



Local Development Scheme

July 2015



1 About the Local Development Scheme

- 1.1. Islington Council has a duty to maintain a Local Plan. It also has a duty to maintain an up-to-date **Local Development Scheme (LDS)**¹.
- 1.2. The LDS is a programme management plan which identifies which planning documents the council proposes to produce over the next three years, and when these documents are expected to be consulted upon and adopted.
- 1.3. Islington Council has an up to date Local Plan, and this LDS sets out a timetable for a future limited review/update of parts of the Local Plan. In addition, it identifies when Supplementary Planning Documents/Guidance will be produced and/or reviewed.
- 1.4. Indicative timetables for all document preparation/review are provided in Appendices 1 and 2.

What's in a Local Plan?

A Local Plan contains planning policies which are used to make decisions on planning applications.

A Local Plan is composed of one or more **Development Plan Documents (DPDs)**. These documents are subject to a statutory preparation and adoption procedure, including an Independent Examination.

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) are used to elaborate on policies contained in DPDs. They are not part of the Local Plan. SPDs are prepared using a set procedure for public consultation, but do not undergo Independent Examination.

The **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)** sets out minimum standards for community involvement in both plan making and in determining planning applications. It is not part of the Local Plan. Islington's current SCI was adopted in July 2006.

2 National and London-wide planning policy

- 2.1. The government published its National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in March 2012. This document sets out how councils should produce planning documents to guide the development and use of land within a local authority's boundary.
- 2.2. In 2011 the government introduced changes to the planning system through the Localism Act. This gave new powers to communities to produce Neighbourhood Plans (see Section 5 for details of neighbourhood planning in Islington).
- 2.3. The Mayor of London produces, and regularly reviews, a Spatial Development Strategy for London (known as the London Plan). All London boroughs' Local Plans must be in general

¹ Prior to the Localism Act 2011, the LDS was required to be approved by the Secretary of State. This is no longer the case.

conformity with this document. The current London Plan, consolidated with alterations since 2011, was published in May 2015.

3 Islington's Local Plan

3.1. Islington has an up to date Local Plan, which comprises the following documents:

- Core Strategy (February 2011)
- Development Management Policies (June 2013)
- Site Allocations (June 2013)
- Finsbury Local Plan (previously the Bunhill & Clerkenwell Area Action Plan) (June 2013)

3.2. The Policies Map (formally referred to as a Proposals Map) which forms part of the statutory development plan, and reflects policies, designations and allocations arising from the DPDs was also adopted in June 2013. The Unitary Development Plan (June 2002) was wholly superseded by the above four DPDs.

3.3. The council intends to commence a limited review of the Core Strategy and, where necessary, amend the corresponding policies in other parts of the Local Plan, towards the end of 2015 (see Appendix 1 for more information) with a view to having a revised Core Strategy formally adopted in late 2017/early 2018.

3.4. An additional DPD – the North London Waste Plan – has been in preparation over the past few years in partnership with the London Boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey and Waltham Forest. The seven boroughs submitted a draft version of the plan for Independent Examination in February 2012. Public hearings commenced on 12 June 2012, but were later suspended to enable the Inspector to consider whether the plan had met the Duty to Co-operate. On 31 August 2012, the Inspector issued his determination that the plan did not meet the Duty to Co-operate. The boroughs are now in the process of preparing a revised version of the plan.

3.5. The Finsbury Local Plan applies only to the part of the borough indicated in Figure 1 below. Other elements of the Local Plan apply to the whole borough.

3.6. An indicative timetable for reviewing elements of the Local Plan is provided in Appendix 1.

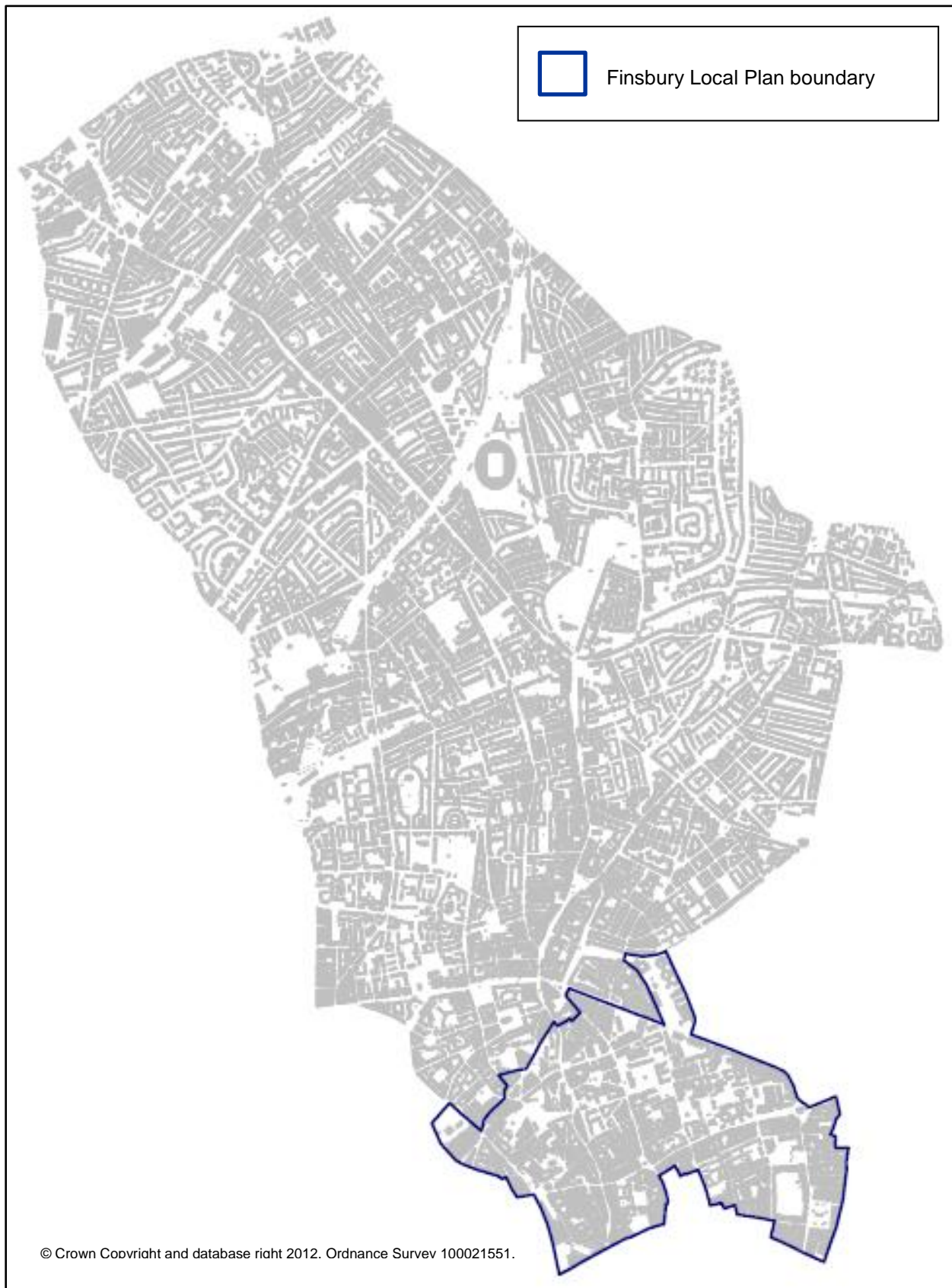


Figure 1: Geographical extent of Finsbury Local Plan DPD

4 Preparation and review of other planning documents

4.1. The following Supplementary Planning Documents and Statement of Community Involvement are extant (listed in order of adoption; most recent first):

- Finsbury Park Development Framework (March 2015)
- Finsbury Park Town Centre – Joint SPD by Islington, Hackney and Haringey (June/July 2014)
- Inclusive Design in Islington (Feb 2014)
- Cally Plan (January 2014)
- Planning Obligations (Section 106) - (Nov 2013)
- Student Accommodation Contributions for Bursaries (June 2013)
- Affordable Housing – Small Sites Contributions SPD (October 2012)
- Streetbook SPD (October 2012)
- Environmental Design SPD (October 2012)
- Mount Pleasant SPD (February 2012)
- Inclusive Landscape Design SPD (January 2010)
- Archway Development Framework SPD (September 2007)
- Nag's Head Town Centre Strategy SPD (May 2007)
- Urban Design Guide SPD (December 2006)
- Statement of Community Involvement (July 2006)
- King's Cross neighbourhood Framework SPD (July 2005)

4.2. The following SPDs will be prepared or revised over the next three years:

- Preventing Wasted Housing Supply (due to be adopted in July 2015)
- Location and Concentration of Uses (hot food takeaways, betting shops , pay day loan shops)
- Basement Development (Guidance on Basements)
- Urban Design Guide (revision to existing SPD)
- Planning Obligations (revision to existing SPD)
- Development Viability
- Angel Town Centre
- Moorfield's Eye Hospital
- Conservation Area Guidelines (to be replaced on an on-going basis)
- Listed Buildings Guidance

4.3. In addition to SPDs, a number of Planning Guidance Notes (PGNs) may be used in the planning decision-making process. In some cases the council has replaced or will be replacing previous PGNs with SPDs. An indicative timetable for preparation of all non-Local Plan documents is provided in Appendix 2 of this LDS.

5 Neighbourhood planning

- 5.1.** As of late June 2015, four community groups have expressed interest in neighbourhood planning (King's Cross, Crouch Hill & Hornsey Rise, Archway and Mount Pleasant). Although the council provides guidance to community groups, Neighbourhood Forums are responsible for advancing neighbourhood planning in their areas and will work to their own timescales. Therefore, it is not possible to include timetables for preparation of any potential Neighbourhood Plan.

Appendix 1: Indicative timetable for Local Plan documents currently being prepared / scheduled for review

Development Plan Document	Evidence gathering / preparation	Consult statutory bodies on scope of SA	Pre-submission (Issues and Options?) consultation ²	Publication of DPD and public consultation ³	Submission to Secretary of State	Hearing sessions	Receipt of Inspector's report	Adoption
Core Strategy (2011) - limited review	Throughout 2014 and 2015	Summer/Autumn 2015	Jan-March 2016	Sept/Oct 2016	Early 2017	Spring/Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	End of 2017/early 2018
DM Policies and Finsbury Local Plan- limited review to reflect changes to Core Strategy	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above
Site Allocations "refresh"	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above	As above
North London Waste Plan	Throughout 2013, 2014 and 2015	2013	Summer/ Autumn 2015	Spring/summer 2016	Autumn 2016	Early 2017	Spring 2017	Autumn 2017

² Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

³ Regulations 19 and 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Appendix 2: Indicative timetable for non-Local Plan documents

Document	Current document adopted	Current document status*	Proposed review/production		Updated / new document status*
			Formal Consultation	Adoption	
Statement of Community Involvement	July 2006	SCI	Autumn 2015	Early 2016	SCI
Preventing Wasted Housing Supply	N/A	N/A	Dec 2014/Jan 2015 and May/June 2015	Summer 2015	SPD
Islington Urban Design Guide	Dec 2006	SPD	Late 2015/Early 2016	Summer 2016	SPD
Basement Development (Guidance on Basements)	N/A	N/A	Summer 2015	Late 2015	SPD
Location and Concentration of Uses (Hot food takeaways, betting shops, payday loan shops)	N/A	N/A	Summer 2015	Late 2015	SPD
Planning Obligations (S106)	Nov 2013	SPD	Autumn 2015	Late 2015/ early 2016	SPD
Development Viability	N/A ⁴	N/A	Summer 2015	Late 2015	SPD
Angel Town Centre	N/A	N/A	Early 2016	Summer 2016	SPD
Moorfield's Eye Hospital	N/A	N/A	Early 2016	Summer 2016	SPD
Listed Buildings	N/A	N/A	Summer/Autumn 2017	Late 2017	SPD
Conservation Area Design Guidelines	Various	Design Guidelines	Replace on ongoing basis.	SPD	SPD

⁴ Viability addressed in the Planning Obligations SPD

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Finsbury Park Development Framework	March 2015	SPD	No review scheduled.		
Finsbury Park Town Centre Strategy	June 2014	SPD	No review scheduled.		
Inclusive Design in Islington	Feb 2014	SPD	No review scheduled.		
Cally Plan	Jan 2014	SPD	No review scheduled.		
Student Accommodation Contributions for Bursaries	June 2013	SPD	No review scheduled.		
Streetbook	Oct 2012	SPD	No review scheduled.		
Affordable Housing – Small Sites Contributions	Oct 2012	SPD	No review scheduled.		
Environmental Design	Oct 2012	SPD	No review scheduled.		
Mount Pleasant	Feb 2012	SPD	No review scheduled.		
Inclusive Landscape Design	Jan 2010	SPD	No review scheduled.		
Archway Development Framework	Sept 2007	SPD	No review scheduled.		
Nag's Head Town Centre Strategy	May 2007	SPD	No review scheduled.		
King's Cross Neighbourhood Framework	July 2005	SPD	No review scheduled.		
Promoting Sustainable Drainage Systems	2008	PGN	No review scheduled.		
Islington Shopfront Design Guide	2003	PGN	To be incorporated into the revised Urban Design Guide		
Refuse and Recycling Storage Requirements	2012	PGN	To be incorporated into the revised Urban Design Guide		
Islington Tree Policy	2009 (draft)	PGN	Review not scheduled.		
Packington Estate Masterplan	2004	PGN	Review not scheduled.		
Highbury & Islington Station and Highbury Corner Framework	July 2004	PGN	Review not scheduled.		

***Document status is as follows:**

SCI: Statement of Community Involvement | SPD: Supplementary Planning Document | PGN: Planning Guidance Note