

London Borough of Barnet's Local Development Scheme: Version 9

With effect from February 5th 2025

This Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out Barnet Council's timetable for preparing its Local Plan. It supersedes the LDS 8th version that was published in September 2021. Section 15 of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (revised by Housing & Planning Act 2016) requires local planning authorities to prepare and maintain a LDS specifying a timetable for preparation and revision of Local Plan documents.

Local Plan related documents	Stages and Timetable ⁱ					
<p>Documents listed below, together with the Mayor's London Plan, comprise Barnet's local development documents.</p> <p>Development Plan Document (DPD)</p>	<p>Scoping and early participation including preparation of Project Initiation Document, preparation and review of Plan Timetable, and identification of monitoring requirement.</p> <p>The planning authority will give notice of start of plan-making</p>	<p>Plan visioning and strategy development including undertaking visioning and identifying and testing spatial options and local priorities. This stage will include Gateway 1 assessmentⁱⁱ (4 weeks) and mandatory public consultation (8 weeks).</p>	<p>Evidence gathering and drafting the plan including production of proportionate evidence and continuous engagement. This stage will include Gateway 2 assessment (4 weeks).</p>	<p>Engagement, proposing changes and submission.</p> <p>This stage will include Gateway 3 assessment (4 weeks) and mandatory public consultation (6 weeks).</p>	<p>Examination in Public</p> <p>Conducted by an independent Planning Inspector.</p>	<p>Adoption</p> <p>Subject to outcome of examination, the Council formally adopts the plan.</p>
<p>New Local Plan for Barnet</p> <p>The Council intends to undertake a review of the Local Plan. The timetable for the production of the review will be in line with emerging Regulations following the introduction of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023.</p>	<p>February 2026</p>	<p>June 2026</p>	<p>January 2027</p>	<p>September 2027</p>	<p>May 2028</p>	<p>November 2028</p>

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) Documents listed below add further detail and guidance to the policies contained in Barnet's Local Plan	Evidence Gathering / Production	Consult	Reg 13 - Repls Assessment	Adoption
Designing for Density SPD The SPD will provide detailed parameters to Local Plan policy to provide a well-considered response to achieving higher density development that takes account of best practice and guidance in optimising land use and development capacity; including the assessment of appropriateness of tall building proposals in strategic locations with identified site-specific, and character considerations to ensure that the development of tall buildings occurs in the most appropriate parts of the borough. It will identify typologies related to uses, form, public realm, safety, amenity, and microclimates. The SPD will progress in stages alongside and following the adoption of the Local Plan.	2024 - 2025	2025	2025	Late 2025
Sustainable Design & Development Guidance SPD Merge, review and update of existing 2016 Residential Design Guidance and Sustainable Design and Construction SPDs to supplement relevant Local Plan Policies. The SPD will be updated following the adoption of the Local Plan. It will provide guidance on implementing a range of sustainability measures including increased energy efficiency, reduced carbon emissions, reduction of land, water, noise air pollution, reduce resource use and waste.	2024 - 2025	2025	2025	Late 2025
Green Infrastructure SPD Review and update as necessary existing SPD to supplement emerging Local Plan Policies. The SPD will be updated following the adoption of the Local Plan. It will provide guidance on delivering green	2025	Late 2025	Early 2026	Late 2026

measures including biodiversity net gain, urban greening factor and restoration of Barnet's blue infrastructure.				
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ⁱ Stages as set out in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: consultation on implementation of plan-making reforms consultation (25 July 2023)

ⁱⁱ 'Gateway' assessments support the preparation of plans by providing advice to the planning authority and identifying difficult issues earlier in the process.