPD
LCR1.1a	The Urban Fringe including the River Valleys	Allocations DPD
LCR1.9	Reclamation of Land in the Mersey Valley	Allocations DPD
LCR1.10	Offerton Sand and Gravel Workings	Allocations DPD
LCR1.11	Protection of Views from the Peak National Park	*
NE1	Biodiversity and Nature Conservation	Core Strategy DPD
NE1.1	Sites of Special Nature Conservation Importance	Allocations DPD
NE1.2	Sites of Nature Conservation Importance	Allocations DPD
NE1.3	Development and the Natural Environment	*
NE1.4	Land Management and the Natural Environment	*
NE1.5	Habitat Creation, Enhancing Biodiversity and Access	*
NE1.6	Species Protection	*
NE2	Tree and Woodland Promotion	Core Strategy DPD
NE2.1	Tree and Woodland Protection	*
NE2.2	Tree and Woodland Planting	*
NE2.3	The Use of Woodland	*
NE3	Green Chains	Core Strategy DPD
NE3.1	Protection and Enhancement of Green Chains	Allocations DPD
HC1	Conservation Areas	Core Strategy DPD
HC1.1	Demolition and Tree Felling in Conservation Areas	Allocations DPD
HC1.3	Special Control of Development in Conservation Areas	Allocations DPD
HC1.4	New Uses for Buildings in Conservation Areas	Allocations DPD
HC2	Listed Buildings	Core Strategy DPD
HC2.1	Development Affecting Listed Buildings	*
HC2.2	Retention of Listed Buildings	*
HC2.3	New Uses for Listed Buildings	*
HC2.4	Protecting Listed Buildings	*
HC2.5	Development Affecting Buildings of Local Interest	*

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UDP Review Policy		Superseding DPD
HC3	Protection of Archaeological Sites	Core Strategy DPD
HC3.1	Development and Archaeology	*
HC3.2	Field Evaluation and Development	*
HC3.3	Recording of Archaeological Evidence	*
HC4	Protection of Parks and Gardens of Historic Interest	Core Strategy DPD
HC4.1	Development and Parks and Gardens of Historic Interest	*
EP1	Environmental Protection and Improvement	Core Strategy DPD
EP1.2	Treatment of Derelict and Vacant Land	*
EP1.3	Control of Pollution	*
EP1.4	Light Pollution	*
EP1.5	Development On or Near Contaminated Sites	*
EP1.6	Hazardous Substances and Development	*
EP1.7	Development and Flood Risk	*
EP1.8	Manchester Airport Public Safety Zone	Allocations DPD
EP1.9	Safeguarding of Aerodromes and Navigation Facilities	Allocations DPD
EP1.10	Aircraft Noise	Allocations DPD
EP1.11	Telecommunications Development	*
EP1.12	Prior Approval of Permitted Telecommunications Development	*
GBA1	Green Belt Protection	Core Strategy DPD
GBA1.1	Extent of Green Belt	Allocations DPD
GBA1.2	Control of Development in Green Belt	Allocations DPD
GBA1.5	Residential Development in Green Belt	Allocations DPD
GBA1.6	Re-use of Buildings in the Green Belt	Allocations DPD
GBA1.7	Major Existing Developed Sites in the Green Belt	Allocations DPD
GBA2	Agriculture	Core Strategy DPD
GBA2.1	Protection of Agricultural Land	*
UOS1	Urban Open Space	Core Strategy DPD
UOS1.2	Protection of Strategic Open Space	Allocations DPD
UOS1.3	Protection of Local Open Space	Allocations DPD
UOS1.4	Proposed Local Open Space at St. James RC High School, Cheadle Hulme	Allocations DPD
UOS1.5	Proposed Strategic Open Space at Adswood	Allocations DPD
L1	Leisure in Stockport	Core Strategy DPD
L1.1	Land for Active Recreation	*
L1.2	Children's Play	*

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UDP Review Policy		Superseding DPD
L1.3	Provision of Recreation and Amenity Open Space in New Developments	*
L1.4	Indoor Sport / Recreation and Leisure Facilities	*
L1.5	Countryside Recreation	*
L1.6	Golf Development	*
L1.7	Recreation Routes: Maintenance and Expansion of Network	*
L1.8	Strategic Recreation Routes	Allocations DPD
L1.9	Recreation Routes and New Development	*
L1.10	Canals and Disused Railways	Allocations DPD
L1.11	Development Related to Recreation Routes	*
CTF1	Community Services and Facilities	Core Strategy DPD
CTF1.1	Development of Community Services and Facilities	*
CTF1.3	Proposed School Site: North Reddish	Allocations DPD
CTF1.4	Redundant Community Land	*
CTF2	Tourism Development	Core Strategy DPD
CTF2.1	Development of Tourist Facilities	*
HP1	Housing Provision	Core Strategy DPD
HP1.1	Housing Land Allocations	Allocations DPD
HP1.2	Phasing of Housing Development	*
HP1.3	Avoidance of Loss of Dwellings	*
HP1.5	Living Over the Shop	*
HP2	Meeting Housing Needs	Core Strategy DPD
HP2.1	Provision of Affordable Housing	*
HP2.2	Sheltered Housing	*
HP2.3	Hostel Accommodation	*
HP2.4	Accommodation for Travelling People	*
HP2.5	Dwelling Mix	*
HP3	Regeneration of Existing Housing Stock	Core Strategy DPD and/or *
CHD1	Control of Development in Predominantly Residential Areas	Core Strategy DPD and/or *
CDH1.1	New Residential Development in Predominantly Residential Areas	*
CDH1.2	Non Residential Development in Predominantly Residential Areas	*
CDH1.3	Care and Nursing Homes	*
CDH1.4	Houses in Multiple Occupation	*
CDH1.5	Flat Conversions	*
CDH1.6	Day-Care Nurseries	*

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UDP Review Policy		Superseding DPD
CDH1.8	Residential Extensions	*
CDH1.9	Community Facilities in Predominantly Residential Areas	*
E1	Overall Supply of Land for Development	Core Strategy DPD
E2	Location of Employment Uses	Core Strategy DPD
E1.1	Location of New Industrial Development	Allocations DPD
E1.2	Location of New Business Premises and Offices	Allocations DPD
E3	Protection / Regeneration of Employment Areas	Core Strategy DPD
E3.1	Protection of Employment Areas	Allocations DPD
E3.2	Refurbishment of Older Buildings in Employment Areas	Allocations DPD
E4	Employment Uses Outside Employment Areas	Core Strategy DPD
E4.1	Industrial , Warehouse, Storage and Office Premises Outside Employment Areas	*
E4.2	Office Conversions	*
PSD1	Hierarchy of Shopping Centres	Core Strategy DPD
PSD1.2	Large Scale Existing Retail Sites	Allocations DPD
PSD2	District Shopping Centres	Allocations DPD
PSD3	Local Shopping Centres	Allocations DPD
PSD2.1	Retail Development in District and Local Centres	Allocations DPD
PSD2.2	Service Uses in the Town Centre, District and Large Local Centres	Allocations DPD
PSD2.3	Use of Upper Floors in Shopping Centres	Allocations DPD
PSD2.4	Service Uses in Other Local Centres	Allocations DPD
PSD2.5	Other Development in District Centres	Allocations DPD
PSD2.6	Local Shops	Allocations DPD
PSD2.7	Residential Development in Local Centres	Allocations DPD
SE1	Shopping and the Built Environment	Core Strategy DPD
SE1.1	Control of Food and Drink Outlets	*
SE1.2	Shopfronts	*
SE1.3	Advertisements on Shops	*
SE1.4	Security Measures for Shop Fronts	*
ST1	Sustainable Transport	Core Strategy DPD
ST1.1	Fixed Track Policy (Metrolink and Railways)	Allocations DPD
ST1.2	Integrated Transport Corridors and Bus Network	Allocations DPD
ST1.3	Interchange and Park and Ride Facilities	Allocations DPD and/or *
ST1.4	Walking	*
ST1.5	Cycling	*

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UDP Review Policy		Superseding DPD
ST1.6	Public Rights of Way	*
ST2	Strategic Transport Corridors	Core Strategy DPD
ST2.1	Strategic Road Network	*
ST2.2	Protection for Major Road Schemes	Allocations DPD
ST2.3	Road User Hierarchy	*
ST2.4	Access and Parking in District and Local Centres	*
ST2.5	Freight Transport	*
ST3	Transport and Social Inclusion	Core Strategy DPD
TD1	Transport and Development	Core Strategy DPD
TD1.1	Achieving Accessible Development	*
TD1.2	Transport Assessments	*
TD1.3	Travel Plans in Developments	*
TD1.4	Parking in Developments	*
TD1.5	Safety and Capacity on the Highway Network	*
TD1.6	Accessibility and the Design of Development	*
TD2	Urban Design and Streetscape	Core Strategy DPD
TD2.1	Home Zones	*
TD2.2	Quiet Lanes	*
TD2.3	Design of Highway and Transport Schemes	*
PG1	Policy Guidance Areas	Core Strategy DPD
PG1.1	Hillgate South	Allocations DPD
PG1.2	Station Road, North Reddish	Allocations DPD
PG1.3	Adswold	Allocations DPD
PG1.4	Brookfield, Cheadle	Allocations DPD
PG1.5	Green Lane, Romiley	Allocations DPD
PG1.7	Bredbury	Allocations DPD
PG1.9	Earl Road, Stanley Green	Allocations DPD
MW1	Mineral Extraction	Core Strategy DPD
MW2	Waste Management and Disposal	Core Strategy DPD and Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD
MW1.1	Development Control Criteria for Minerals or Waste Development	*and Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD
MW1.2	Sustainable Waste Management	*and Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD
MW1.3	Mineral and Waste Sites: Schemes of Working, Restoration and Aftercare	*and Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD
MW1.5	Control of Waste from Development	*and Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD

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UDP Review Policy		Superseding DPD
MW3	Energy Efficiency	Core Strategy DPD
MW3.1	Renewable Energy	*
TCG1	Town Centre / M60 Gateway	Strategic (Part 1) UDP Review policies for the Town Centre and M60 Gateway Area will be incorporated in the Core Strategy DPD . Detailed (Part 2) policies will be incorporated into the Allocations DPD.*
TCG1.1	Community and Civic Space	
TCG1.2	Town Centre / M60 Gateway Transport Hub	
TCG1.3	Parking in the Town Centre	
TCG1.4	Sustainable Access in the Town Centre / M60 Gateway	
TCG1.5	Impact on the M60 Motorway	
TCG2	Stockport's Sub-Regional Role	
TCG2.1	Central Shopping Area	
TCG2.2	Great Portwood Street Area	
TCG3	Town Centre Mixed Use Areas	
TCG3.1	Riverside	
TCG3.2	Cultural, Leisure and Heritage Quarter	
TCG3.3	Stockport Station	
TCG3.4	St. Thomas's Hospital	
TCG3.5	Civic Quarter	
TCG3.6	South East Quadrant	
TCG3.7	Newbridge Lane	
TCG4	Stockport's M60 Gateway	
TCG4.1	Tiviot Way	
TCG4.2	Travis Brow	
TCG4.3	Didsbury Road	
TCG4.4	Land North of Water Street	
TCG4.5	Georges Road	
TCG4.6	Water Street	

Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment

In order to fully comply with EC Regulations, ensure efficient working and to provide a robust and transparent evidence base, the Council will adopt an integrated approach towards Sustainability Appraisal and the requirements for all Local Development Documents (LDDs) to be subject to a Strategic Environmental Appraisal.

The Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) will be embedded into the production of all LDDs as part of the initiation / evidence gathering stage and will then be updated at other appropriate milestone stages.

As part of the process the Council will:

- Prepare an SA to appraise the social, environmental and economic effects of plan strategies and policies, from the outset of the preparation process;
- Prepare a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) (and if necessary, Appropriate Assessment) as well as an Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) in line with legislation drivers.
- Include the draft SA, HRA and EqIA within the public consultation on each DPD and SPD where required.
- When submitting a DPD to the Secretary of State, the Council will also submit the final sustainability report, having taken into account any changes as a result of the public participation on preferred options.

The Sustainability Appraisal will play an important part in demonstrating that each LDD reflects sustainable development objectives.

Sustainability appraisal of LDDs to date has been undertaken using a framework of objectives and indicators against which the social, environmental and economic effects of plans is tested. The Council, in liaison with key stakeholders and partners, has reviewed this framework to take account of experience to date in undertaking sustainability appraisal as well as to better integrate aspects of the non-statutory Health Impact Assessment and other appropriate forms of assessment which the Council seeks to carry-out on all policy and strategy documents.

3 Schedule of Proposed and Ongoing Local Development Documents

Table 6 'Schedule of Proposed Local Development Documents' sets out a schedule of proposed Local Development Documents to be prepared by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council between 2009 and 2012 together with a description of the role played by each document and key milestones to adoption.

Schedule of Proposed and Ongoing Local Development Documents

Table 6 Schedule of Proposed Local Development Documents

Document	Type	Scope	Description	Conformity	Plan Period	Start of Preparation	Reg. 25 consultation	Publication	Submission	Examination hearing	Adoption
Core Strategy.	DPD	Borough-wide.	Setting out vision, objectives, spatial development strategy & monitoring & implementation framework.	RSS & PPS/PPG	To 2026	May 2006	September 2007- January 2010	May 2010	August 2010	November 2010	March 2011
Allocations.	DPD	Borough-wide	A spatial planning framework to secure the implementation of the sustainable development of the Borough of Stockport.	With Core Strategy	To 2026	June 2010	November 2010 - June 2011	November 2011	March 2012	June 2012	December 2012
Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document (GMJWDPD).	DPD	Greater Manchester.	Policies setting out the Core vision and spatial objectives relating to waste.	With National Planning Policy/ Guidance, Regional Spatial Strategy, and Core Strategies for each Greater Manchester local authority.	To 2026	September 2006	September 2006 – March 2010 (1)	November 2010	February 2011	June 2011	December 2011- January 2012 (2)
Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan	DPD	Greater Manchester	Policies and proposals for the steady and sustainable supply of	With National Planning Guidance, Regional	To 2026	November 2009	November 2009 - November 2010	August 2011	December 2011	April 2012	October 2012

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Document	Type	Scope	Description	Conformity	Plan Period	Start of Preparation	Reg. 25 consultation	Publication	Submission	Examination hearing	Adoption
Document (GMJMDPD)			minerals to meet the region's needs	Spatial Strategy and Core Strategies for each Greater Manchester local authority.							
Proposals Map.		Borough-wide.	Maps the policies and proposals contained within DPDs and saved policies.	With Core Strategy and other adopted DPDs.							
Tall Buildings.	SPD	Stockport Town Centre and the wider M60 Gateway area.	SPD providing guidance as to how proposals for tall buildings will be assessed.	With RSS and saved policies	As long as it is relevant and up-to-date	October 2008		January- February 2010			May 2010
Sustainable Design and Construction.	SPD		Guidance in relation to the sustainable construction of developments (Revision of existing adopted SPD.)	With RSS and saved policies.	As long as it is relevant and up-to-date	September 2008		February to March 2010			June 2010
Maximising Local Employment & Skills Benefits from Developments	SPD	TBC (3)	Guidance on ensuring that benefits to the Borough's most disadvantaged communities from major developments are maximised.	With RSS and the Core Strategy DPD	As long as it is relevant and up-to-date	January 2010		October-November 2010			March 2011

The Proposals Map DPD is to be developed in line with the timescales for all other DPDs. It will be amended and re-published as necessary upon adoption of each DPD.

Document	Type	Scope	Description	Conformity	Plan Period	Start of Preparation	Reg. 25 consultation	Publication	Submission	Examination hearing	Adoption
Extensions & Alterations to Dwellings	SPD	Borough-wide	Guidance on requirements for householder developments	With RSS and saved policies	As long as it is relevant and up-to-date	October 2008		January- February 2010			May 2010

1. During the Regulation 25 consultation period a Stage 1 Issues and Options consultation was undertaken in May 2007. There was further Issues and Options consultation on Built Facilities (Oct – Nov 2008) and Residual Waste Disposal (Feb – Mar 2009) in order to evaluate alternative strategies and establish the most appropriate strategy to take forward. A targeted consultation on the JWDPD Preferred Options will then be undertaken in November 2009.
2. Timescales for adoption have been prepared on the basis that all planning authorities will agree on a common date for formal adoption of the plan.
3. See Maximising Local Employment & Skills Benefits from Developments SPD.

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Core Strategy DPD

Document Details

Role and Subject: Sets out the key elements of the planning framework for the borough comprising spatial vision and strategic objectives, spatial strategy, core policies and monitoring and implementation framework.

Coverage: The Borough of Stockport

Status: Development Plan Document

Conformity: The Core Strategy will conform with Regional Spatial Strategy and Stockport Sustainable Community Strategy.

Timetable

Stage	Date
Commencement of Production	May 2006
Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal / Habitats Regulation Assessment ("Appropriate Assessment") / Health Impact Assessment / Equality Impact Assessment (as required)	August 2007
Regulation 25 consultation (Issues and Options / Preferred Options)	September 2007-January 2010
Publication of the DPD.	May 2010
Submission of the DPD	August 2010
Pre-hearing meeting	September 2010
Start of Examination Hearing	November 2010
Receipt of the Inspectors Report	February 2011
Adoption of the DPD	March 2011

Arrangements for Production

Organisational Lead: Planning Policy Team

Management Arrangements:

- LDF Project Board
- CRE Development and Investment Group
- SMBC Corporate Development and Investment Group

- LDF Members' Working Party
- Executive Recommendations to Council Meeting for approval

Internal Resources: Planning Policy Manager and Team, other teams in Policy Section and Chief Executive's Policy Unit.

External Resources: Consultants have already been engaged to provide evidence base comprising recreation supply / demand, retail capacity and housing needs assessment. Consultants will be brought in as required to gather evidence, assist with examination and SA/SEA work.

Stakeholder Resources: Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) to provide key link to community planning. Representatives of stakeholders groups to attend meetings and focus groups.

Community and Stakeholder Involvement: In accordance with adopted SCI, consultation on issues and alternative options and preferred options.

Monitoring and Review: The Core Strategy is intended to cover the period to 2026. It will be monitored on an annual basis and will be reviewed if the monitoring highlights such a need, or if changes to Regional Spatial Strategy require such.

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Allocations DPD

Document Details

Role and Subject: A spatial planning framework to secure the implementation of the sustainable development of the Borough of Stockport

Coverage: The Borough of Stockport

Status: Development Plan Document

Conformity: With the Core Strategy

Timetable

Stage	Date
Commencement of Production	June 2010
Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal / Habitats Regulation Assessment ("Appropriate Assessment") / Health Impact Assessment / Equality Impact Assessment (as required)	October 2010
Regulation 25 consultation (Issues and Options /Preferred Options)	November 2010 - June 2011
Publication of the DPD	November 2011
Submission of the DPD	March 2012
Pre-hearing meeting	April 2012
Start of Examination Hearing	June 2012
Receipt of the Inspectors Report	October 2012
Adoption of the DPD	December 2012

Arrangements for Production

Organisational Lead: Planning Policy Team

Management Arrangements:

- LDF Project Board
- CRE Development and Investment Group
- SMBC Corporate Development and Investment Group
- LDF Members' Working Party
- Executive Recommendations to Council Meeting for approval

Internal Resources: Planning Policy Manager and Team, other teams in Policy Section and within the Communities Regeneration and Environment Directorate.

External Resources: Consultants have already been engaged to provide the evidence base comprising recreation supply / demand, retail capacity and housing needs assessment. Consultants will be brought in as required to gather evidence, assist with examination and SA/SEA work.

Stakeholder Resources: The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) will provide the key link to community planning. Representatives of stakeholders groups will attend meetings and focusgroups.

Community and Stakeholder Involvement: In accordance with adopted SCI, consultation on issues and alternative options and preferred options.

Monitoring and Review: The Allocations DPD is intended to cover the same period as the Core Strategy. It will be monitored on an annual basis and will be reviewed if the monitoring highlights such a need, or if changes to the Regional Spatial Strategy require such.

Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD

Document Details

Role and Subject: The JWDPD will:

- Set out the vision and spatial objectives relating to waste for the Greater Manchester area;
- Develop the main policies and broad framework for implementation and monitoring in the authorities Annual Monitoring Reports (AMRs);
- Detail how the Planning Authorities will meet their contribution to delivering the identified needs of the region for all waste streams, within acceptable social, economic and environmental parameters;
- Set out how waste management will be considered alongside other spatial concerns, recognising the positive contribution waste management can make to the development of sustainable communities;
- Plan for the provision of new capacity based on clear policy objectives, robust analysis of available data and information, and an appraisal of options; and
- Set out broad and detailed criteria based policies for the plan area.

Coverage: Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council, Bury Metropolitan Borough Council, Manchester City Council, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council, Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Salford City Council, Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council and Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council.

Status: Joint Development Plan Document

Conformity: The JWDPD will be in conformity with European legislation, National Planning Guidance, the Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West and each of the planning authority's Core Strategy Development Plan Documents. The JWDPD will also have regard to the Sustainable Community Strategies of the ten Greater Manchester authorities.

Timetable

Stage	Date
Pre-production/evidence gathering	September 2006
Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal / Habitats Regulation Assessment ("Appropriate Assessment") / Health Impact Assessment / Equality Impact Assessment (as required)	September 2006
Regulation 25 consultation (ongoing Issues and Options / targeted honing of strategy consultation)	September 2006 – March 2010 ⁽¹⁾
Publication of the DPD / consultation on pre-submission draft	November 2010
Submission of the DPD	February 2011

Stage	Date
Pre-hearing meeting	April 2011
Start of Examination Hearing	June 2011
Receipt of the Inspectors Report	October 2011
Adoption of the DPD	December 2011 - January 2012 ⁽²⁾

1. During the Regulation 25 consultation period a Stage 1 Issues and Options consultation was undertaken in May 2007. Further Issues and Options consultation on Built Facilities (Oct – Nov 2008) and Residual Waste Disposal (Feb – Mar 2009) in order to evaluate alternative strategies and establish the most appropriate strategy to take forward. A targeted consultation on the JWDPD Preferred Options will be undertaken in November 2009.
2. Timescales for adoption have been prepared on the basis that all planning authorities will agree on a common date for formal adoption of the plan.

Arrangements for Production

Organisational Lead: Work on the JWDPD will be co-ordinated and managed by the Greater Manchester Geological Unit (GMGU) on behalf of each planning authority.

Political Management Arrangements: A Joint Committee has been established to act as an Executive, with responsibility for all documents except those prepared for submission and adoption which must be agreed by each planning authority's Full Council. The Joint Committee will be supported by a Steering Group consisting of officers from each of the authorities as well as the two Waste Disposal Authorities.

Resources: GMGU will have responsibility for co-ordinating and managing the JWDPD preparation, also drawing on contributions from each of the ten Greater Manchester authorities, the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) Policy Unit as well as Wigan and Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authorities. Additional consultancy support will also be required to assist the work carried out by GMGU.

Staff resources are specifically referred to in the risk assessment of the JWDPD's production (see 8 'Additional Information for the Production of the Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD'). Staff turnover, absence, and the inability to recruit are key risks that could leave the team under-resourced. Progress on document preparation will be monitored against the timetables set out in this LDS timetable and appropriate action will be taken if significant slippage occurs.

Community and Stakeholder Involvement: Consultation on the JWDPD will be carried out in accordance with each of the planning authority's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). To ensure conformity with the SCIs, a Consultation Strategy has been prepared which sets out detailed methods for engaging with key stakeholders.

Monitoring and Review: In respect of the JWDPD, annual monitoring will be carried out by GMGU, as they are the most appropriate body to undertake this work. A report will be produced and this will be incorporated into each authority's AMR.

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The report will contain details on the progress of the JWDPD, and make any necessary amendments to the LDS timetable. Monitoring of the JWDPD will be carried out in accordance with each of the 10 Greater Manchester Authorities and the Regulations.

Greater Manchester Joint Minerals DPD

Document Details

Role and Subject: The JMDDPD will:

- Set out the strategic aims and objectives relating to minerals for the Greater Manchester area;
- Develop the main policies and broad framework for implementation and monitoring;
- Detail how the Planning Authorities will meet their contribution to delivering the identified needs of the region for all minerals, within acceptable social, economic and environmental parameters.
- Set out how minerals will be considered alongside other spatial concerns, recognising the importance of the prudent use of minerals in preserving natural resources;
- Safeguard existing rail head, wharfage, and other storage and handling facilities and identify future sites to accommodate such facilities;
- Safeguard rail and water-served sites for concrete batching, coated materials, and the reprocessing of recycled and secondary materials into aggregate, and, where appropriate, identify future sites for these uses;
- Indicate areas where future working might be sustainable;
- Identify Mineral Safeguarding Areas (MSAs)
- Include a key diagram detailing sites identified within the plan area, and a set of 10 inset maps, one for each district, to be included within their individual proposals maps; and
- Set out detailed criteria based and site specific policies for the plan area.

Coverage: Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council, Bury Metropolitan Borough Council, Manchester City Council, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council, Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Salford City Council, Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council and Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council.

Status: Joint Development Plan Document

Conformity: The JMDDPD will be written to conform to National Planning Guidance, Regional Spatial Strategy and each of the District's Core Strategy Development Plan Documents.

Timetable

Stage	Date
Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal / Habitats Regulation Assessment ("Appropriate Assessment") / Health Impact Assessment / Equality Impact Assessment (as required)	November – December 2009
Regulation 25 consultation (ongoing Issues and Options / targeted honing of strategy consultation)	November 2009 - November 2010 ⁽¹⁾
Publication of the JMDDPD	July - August 2011 ⁽²⁾
Submission of the DPD	December 2011

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Stage	Date
Pre-Examination Meeting	February 2012
Examination	April 2012
Receipt of Binding Report	August 2012
Estimated Date for Adoption	October 2012 ⁽³⁾

1. Regulation 25 consultation will include the opportunity in February/March 2010 to comment on a series of Topic Papers, covering areas such as safeguarding mineral resources, meeting the need for mineral extraction and Development Management. Following this, in September/October 2010, there will be an opportunity to comment on the preferred approach towards planning for minerals.
2. This includes a statutory 6 week consultation in line with Regulation 28
3. Timescales for adoption have been prepared on the basis that all planning authorities will agree on a common date for formal adoption of the plan.

Arrangements for Production

Organisational Lead: Work on the JMDPD will be co-ordinated and managed by the Greater Manchester Geological Unit (GMGU) on behalf of each District.

Political Management Arrangements: A Joint Committee will be established to act as an Executive, with responsibility for approval of the document except at publication and adoption, at which point the JMDPD must be agreed by each District's Full Council, with delegated approval to the Joint Committee at submission,. The Joint Committee will be supported by a Steering Group consisting of officers from each of the Districts.

Resources: GMGU will have responsibility for co-ordinating and managing the JMDPD preparation, also drawing on contributions from each of the ten Greater Manchester Councils and the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) Policy Unit.

Community and Stakeholder Involvement: Consultation on the JMDPD will be carried out in accordance with each of the District's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). To ensure conformity with the SCIs, the existing Consultation Strategy for the JWDPD will be updated in light of revisions to the District SCIs.

Monitoring and Review: In respect of the JMDPD, annual monitoring will be carried out by GMGU as they are the most appropriate body to undertake this work. A report will be produced and this will be incorporated in to each districts Annual Monitoring Report. The document will contain details on the progress of the JMDPD, and make any necessary amendments to the LDS timetable. Monitoring of the JMDPD will be carried in accordance with each of the 10 Greater Manchester Authorities and the Regulations.

Proposals Map DPD

Document Details

Role and Subject: An Ordnance Survey base map on which all the policies and proposals in Development Plan Documents and saved policies which have geographical expression are notated.

Coverage: The Borough of Stockport

Status: To show land use allocations, sites and areas to which policies and proposals in Development Plan Documents refer.

Conformity: Conforms with Core Strategy and all Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents.

Timetable

Stage	Date
Adoption of the DPD	As proposed adoption dates of individual DPDs.

Arrangements for Production

Organisational Lead: Planning Policy Manager

Management Arrangements:

- LDF Project Board
- CRE Development and Investment Group
- SMBC Corporate Development Investment Group
- LDF Members' Working Party
- Executive Recommendations to Council meeting for approvals

Internal Resources: Planning Policy Team and GIS Technician.

External Resources: Outsource hard copy printing and possibly also e-version production and publication.

Stakeholder Resources: Not applicable

Community and Stakeholder Involvement: We will seek feedback on the presentation and accessibility of the published versions of the map.

Monitoring and Review: Stakeholder feedback will be used to improve subsequent editions of the map.

Maximising Local Employment & Skills Benefits from Developments SPD

Document Details

Role and Subject: This SPD will be intended to seek to ensure Stockport's most disadvantaged communities, and its workless residents, maximise their benefit from job opportunities arising at major new developments in the Borough. The SPD will support policy in the emerging Core Strategy, providing guidance to developers, as to what will be the expectations of Stockport Council and Stockport Partnership for a partnership approach towards, local employment and skills outcomes from major new developments. This could include, seeking to secure from developers financial contributions, towards training and employment initiatives, related to jobs created through the development of sites and the potential end users on sites. The specific implementation of a policy to secure financial contributions may in part be dependent on future potential changes to Section 106 agreements and the potential introduction of Community Infrastructure Levy.

Coverage: To be decided. It is intended that it apply borough wide in the long term, however, for a trial period it may be piloted within Stockport Town Centre.

Status: Supplementary Planning Document

Conformity: With the Core Strategy DPD.

Timetable

Stage	Date
Pre-production/evidence gathering	January - June 2010
Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal / Habitats Regulation Assessment ("Appropriate Assessment") / Health Impact Assessment / Equality Impact Assessment (as required)	July - September 2010
Stakeholder consultation on draft SPD / assessments	October - November 2010 (6 week period)
Consideration of representations and finalise SPD	December 2010- February 2011
Adoption	March 2011 (in line with Core Strategy)

Arrangements for Production

Organisational Lead: Economic Development Team

Management Arrangements: Development and Investment (D&I) Group, Town Centre Task Force, LDF Project Board, LDF Member's Working Party & the Council Executive will provide the main guidance and decision-making.

Internal Resources: Employment Development Manager and others in the Economic Development Team, supported by joint working with the Town Centre/M60 Gateway Team and Planning Policy Team.

External Resources: Research from consultants used previously for consideration of maximising economic benefits from Town Centre developments.

Stakeholder Resources: Stockport Partnerships' partners will be able to support links to community organisations. The Developers Forum and the Town Centre Management Network will also provide important ways of engaging stakeholders.

Community and Stakeholder Involvement: In accordance with the adopted SCI.

Monitoring and Review: On an annual basis through the Annual Monitoring Report. The SPD will be reviewed if monitoring highlights such a need, or if changes in national policy or the RSS require.

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Tall Buildings SPD

Document Details

Role and Subject: To establish clear principles and criteria against which Officers will be able to consider and assess proposals for tall buildings; and to provide more certainty for developers about the appropriateness and particularly the location of tall buildings.

Coverage: Stockport town centre and the wider M60 gateway area (incorporating the Brighton Road, Gorsey Bank and Kings Reach sites).

Status: Supplementary Planning Document.

Conformity: UDP Review policies: DCD1.1 Design Principles and DCD1.2 Design Appraisals.

Timetable

Stage	Date
Pre-production/evidence gathering	October 2008 - January 2009
Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal / Habitats Regulation Assessment ("Appropriate Assessment") / Health Impact Assessment / Equality Impact Assessment (as required)	March - September 2009
Stakeholder consultation on draft SPD / assessments	January - February 2010 (6 week period)
Consideration of representations and finalise SPD	March - April 2010
Adoption	May 2010

Arrangements for Production

Organisational Lead: Design Officer with Planning Policy

Management Arrangements: Development and Investment (D&I) Group; LDF Working Party; Executive for Approval

Internal Resources: Town Centre team, Conservation, Development Control, Survey and Cartography Group

External Resources: Printing and publicity

Stakeholder Resources: N/A

Community and Stakeholder Involvement: In accordance with the adopted SCI

Monitoring and Review: On an annual basis through the Annual Monitoring Report. The SPD will be reviewed if monitoring highlights such a need, or if changes in national policy or the RSS require.

Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (update)

Document Details

Role and Subject: Sustainable Design & Construction: Buildings that incorporate sustainable design are healthy, safe and productive places for people to live in, work in and visit. Sustainable design is also cost effective, particularly in terms of running costs. The best examples of sustainable design and construction are the result of the most appropriate balance of the technologies and methodologies covered in this guidance.

Coverage: Stockport Borough.

Status: Supplementary Planning Document.

Conformity: To the Stockport UDP Review and RSS.

Timetable

Stage	Date
Pre-production/evidence gathering (including undertaking a review of the existing adopted SPD to establish the scope of the required revision)	September 2008 - December 2009
Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal / Habitats Regulation Assessment ("Appropriate Assessment") / Health Impact Assessment / Equality Impact Assessment (as required)	January 2010
Stakeholder consultation on draft SPD / assessments	February - March 2010 (6 week period)
Consideration of representations and finalise SPD	April - May 2010
Adoption	June 2010

Arrangements for Production

Organisational Lead: Planning Policy – Health & Environment Advisor.

Management Arrangements: Planning Policy with Development and Investment (D&I) Group and LDF Working Party as a steer. Executive for Approval.

Internal Resources: Health & Environment Advisor Officer time as duties allow.

External Resources: Input from statutory & non-statutory stakeholders.

Stakeholder Resources: Officer time in an advisory capacity.

Community and Stakeholder Involvement: In accordance with the adopted SCI.

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Monitoring and Review: On an annual basis through the Annual Monitoring Report. The SPD will be reviewed if monitoring highlights such a need, or if changes in national policy or the RSS require.

Extensions and Alterations to Dwellings SPD

Document Details

Role and Subject: To provide clear principles and criteria that reflects recent changes to planning legislation. The document will assist officers in assessing and determining householder developments, whilst also providing clear and up to date advice for the applicant about what the Council considers acceptable.

Coverage: Stockport Borough.

Status: Supplementary Planning Document.

Conformity: Stockport UDP Review.

Timetable

Stage	Date
Pre-production/evidence gathering	October 2008 - January 2009
Consult statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal / Habitats Regulation Assessment ("Appropriate Assessment") / Health Impact Assessment / Equality Impact Assessment (as required)	March - September 2009
Stakeholder consultation on draft SPD / assessments	January - February 2010 (6 week period)
Consideration of representations and finalise SPD	March - April 2010
Adoption	May 2010

Arrangements for Production

Organisational Lead: Planning Officer / Senior Planning Technician with Planning Policy.

Management Arrangements: Development and Investment (D&I) Group; LDF Working Party; Executive for Approval

Internal Resources: Development Control, Conservation, Design, Highways, Arboricultural expertise.

External Resources: Input from statutory / non statutory stakeholders

Stakeholder Resources: Officer time in an advisory capacity.

Community and Stakeholder Involvement: In accordance with the adopted SCI

Monitoring and Review: On an annual basis through the Annual Monitoring Report. The SPD will be reviewed if monitoring highlights such a need, or if changes in national policy or the RSS require.

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5 Programme for Document Production

'Programme for LDF document production' provides an overview of the timetable and project management of the Local Development Documents.

5 Programme for Document Production

Programme for LDF document production

	2009			2010			2011			2012																
	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Core Strategy DPD	2			⇒	⇒	⇒	3	⇒	⇒	4	⇒	⇒	5	⇒	⇒	6										
Allocations DPD							1	2	⇒	⇒	⇒	⇒	3	⇒	⇒	4	⇒	⇒	5	⇒	⇒	6	⇒	⇒		
Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD	2			⇒	⇒	⇒	3	⇒	⇒	4	⇒	⇒	5	⇒	⇒	6	⇒	⇒								
Greater Manchester Joint Minerals DPD																										
Maximising Local Employment & Skills Benefits from Developments SPD										a	b	c	⇒	⇒	⇒	⇒	⇒	⇒	3	⇒	⇒	4	⇒	⇒	5	⇒
Tall Buildings SPD																										
Extensions & Alterations to Dwellings SPD																										
Sustainable Design and Construction SPD (update)																										

DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS

- = Commencement of production
- 1 = Consultation with statutory bodies on scope of Sustainability Appraisal / Habitats Regulation Assessment ("Appropriate Assessment") / Health Impact Assessment / Equality Impact Assessment (as required).
- 2 = Regulation 25 consultation (ongoing Issues and Options / targeted honing of strategy consultation) († = Scheduled "Issues and Options" consultation (this may be undertaken in more than one stage), ‡ = Informal "Preferred Option(s)" consultation)
- 3 = Publication of and consultation on the DPD
- 4 = Submission of the DPD
- 5 = Examination
- 6 = Receipt of the Inspector's binding report followed by Adoption at ■

SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

- = Commencement of production
- a = Consultation with statutory bodies on scope of Sustainability Appraisal / Habitats Regulation Assessment ("Appropriate Assessment") / Health Impact Assessment / Equality Impact Assessment (as required).
- b = Stakeholder consultation on draft SPD / assessments
- c = Consideration of representations and finalisation of SPD followed by Adoption at ■

⇒ = ongoing document and supporting materials preparation

6 Supporting Statement

About the Area

Stockport stretches from the borders of the Peak District National Park to City Centre Manchester, covering an area of 126 km². The Borough lies in the south-eastern part of the Greater Manchester conurbation nestled between the Pennines foothills and the Cheshire Plain. Served by the M60 and the M56, the A6 and A34 major roads and with rail links to points north, south, east and west Stockport is accessible, yet hectic in parts of the Borough, whilst more remote tranquil areas are also in evidence. Stockport is a relatively densely populated Borough accessing its own and other employment areas, both within and outside the North West region.

Social

Average life expectancy for both male and female populations in Stockport is higher than the regional average, with women tending to live longer. Mortality rates are lower than the Greater Manchester and regional averages, meaning Stockport has an aging population and a third of households in the Borough house a pensioner. However, polarisation of social sectors is cause for concern, with evidence of poor health and unemployment linked to more deprived areas. Access to services is an issue with residents in certain parts of the Borough having further to travel to access basic health and lifestyle needs, whilst more heavily populated centres can place a strain on service provision. A variety of religious groups populate Stockport with Christianity predominant and, according to the last census, around 12% of the population come from ethnically diverse backgrounds.

Housing

Generally the housing stock in the Borough is of good quality with some improvements needed to ensure socially rented stock achieves Decent Homes levels, including improving energy efficiency in light of climate change drivers. Affordability is a key problem in the Borough with emerging households unable to afford housing in their local area. The average annual completion rate of new housing in the borough over the last six years is 499. Since a peak level of completions in 2006/7 there has been a reduction in completions due to the economic recession. Of the 2008/9 completions 128 are classed as affordable housing. It is expected that the number of completions per annum in 2009/10 and 2010/11 will be lower than the average for the last six years but completions are expected to increase thereafter resulting in an average of about 450 dwellings per annum in the next five years.

Economic

In Stockport, earnings on average are higher than Greater Manchester and regional levels, with lower levels of unemployment than local, regional and national averages. However, with more workers in senior positions and a smaller percentage in elementary roles there may be issues around un-skilled workers in Stockport getting access to local work. The services and finance & IT sectors provide the majority of work opportunities with low employment percentages in manufacturing and construction. There has been a steady development of industrial and commercial land in the Borough averaging more than seven hectares per year over the last ten years.

Transport

Congestion is a major issue for Stockport with one of the Region's busiest roads cutting through the heart of the Borough. Sustainable modes of transport are promoted by the Council and partner organisations, seeking to encourage use of public transport, cycling and walking. There are key issues of ensuring appropriate car parking for commercial developments and sustainable transport accessibility to employment and services for residential developments. Redevelopment of urban centres and more remote areas can offer opportunities to improve existing transport and infrastructure.

Environment

With over 46% of the borough designated as Green Belt there are many benefits to living in Stockport. However, pressure is on to house and employ Stopfordians which places strain on the protection of the environmental assets in the Borough. Biodiversity and green infrastructure need to be sustainably managed to ensure the heart and lungs of Stockport continue to function. Sustainable design and construction methods offer a way of ensuring that Stockport remains the green and leafy vibrant Borough that attracts people to live and work here. Innovative finance options are required to assist with achieving a "Cleaner, Greener, Safer, Stronger" Borough.

Regional Planning Context

The LDF and LDDs which it contains are to be developed in the context of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) principles for the Manchester City Region including Stockport. These include:

- Sustaining and promoting economic prosperity consistent with the environmental character of the area;
- The creation of attractive and sustainable communities;
- Focussing development on brownfield sites;
- Ensuring accessibility by public transport, walking and cycling
- Allowing residential development to support local regeneration strategies and to meet local needs; and
- Supporting the diversification of the rural economy and improve access to services in the rural areas.

A full review of RSS has been completed and the adopted version was published in September 2008. RSS forms a statutory part of the development plan and relevant LDDs will be prepared in general conformity with it.

Links with Other Council and External Strategies

As part of the evidence base for the LDF Core Strategy a spatial analysis will be undertaken of the Stockport Sustainable Community Strategy, its daughter documents and other partnership strategies. This will be key to the understanding of the spatial implications of these strategies and the relationship with national planning policy and the RSS that can then be expressed as spatial policies within the Core Strategy.

The processes of community engagement for the Community Strategy will dovetail to assist stakeholders and the community in seeing the Core Strategy as the spatial expression of the Community Strategy's Vision. So as to achieve this dovetailing, the Stockport Local Strategic

Partnership played a core part in the development of the SCI and will continue to play a key role throughout the development of the LDF.

There are further Council and other stakeholder strategies where a consistent approach to development and investment to that of the LDF is required so as to meet the same spatial objectives. Such strategies include:

- District and Local Centre Strategies
- Gateway to the Future – A Regeneration Plan for Stockport Town Centre and the M60 Gateway
- The Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan
- Stockport Housing Strategy
- Stockport Economic Strategy

Joint Working

Stockport Council has joined forces with the nine other local planning authorities in Greater Manchester to prepare joint development plan documents for waste and minerals matters. Details of these plans are contained in this LDS.

Resources

Table 7 Key staff resources

Resource		Quantity
Staff	Head of Policy	10% of time
	Planning Policy Manager	40% of time
	Planning Policy Officer responsible for LDS and Core Strategy project management	80% of time
	Planning Policy Officer(s) responsible for project management of other DPDs	60% of time
	Other Planning Policy Officers (up to 4 depending upon number of other DPDs being progressed at given time)	50% of time
	Health and Environment Advisor (Planning)	70% of time
	Other Policy Section Staff	As required
	Chief Executives service staff on Sustainable Community Strategy and consultation matters	As required
	Consultants	As required to meet expertise / resource gap

Programme Management and Responsibilities

The management responsibilities for each LDD are set down in their respective profiles in 4 'Local Development Document Profiles'.

6 Supporting Statement

Key contacts involved in various elements of the LDF are as follows:

Table 8

Contact	Responsibility
Chief Executive's Service (including Corporate Policy Unit and Consultation Team)	SCI, links to the Sustainable Community Strategy, representation on LDF Project Board and internal consultees on procedures and documents
Head of Policy	Programme overview and representation on LDF Project Board
Planning Policy Manager	Day-to-day programme, staff resource management
Planning Policy Team	Document project management, production, consultation, monitoring and review etc.
Corporate Leadership Team	Internal consultee on procedures and documents
Development and Investment Group	Internal consultee on procedures and documents
Corporate Development and Investment Group	Internal consultee on procedures and documents

Document development will be undertaken making maximum usage of electronic resources. The Council intends to continue use of a web-based exchange system for public consultation purposes in relation to the LDF and the same system will also continue to be used to co-ordinate internal development of documents at each stage.

An Annual Monitoring and Review Document will be produced as set out in 7 'Monitoring and Review of the Scheme'. This will primarily be the responsibility of the Planning Policy Manager and the Planning Policy Team in liaison with the Chief Executive's Policy Unit and Consultation Team as well as the Council's Development & Building Control and Regeneration services. This document will inform updates of the LDS as and when required.

Council Procedures and Reporting Protocols

The Council's procedures and protocols for formal decision making in the development of each LDD is as follows:

Table 9 Procedures and protocols for formal decision making.

Document	Stage	Approval required from
DPDs	"Regulation 25" consultation	Executive Member / LDF Working Party
	Publication	Executive
	Submission	Council Meeting
	Adoption	Council Meeting

Document	Stage	Approval required from
SPDs	Publication of draft	Executive Member / LDF Working Party
	Adoption	Executive

Risk Assessment

In developing the LDF it is important to assess potential risks to the meeting of the identified timescales and to identify means of mitigating them.

Table 10

Risk	Potential Impact	Mitigation Measure
1) Staff turnover	Delay at all stages of document development due to reduced resources	Ensure that procedures are in place to swiftly fill resource gaps (either through appointment of new resources (i.e. consultants) OR reallocation of existing resources)
2) Change of political control of Council	Change of Political priorities and/or policies which underlie the Core Strategy	It is intended to gain early cross-party agreement to the Core Strategy and other LDDs through use of a cross-party LDF Working Party.
3) Lack of financial resources	Inability to meet timescales and/or objectives set in LDS and/or SCI	Ensure that the importance of the LDF as the spatial expression of the Community Strategy is recognised in the level of funding allocated by the Council.
4) Changes to the national planning system	Delay due to changes in plan-making requirements / procedures	Flexibility allowed within timetable
5) Documents found unsound at examination	i) Delay to preparation of other LDDs ii) Saved policies becoming out-of-date before superseding policy is finalised/adopted	Ensure that best practice advice and government guidance is followed as far as possible

The project management system which is being used for the Core Strategy and other DPDs makes use of more detailed project Risk Logs. These should enable early identification of any potential risks to the project and the putting in place of mitigative measures should they be required.

6 Supporting Statement

Evidence Base

The following documents represent the current main evidence base for the Core Strategy DPD and the Allocations DPD:

- Strategic Housing Market Assessment
- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
- Housing Needs Assessment
- Housing Viability Assessment (in preparation)
- PPG17 Sport, Recreation and Open Space Study
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment - Part 1, and Part 2 (in preparation)
- Stockport Energy Study (in preparation)
- Stockport Shopping and Leisure Study (2008) and update (2009)
- Future Stockport - Creating a Vibrant Town Centre Office Market

Identified Priorities

This LDS is developed with priorities which flow from the following:

- Policies and proposals which are set down in the UDP Review (adopted in May 2006)
- The need to take into account new legislation and regulations
- The emerging evidence base and monitoring
- The undertaking of detailed discussions with stakeholders
- Known developer interest
- The timetabling of regional/sub-regional policy reviews
- The running out of time-limited saved SPG

Because of each of these the priority documents set out in this revision of the LDS are:

- Core Strategy DPD
- Allocations DPD

7 Monitoring and Review of the Scheme

Please note that because the process for its development differs from those local development documents being produced solely by Stockport Council, the details of the monitoring and review of the Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD and the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals DPD are given separately in Chapters 8 and 9 respectively.

Annual Monitoring and Review Document

The Council is required to monitor and report annually on the effectiveness of its policies and proposals. An Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) is published every December since 2004, with data provided every August to the Regional Monitoring Team in support of monitoring of the Regional Spatial Strategy, as well as informing Stockport's own AMR.

The AMR assesses the following:

- Whether the milestones in the LDS for production of LDDs are being achieved or likely to be achieved;
- Whether the Council is meeting, or on-track to meet, the targets set out in the LDDs and, if not, the reasons why;
- What impact LDD policies are having on other targets set at national, regional and local level;
- Whether any policies need to be updated or replaced, either to meet sustainable development objectives or in order to comply with changes elsewhere in the LDF or national, regional or local policy; and
- What action(s) need to be taken if policies need to be replaced.

As a result of monitoring the Council will consider what changes, if any, need to be made to the LDDs and will bring about any such through of the review of the LDS as necessary. The Sustainability Appraisal of the emerging LDDs is informed by and informs the AMR.

AMRs to date indicate that in general policies in the UDP Review are achieving their targets when measured against national and local indicators. National Core Indicators have been revised as well as streamlined, in line with Government requirements. Stockport have established which redundant national indicators to continue to monitor, adding them to their Local Indicator suite. This review of the indicators also included potential further local indicators which can be measured and how AMR reporting ties in with the National Indicators established for performance monitoring across Councils. A full restructure of the data requirements took place during 2009 with work ongoing to establish the sources of information required to produce a robust and useful AMR. This work will inform future AMRs. However there are some indicators which are problematic to access data for, especially around low carbon energy generation where commercial confidentiality prevents a clear picture of baseline data being achieved. However, work has been undertaken to gather as much available data as possible via planning databases and applications, and Stockport will continue to improve this process in future AMRs.

8 Additional Information for the Production of the Greater Manchester Joint Waste DPD

Introduction

Under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 agreement has been reached across the Greater Manchester sub-region by Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council, Bury Metropolitan Borough Council, Manchester City Council, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council, Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Salford City Council, Stockport Council, Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council and Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council to produce a joint waste development plan document (JWDPD) for Greater Manchester. The Greater Manchester Authorities consider that this arrangement offers the most potential for effective joint working in the production of the Waste Development Plan Document and is the preferred approach to implementing the principles of sustainable waste management for all waste streams.

This LDS presents a revised timetable for the production of the Greater Manchester Waste Development Plan Document, which will also be incorporated into the Local Development Scheme of each of the other nine authorities.

An initial project timetable for the JWDPD was produced in November 2006 to inform each planning authority's Local Development Scheme. Since then, new government guidance has been published (Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial Planning) which sets out amended policy on LDFs. Moreover, the new Local Development (Amendment) Regulations that came into force on the 27th June 2008 necessitate amendments to the project timetable in order to reflect alterations to the plan making process.

Context

The area of Greater Manchester has the largest population within the North West of England, and as a consequence is the Region's largest producer of waste for all waste streams, including Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), Commercial and Industrial (C&I), Construction and Demolition Waste (C&D) and Hazardous waste. In 2004/2005, total waste arisings for Greater Manchester were estimated to be over 8 million tonnes.

Greater Manchester has traditionally relied upon landfill as its main source of waste management. Nevertheless, as a result of European legislation, Government targets, increasing waste generation, the need for improved environmental protection and rising public expectations there is a need for rapid changes in the sub-region's approach to waste management.

Sufficient landfill capacity will still be required for final residues following treatment and recovery. However, there is a recognised need to reduce our reliance on this disposal option by providing alternative waste management facilities for recycling, composting, reprocessing, treatment and disposal of waste.

The JWDPD for Greater Manchester will seek to ensure that the right mixes of sites are identified to maximise the potential for driving waste management up the waste hierarchy.

It is anticipated that the JWDPD will take approximately five and a half years to produce and will be adopted by January 2012.

Current Waste Policies and Status

The waste policies which apply to Greater Manchester are contained within the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the North West and each of the ten Greater Manchester authority's Unitary Development Plans (UDPs).

The RSS for the North West is currently under review. The Regional Planning Body published a draft Regional Spatial Strategy in January 2006. An Independent Panel held an Examination in Public about the draft Plan between November 2006 and February 2007, and their report setting out recommendations to change the draft Plan was published in May 2007. A public consultation on the proposed changes to the draft RSS was launched on 20th March 2008 and closed on 23rd May 2008. The final RSS is due to be published on 30th September 2008.

In order to provide coverage during the plan preparation period, the provision of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) allows for policies in UDPs to be saved for at least 3 years from the commencement of the Act, or until such time as they are replaced by a DPD. Once the JWDPD has been adopted it will be integrated into the LDF of each of the ten local authorities and will replace the waste policies contained within the UDP. The document will then provide the basis for the provision of new waste management facilities across Greater Manchester.

Evidence Base

National planning guidance stresses the importance of preparing and maintaining an up-to-date information base on the Plan area, to enable the preparation of sound Development Plan Documents which can deliver sustainable development objectives.

Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial Planning states that to be considered 'sound' a DPD must be justified, effective and consistent with national planning guidance. PPS12 explains that for a DPD to be 'justified' it must be founded on a robust and credible evidence base and the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives.

Consequently, the evidence base will provide the justification for the policies, designations and proposals of the Development Plan Document and the technical rationale that will inform the emergence of the preferred strategy.

The following documents represent the main existing evidence base for the JWDPD:

- The Municipal Waste Management Strategy for Greater Manchester (2006);
- Wigan's Municipal Solid Waste Management Strategy (2006);
- Reports and Statistics of the Environment Agency (annual);
- Reports and Statistics of the Regional Technical Advisory Body on Waste Matters, and the Regional Waste Strategy (September 2004);
- Reports and Statistics of the Regional Aggregate Working Party (annual);
- Joint Waste Development Plan Document for Greater Manchester – Needs Assessment Report (December 2007);
- ODPM Survey on Arisings of Construction, Demolition and Excavation Waste (2003) (Symonds Report).

Risk Assessment

Every effort will be made to ensure that the programme set out for the JWDPD will be fulfilled; nevertheless there are clearly various risks which could potentially impact upon the ability to adhere to this timetable. Table 11 'Joint Waste DPD Risk Assessment' identifies these possible risks, the problems that could ensue and the mitigation measures that might be taken to minimise their effect on the timetable.

Table 11 Joint Waste DPD Risk Assessment

Risk	Problem	Mitigation Measure
Programme slippage	Key milestones may not be met, delaying the delivery of the JWDPD	GMGU have identified the resource requirements of producing the plan and have recruited staff to assist with this. In addition, consultants have been contracted to ensure delivery of key documents required for the preparation of the JWDPD.
Staff absence / turnover	May leave the JWDPD under resourced and delay production	<p>It is difficult to account for this risk. Staff will be drawn from the planning team within GMGU. Allocation of responsibility across the planning team should ensure consistency in the absence/loss of a member of staff.</p> <p>The effect of vacancies in the project team will be minimised by striving to ensure a quick replacement. Furthermore, Urban Vision has a team of policy planners who could be drawn upon to fill any capacity gaps that arise. Nevertheless, there is a recognised difficulty in recruiting experienced waste planners; consequently emphasis may be placed on experience and knowledge of the development plan system.</p>
Political delay	Due to the unique nature of the production arrangement of this JWDPD, it is required to gain approval at key stages through the 10 authorities. Therefore there is the risk that key dates may not be met due to timings of Full Council meetings.	The Joint Committee and the JWDPD Steering Group have been established to ensure that political commitment from each authority is gained from the outset and to raise the importance of meeting key dates for council approval.
One or more authorities withdraws from the joint	An authority may choose to withdraw from the arrangements to produce the JWDPD due to a change of	Every effort will be made to maintain good working relations throughout plan production. However, where an authority chooses to withdraw from joint working arrangements, the

Risk	Problem	Mitigation Measure
working arrangements	circumstances or as a consequence of disagreements occurring regarding plan production.	established Local Agreement allows the remaining authorities to reserve the right to continue to work together to develop a JWDPD for the remaining sub-region area.
Capacity of the Planning Inspectorate	The resourcing of this body is outside of our control.	This timetable and correspondence and meetings with the Planning Inspectorate should ensure that they are fully aware of the programme for the JWDPD.
Further changes to the planning system	Delay due to changes in plan-making requirements / procedures.	It is not possible to plan for further changes to the planning system. However, GMGU will endeavour to deal with new requirements with minimum disruption to the timetable.
Length of the independent examination	Although PINs have issued suggested timings for the post-submission stage of DPD production it is recognised that it may be difficult to precisely quantify the length of the examination process.	GMGU will endeavour to minimise the volume of issues to be resolved at examination, through ensuring the JWDPD is founded upon wide pre-submission consultation and a robust and credible evidence base.
DPD found to be unsound / legal challenge	Significant amendments would need to be made to the timetable if the JWDPD was found to be unsound.	The risk of the JWDPD being found to be unsound or subject of a legal challenge will be minimised by working closely with the Government Office for the North West to ensure that the chain of conformity is achieved and correct procedures followed. Every effort will also be made to ensure that the JWDPD is realistic, able to be implemented, founded upon a robust and credible evidence base and takes appropriate account of the views of local communities and others with a stake in the area.

9 Additional Information for the Production of the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals DPD

Introduction

Agreement has been reached across the Greater Manchester sub-region by Bolton Council, Bury Council, Manchester City Council, Oldham Council, Rochdale Council, Salford City Council, Stockport Council, Tameside Council, Trafford Council and Wigan Council to prepare a joint Development Plan Document, the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan Document (JMDDP). The JMDDP is Greater Manchester's preferred approach to implementing the principles of Minerals Planning Statement 1: Planning for Minerals. Agreement has been reached across the Greater Manchester sub-region by Bolton Council, Bury Council, Manchester City Council, Oldham Council, Rochdale Council, Salford City Council, Stockport Council, Tameside Council, Trafford Council and Wigan Council to prepare a joint Development Plan Document, the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan Document (JMDDP). The JMDDP is Greater Manchester's preferred approach to implementing the principles of Minerals Planning Statement 1: Planning for Minerals.

Context

The level of minerals produced within the area of Greater Manchester has been fairly steady over recent years. The area of Greater Manchester has the largest population within the Northwest, and has seen an increase in the activity of the construction industry over recent years through residential and retail/commercial and industrial development. This means the area is placing a high demand on the supply of raw materials. However, Greater Manchester is not self sufficient in the production of the primary minerals required to sustain this activity. Consequently the area has relied upon imports of materials from neighbouring areas.

Coinciding with the increase in construction activity is that of demolition, indicating an increase in the level of construction and demolition waste produced. This material can be processed for use as recycled aggregate, thereby reducing the need for primary aggregates.

The North West Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) sets out the framework for the development minerals within the North West of England for the next 15-20 years. It expresses the requirements of national policy in the context of regional resources and needs, and informs the development of Local Development Frameworks.

RSS apportions the aggregate mineral supply for the region which is informed by the Regional Aggregate Working Party (RAWP). The agreed regional apportionment of land-won aggregates to 2016 in the North West is 55 million tonnes of sand and gravel, and 167 million tonnes of crushed rock. This is broken down to produce a sub-regional apportionment for Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Halton and Warrington of 4.1 million tonnes of sand and gravel, and 26 million tonnes of crushed rock from 2001 – 2016.

Current Minerals Policies and Status

The Minerals policies which apply to the area of Greater Manchester are to be found in the Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West as well as policies contained within each of the 10 Greater Manchester authority's Unitary Development Plans (UDPs). The JMDDP will eventually replace

the Minerals policies contained within the UDPs and will provide the basis for the provision for a steady and sustainable supply of minerals to meet the regions needs.

Evidence Base

The following documents represent the main existing evidence base for minerals:

- RAWP Annual Monitoring Report 2008
- AMRI Survey
- NW Regional Study in to arisings of Construction, Demolition and Excavation Waste
- AGMA Report: Investigation in to Minerals Resources in Greater Manchester
- ODPM Survey on Arisings of Construction, Demolition and Excavation Waste (2005) (Symonds Report)

Risk Assessment

Every effort will be made to ensure that the programme set out for the JMDPD will be fulfilled, but clearly there are various risks to different aspects of it. The following table identifies these possible risks, the problems that could ensue and the mitigation measures that might be taken to alleviate them.

Table 12 Joint Minerals DPD Risk Assessment

Risk	Problem	Mitigation Measure
Staff absence / turnover	May leave the JMDPD under resourced and delay production.	Staff will be drawn from the planning team within GMGU. The Plan will be produced by a team of people who will share knowledge on production issues and will be able to provide cover. Further, as part of Urban Vision, staff with significant policy making experience can be called on, in necessary.
Political delay / programme slippage	Due to the unique nature of the production arrangement of this JMDPD, it is required to gain approval at key stages through the 10 authorities. Therefore there is the risk that key dates may not be met due to timings of Full Council meetings.	The Joint Committee and the JMDPD Steering Group have been established to ensure that political commitment from each authority is gained from the outset and to raise the importance of meeting key dates for council approval.
One or more authorities withdraws from the Joint Working arrangements	An authority may choose to withdraw from the arrangements to produce the JMDPD as a result of change of circumstances or as a result of disagreements occurring regarding plan production	Every effort will be made to maintain good working relations throughout plan production. However where an authority chooses to withdraw from joint working arrangements, the established Local Agreement allows the remaining authorities to reserve the right to continue to work

Risk	Problem	Mitigation Measure
		together to develop a JMDPD for the remaining sub-region area.
General election and/or local elections	Risk of delay due to restrictions on consultations and approval of plans in approach to elections	<p>For local elections, ensure approvals process and consultations are arranged outside of this period.</p> <p>Influence of general election may depend on date and could delay the timetable.</p>

10 Glossary of Terms and Acronyms used in the LDS

Term/Acronym	Explanation
AAP	<i>Area Action Plan</i>
C&I	<i>Commercial and Industrial waste</i>
DPD	<i>Development Plan Document</i>
Evidence Base	The information and data that have informed the development of policies.
Front-loading consultation	Detailed consultation undertaken at the policy development stage so as to reduce the need for time and resource consuming consultation at the detailed planning stage (i.e. to establish the principle of certain types of development in specific areas so as to set down with greater certainty what would or would not be appropriate there).
Gantt Chart	A type of bar chart showing how projects, schedules and other time-related systems progress and interrelate over time.
GM	<i>Greater Manchester</i>
GMGU	<i>Greater Manchester Geological Unit</i>
(GM)JWDPD	<i>(Greater Manchester) Joint Waste Development Plan Document</i>
LDD	<i>Local Development Document</i>
LDF	<i>Local Development Framework</i>
LDS	<i>Local Development Scheme</i>
LSP	<i>Local Strategic Partnership</i>
MEDS	<i>Major Existing Sites in the Green Belt</i>
MSW	<i>Municipal Solid Waste</i>
ODPM	<i>Office of the Deputy Prime Minister</i>
Plan Period	The time period over which a specific document will remain valid.
PPG	<i>Planning Policy Guidance note</i>
PPS	<i>Planning Policy Statement</i>
RSS	Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West
SA	<i>Sustainability Appraisal</i>
Saved policies	Current policies that are up-to-date and relevant and so can be continued into the new system.

10 Glossary of Terms and Acronyms used in the LDS

Term/Acronym	Explanation
SCI	<i>Statement of Community Involvement</i>
SEA	<i>Strategic Environmental Assessment</i>
SLA	<i>Service Level Agreement</i>
Spatial	Of, relating to, involving, or having the nature of space.
SPD	<i>Supplementary Planning Document</i>
SPG	<i>Supplementary Planning Guidance</i>
Stakeholders	Any group or individual with an interest in any part or parts of the LDF and its various LDDs.
UDP	<i>Unitary Development Plan</i>