

West Berkshire Local Plan

Local Development Scheme

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Summary of the Local Development Scheme

The Government requires that all local planning authorities produce a Local Development Scheme (LDS) which sets out the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that it will produce as part of its Local Plan. This LDS therefore explains what documents will be included in the West Berkshire Local Plan over the next few years, when each document will be produced, and when stakeholders and the public will be involved in the production of each document. It also explains the different status of documents within the Local Plan.

All documents produced within the Local Plan will reflect the issues and priorities that are important to the District and will replace the West Berkshire District Local Plan 1991-2006, the West Berkshire Core Strategy DPD 2012, the Housing Site Allocations (HSA) DPD 2017, the Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire, incorporating the alterations adopted in December 1997 and May 2001 and the Waste Local Plan for Berkshire adopted December 1998.

The Council's first published LDS was approved by Government in April 2005. Further updates were then published in April 2010, May 2012, September 2013, May 2014, March 2015, October 2015 and January 2018. This ninth version revises the document again and contains updates to reflect changes in circumstances since January 2018, namely the re-evaluation of the previously approved timetable following changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, a renewed emphasis on the green agenda and the associated evidence required and, a lack of available resources due to subsequent staff shortages. Reduced staffing delayed the processing of responses received as part of the preferred options consultation for the West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan and additional technical evidence required as a result of the comments made on the Preferred Options has also delayed the publication of the Proposed Submission version of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

Documents to be prepared

The LDS shows that the Council is intending to produce the following DPDs, which will form part of the Local Plan, between 2017 and 2022:

- West Berkshire Local Plan Review to 2036
- West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Both DPDs will be accompanied by a policies Map

Timetable

The table below summarises the key stages in the preparation of each document. There will be opportunities for community engagement at key stages throughout the process in accordance with the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

Annual Monitoring Reports will provide updates on the progress of preparing these documents against key milestones and highlight any new or emerging issues which may necessitate a review of the LDS.

Timetable for the preparation of DPDs 2017-2022:

Formal stages of Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)					
	Regulation 18	Regulation 19	Regulation 22	Regulation 24	Regulation 26
	Public participation in the preparation of the DPD (including sustainability appraisal & scope & content of DPD)	Publication of Proposed Submission Documents	Submission to Secretary of State	Start of Independent Examination	Adoption
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1. Explanation of the Local Development Scheme

1.1. Introduction

The government requires that all local planning authorities produce a Local Development Scheme (LDS) which is a public statement of the Council's programme for the production of Development Plan Documents (DPDs). The LDS sets out:

- The planning documents the Council aims to produce
- The programme for producing them

The LDS has to be formally approved by the Council and be made publicly available. This is the ninth LDS to be produced by the Council and it supersedes all other versions.

1.2. Planning context

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004)¹, the Planning Act (2008)², the Localism Act (2011)³ and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)⁴, set out the legislative framework and statutory procedures for the current system of plan making for local authorities. The system of producing Development Plan Documents (DPDs) as part of a Local Plan allows for a number of statutory planning documents to be produced.

Together, these documents will provide the spatial strategy, policies and guidance for the District and they will replace the saved policies in the current West Berkshire District Local Plan 1991-2006⁵, the Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire Incorporating the Alterations adopted in December 1997 and May 2001⁶ and the Waste Local Plan for Berkshire adopted in December 1998⁷.

Planning policies for the District need to be prepared in the context of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the National Planning Policy for Waste (NPPW), National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG), other National Policy Statements and Regulations (e.g. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL))⁸, and with regard to other local plans and strategies produced by the Council and other organisations.

1.3. Development Plan Documents (DPDs)

These are the core of the Local Plan and together form part of the Development Plan which is the starting point for making planning decisions. They are prepared in consultation with the community and stakeholders and are subject to examination by an independent Planning Inspector.

The four main stages in preparing a DPD are:

- The pre-production stage, including evidence gathering by the Council on key issues and development options and consulting statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal.

¹ Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act \(2004\)](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/29/pdfs/ukpga_20040029_en.pdf)

² Planning Act (2008): http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/pdfs/ukpga_20080029_en.pdf

³ Localism Act (2011): http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/pdfs/ukpga_20110020_en.pdf

⁴ Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended):

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/767/pdfs/uksi_20120767_en.pdf

⁵ Saved policies of the West Berkshire District Local Plan 1991-2006: <http://info.westberks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=28783>

⁶ Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire Incorporating the Alterations adopted in December 1997 and May 2001:

<https://info.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=34864&p=0>

⁷ Waste Local Plan for Berkshire (1998): <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=34865&p=0>

⁸ The Community Infrastructure (Amendment) Regulations 2015

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/836/pdfs/uksi_20150836_en.pdf The Council's CIL was implemented on 1 April 2015. Further details can be viewed at: <http://www.westberks.gov.uk/cil>.

- The production stage, including public and stakeholder consultation by the Council on the development issues and options and the scope of the DPD and the consideration of consultation responses.
- Submission and examination stage, where the DPD will be submitted to the Secretary of State then subject to scrutiny by an independent inspector appointed by the Secretary of State who will assess the ‘soundness’ of the DPD. A public hearing is held by the appointed inspector. The inspector’s role is to assess whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, legal and procedural requirements and whether it is sound. “Sound”, means whether the plan is:
 - **Positively prepared** – providing a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area’s objectively assessed needs; and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and consistent with achieving sustainable development;
 - **Justified** – an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence;
 - **Effective** – deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters that have been dealt with rather than deferred, as evidenced by the statement of common ground; and
 - **Consistent with national policy** – enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the Framework.
- Finally, the adoption stage, where the DPD becomes formally part of the Development Plan, and the plan is monitored and reviewed.

1.4. Other documents

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):

SPDs⁹ provide more detailed guidance to explain policies and proposals set out in the Local Plan. They cannot introduce new policies. Unlike DPDs they are not subject to an independent examination and so are quicker to produce.

Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs):

Through the provisions of the Localism Act 2011, Town and Parish Councils are now able to prepare Neighbourhood Development Plans and/or Orders. The production of a Neighbourhood Plan or Order has to be instigated by the relevant Town/Parish Council and does not form part of the LDS. Once adopted, NDPs form part of the Development Plan. Currently one NDP, the Stratfield Mortimer NDP, has been adopted in West Berkshire and forms part of the Development Plan.

1.5. What documents have we already prepared?

The Council has already prepared some documents either as part of or which support the current West Berkshire Local Plan. These are:

⁹ The Council will provide information on which SPDs it intends to produce on its website and will be able to keep this more up to date without the need to go through the formal process of changing the LDS.

- **West Berkshire Core Strategy (2006-2026) DPD¹⁰** adopted 16 July 2012
- **West Berkshire Housing Site Allocations DPD¹¹** adopted 9 May 2017
- **Delivering Investment from Sustainable Development SPD¹²** adopted 6 June 2013
- **Market Street Planning and Design Brief SPD¹³** adopted on 9 June 2005
- **Quality Design – West Berkshire SPD¹⁴** adopted on 19 June 2006.
- **Planning Obligations SPD¹⁵** adopted 11 December 2014.
- **Pirbright Institute Site, Compton SPD¹⁶** adopted on 19 September 2013
- **Sandleford Park SPD (amended)¹⁷** adopted on 3 March 2015
- **Sustainable Drainage Systems SPD¹⁸** adopted 6 December 2018
- **Revised Statement of Community Involvement¹⁹** adopted on 9 January 2020. This replaces the SCI adopted in 2014.
- **Annual Monitoring Reports²⁰** – produced in December each year
- **Minerals and Waste Authority Monitoring Reports²¹** – produced in December each year

1.6. Reasons for updating the LDS

Since the publication of the Council's eighth LDS in January 2018, there have been changes in circumstances which have resulted in the need to revise the LDS. These are outlined below:

Re-evaluation of previously approved timetables

A number of factors have resulted in the slippage of the Local Plan Review timetable. From January 2018 – September 2019, resource was diverted to a number of appeals. In addition, the revised NPPF was published and changes resulting from this have been taken account of. Furthermore, the local election in 2019 resulted in a refocusing of council priorities, including a renewed emphasis on a green agenda. Additional work has been commissioned to this end. Finally, staff shortages have impacted on the timetable.

The Council consulted on the preferred options for the West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP) in the spring of 2017. Following the preferred options consultation, staff shortages have meant that the processing of the comments received has been delayed, ultimately impacting on the timetable for the production of the submission version of the plan for consultation. The need for additional technical evidence as a result of the comments made on the Preferred Options has also caused a delay in the timetable regarding the publication of the proposed Submission version of the plan. The period of purdah associated with the December 2019 General Election has also caused a further delay in the publication of the submission version of the plan for consultation.

¹⁰ West Berkshire Core Strategy (2006-2026) DPD: <http://info.westberks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=28782>

¹¹ West Berkshire Housing Site Allocations DPD: <http://info.westberks.gov.uk/hsa>

¹² Delivering Investment from Sustainable Development SPD <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=33765&p=0>

¹³ Market Street Urban Village SPD: <http://info.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=36531&p=0>

¹⁴ Quality Design – West Berkshire SPD: <http://info.westberks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=28786>

¹⁵ Planning Obligations SPD: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/spd>

¹⁶ Pirbright Institute Site, Compton SPD: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/obligationsspd>

¹⁷ Sandleford Park SPD: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/sandleford>

¹⁸ Sustainable Drainable Systems SPD: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/sudsspd>

¹⁹ Statement of Community Involvement: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=38265&p=0>

²⁰ Annual Monitoring Reports: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/amr>

²¹ Joint Minerals and Waste Annual Monitoring Reports: <http://info.westberks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=29084>

1.7. What documents will be prepared as part of the Local Plan?

Between 2017 and 2022, the following DPDs will be produced:

- **West Berkshire Local Plan Review to 2036:** A 15+ year spatial strategy, with reviewed vision and strategic objectives for West Berkshire, containing policies for all non-minerals and waste development supported by reasoned justifications. This DPD will assess the future levels of need for new homes (including market, affordable and specialist housing and Gypsy and Traveller accommodation) and employment land and other land uses up to 2036 and will provide an appropriate basis for housing, employment land and infrastructure provision over that period.
- **West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan:** A 15+ year spatial strategy, with vision and strategic objectives for West Berkshire, containing the policies for all minerals and waste development supported by reasoned justifications.
- **Policies Map:** The Policies Map spatially illustrates the policies of the Local Plan on an Ordnance Survey base. It will be updated to reflect any area specific policies in the West Berkshire Local Plan Review to 2036 and the West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

Table 1.1 below summarises the key stages in their preparation and Appendix A sets out the programmes for these documents in more detail.

Table 1.1: Key stages in the preparation of development plan documents

	Formal stages of Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)				
	Regulation 18	Regulation 19	Regulation 22	Regulation 24	Regulation 26
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1.8. Transitional arrangements

The Council's local planning framework is currently in a state of transition between old and current systems. The old system, adopted under previous legislation, is represented by the remaining 'saved' policies (as amended July 2012 and May 2017) of the West Berkshire District Local Plan (adopted June 2002), together with the Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire, incorporating alterations adopted December 1997 and May 2001 and the Waste Local Plan for Berkshire adopted December 1998.

Table 1.2: Saved Development Plans and Policies

Saved Development Plans and Policies				
Document	Role and Contents	Area covered	Status	Timetable for production and review
West Berkshire District Local Plan (adopted June 2002) – Saved Policies (as amended July 2012 and May 2017) see Appendix B for details	Policies of the adopted local plan which conform with the West Berkshire Core Strategy and HSA DPD	West Berkshire	Saved Former Development Plan Policies	The Council submitted a list of proposed saved policies in accordance with the protocol issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government in August 2006. The list was agreed in September 2007. It was amended in July 2012 following adoption of the West Berkshire Core Strategy and amended again in May 2017 following adoption of the HSA DPD
Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire, incorporating alterations adopted December 1997 and May 2001 see Appendix C for details	Policies of the adopted Minerals Local Plan which will conform with the West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan	Berkshire	Saved Former Development Plan Policies	The Secretary of State directed that, under paragraph 1 (3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, a number of policies in the Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire (RMLP) Incorporating the Alterations adopted in December 1997 and May 2001 should be saved indefinitely until replaced by national, regional or local minerals and waste policies.
Waste Local Plan for Berkshire adopted December 1998 see Appendix C for details	Policies of the adopted Waste Local Plan which will conform with the West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan	Berkshire	Saved Former Development Plan Policies	The Secretary of State directed that, under paragraph 1 (3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, a number of policies in the Waste Local Plan for Berkshire adopted in December 1998, should be saved indefinitely until replaced by national, regional or local minerals and waste policies.

Although the Council was unable to save any Supplementary Planning Guidance produced under previous legislation, the documents outlined in Appendix D are considered to give up to date and relevant guidance which supplement the saved policies of the West Berkshire District Local Plan. They are therefore considered to still be material considerations. They were all produced in consultation with the public and stakeholders and include a statement of public consultation.

1.9. Joint working arrangements and the Duty to Co-operate

West Berkshire does not exist in isolation from its neighbours and the Local Plan needs to take account of the challenges, issues and opportunities affecting the wider surrounding area at a more strategic level. The Council therefore works with surrounding authorities and others to co-ordinate policy and evidence collection on matters of strategic or cross boundary significance. The 2011 Localism Act formalised this arrangement under a 'duty to co-operate'²². This requires local authorities to work constructively, actively and on an on-going basis on strategic, cross boundary matters in the preparation of DPDs.

²² Section 110 of the Localism Act. Further guidance is given in paragraphs 24 to 27 of the NPPF.

2. Evidence base

2.1. What information and evidence will inform the preparation of the Local Plan?

It is important that the preparation of the Local Plan is underpinned by a strong evidence base. This also provides important baseline information for undertaking the Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Sustainability Appraisal which also form a key part of the evidence base. The evidence base includes technical studies and also evidence from public engagement, including key stakeholders, agencies, infrastructure providers and the general public. Some of the more significant studies include:

- Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment
- Affordable Housing Need Assessment
- Affordable Housing Viability Assessment
- Landscape Character Assessments
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
- Employment Land Review
- Transport Assessments
- Ecology Assessments
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Local Aggregate Assessment
- Local Waste Assessment

All published evidence documents are posted on the Council's website²³.

2.2. Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment

The Council has to undertake a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) for all DPDs it produces and has to meet certain statutory requirements for consultation. This incorporates the requirements under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 for SA and the requirement under the European Directive 2001/42/EC, or Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive, to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). SA assists in the consideration of options and decisions on policies and proposals in the Local Plan. It is a tool that highlights any significant environmental, social or economic effects of the plan and assesses it against a number of sustainability objectives in order to identify these impacts.

The Council will also undertake Habitats Regulations Assessments (HRA) where required by the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010²⁴. The purpose of a HRA is to assess the possible effects of a land use plan on any Natura 2000 site. These are European designated sites which are intended to form an ecologically coherent network of designated sites across the whole of Europe. Where significant negative effects are identified, alternative options should be examined to avoid any potential damaging effects.

2.3. Community involvement

One of the key objectives of the planning system is greater and more effective community involvement. Arrangements for involving the community in each of the DPDs are explained in the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). Public involvement in the production of the DPDs in this LDS will be tailored in accordance with the role and scope of the document as explained in the SCI (as amended Jan 2015) and the Council's Consultation Policy (2017).

²³ Evidence base documents: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/evidencebase>

²⁴ Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2010/490/regulation/41/made>

3. Monitoring and review

Monitoring the implementation of the Council's Local Plan is a key feature of the planning system.

3.1. Annual Monitoring Reports

In December each year the Council will produce Annual Monitoring Reports (AMRs) to track the implementation of policies and changes which have occurred in West Berkshire. A separate AMR will be produced for minerals and waste.

The West Berkshire AMR will include:-

- An assessment of whether any targets set out in DPDs are being met and, if not, the reasons why
- Impact of policies on targets set out at national, sub-regional or local level
- Consideration of whether any policies need to be replaced or amended and action needed to do this
- Details of housing delivery including completed dwellings during the monitoring year, numbers of units under construction, stock of permissions, house type data, parking spaces provided, density of development
- A housing trajectory showing past completions and expected future building
- Details of employment generating development constructed, started and given planning permission
- Other development trends data

A separate West Berkshire minerals and waste AMR will be produced, which will contain:

- Impact of policies on targets set out at national, larger than local e.g. south east area or local level
- Consideration of whether any policies need to be replaced or amended, and action needed to do this
- Details of permitted minerals and waste development
- Aggregate sales and reserves
- Waste generation figures

The AMRs will also cover progress on achieving the timetable set out in this LDS.

3.2. Reviewing this LDS

This document is the Council's ninth LDS and sets out the programme for the next few years. It will normally be reviewed once a year following the publication of the AMR. As part of the AMR, the Council will assess whether any changes to the timetable may be needed, whether the results of monitoring suggest attention to particular policy areas are required, or whether new or emerging issues may necessitate a review of the LDS.

Proposed Development Plan Documents

Document Area Covered	Role, Contents and Conformity	Timetable for production and review
<p>West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan</p> <p>West Berkshire</p>	<p>Sets out the spatial development strategy for minerals and waste matters in West Berkshire and provides the framework for development control decisions, including those relating to preferred sites.</p> <p>Will conform with: NPPF, NPPW, NPPG</p> <p>Replaces: Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire, incorporating alterations adopted December 1997 and May 2001 and the Waste Local Plan for Berkshire adopted December 1998</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult on scope of sustainability appraisal – September 2013 to October 2013 • Public participation in the preparation of the document – October 2013 to June 2021 • Publication of Proposed Submission Documents – December 2020 • Submission to Secretary of State – July 2021 Pre-hearing meeting – November 2021 (subject to Planning Inspectorate) • Commencement of Public Hearings – November 2021 (subject to Planning Inspectorate) • Estimated date for adoption – June 2022 (subject to Planning Inspectorate and Full Council timetable)
<p>Policies Map</p> <p>West Berkshire</p>	<p>This will identify adopted policy designations on an Ordnance Survey base.</p>	<p>Publication on adoption of the Minerals and Waste Local Plan.</p>

Document Area Covered	Role, Contents and Conformity	Timetable for production and review
<p>West Berkshire Local Plan Review to 2036</p> <p>West Berkshire</p>	<p>The Local Plan will set out the spatial development strategy for West Berkshire, and provide development management policies and site allocations</p> <p>Will conform with: NPPF, NPPG</p> <p>Replaces: West Berkshire Core Strategy, Housing Site Allocations DPD, West Berkshire District Plan 1991-2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult on scope of draft sustainability appraisal – December 2017 to January 2018 • Public participation in the preparation of the document – December 2017 to September 2021 • Publication of Proposed Submission Documents– May 2021 • Submission to Secretary of State – October 2021 • Pre-hearing meeting – February 2022 (subject to Planning Inspectorate) • Commencement of Public Hearings – February 2022 (subject to Planning Inspectorate) • Estimated date for adoption – December 2022 (subject to Planning Inspectorate and Full Council timetable)
<p>Policies Map</p> <p>West Berkshire</p>	<p>This will identify adopted policy designations on an Ordnance Survey base.</p>	<p>Publication on adoption of the new Local Plan.</p>

Saved West Berkshire District Local Plan policies

The following table lists all the saved policies of the West Berkshire District Local Plan 1991-2006. All other policies within the West Berkshire District Local Plan 1991-2006 either were not saved beyond September 2007 or have been replaced following the adoption of the West Berkshire Core Strategy (2006 – 2026) DPD in July 2012 and the West Berkshire Housing Site Allocations DPD in May 2017. The remaining policies will be replaced by the West Berkshire Local Plan Review to 2036.

West Berkshire District Local Plan 1991 – 2006 ²⁵
OVS5 Environmental Nuisance/ Pollution control
OVS6 Noise pollution
OVS7 Hazardous Substances
OVS8 Hazardous substances
ENV16 Farm Diversification
ENV19 Re –use and adaptation of Existing Buildings in the Countryside (in its application to business uses only)
ENV27 Institutional and Educational sites in the Countryside
ENV29 Development Involving Horses
HSG13 Residential Use of Space above shops and offices
HSG14 Retention of Mobile Home Parks
ECON5 Town Centre Commercial Areas
ECON6 Former Greenham Common Airbase
ECON7 Safeguarding Rail Based Industry at Theale
SHOP1 Non-retail uses in primary shopping frontages
SHOP3 Retail Areas and Retail Warehousing
SHOP5 The Encouragement of Local and Village Shops
TRANS1A Road Schemes
TRANS1 Meeting the Transport Needs of New Development
TRAN3 A34/M4 Junction 13 – Chieveley
RL1 Public Open Space Provision in Residential Development Schemes
RL2 Provision of Public Open Space (Methods)
RL3 Selection of Public Open Space and Recreational Sites
RL5 Kennet and Avon Canal
RL5A The River Thames

²⁵ Saved in accordance with the protocol issued by Department of Communities and Local Government in August 2006, agreed in September 2007

Saved Minerals and Waste policies

The Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire (RMLP) and Waste Local Plan for Berkshire (WLPB) currently form the saved planning policy²⁶ context that guides minerals and waste developments in the former county area. The policies of the Waste Local Plan for Berkshire 1998 and the Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire Incorporating Alterations 2001 do not have the benefit of policy titles in the original publications. The titles of policies shown in the list below are indicative of the wording contained within the actual policy and have been used as an aide memoir.

To be replaced by West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan	
Waste Local Plan for Berkshire (December 1998) Policy	
WLP1 Sustainable Development	
WLP3 Phasing out putrescible / polluting waste	
WLP11 Proposed preferred areas	
WLP13 Local facilities	
WLP14 Sites for engineered landfill	
WLP15 Temporary sites for engineered landfill	
WLP16 Waste management facilities – non landfill	
WLP17 Green waste composting	
WLP18 Sewage works	
WLP19 Farm and stable waste	
WLP20 Other landfill sites for putrescible / polluting waste	
WLP21 Safeguarding sites for waste management	
WLP23 Temporary local separation sorting and recycling sites	
WLP24 Temporary recycling facilities on inert waste landfill sites	
WLP25 Disposal of inert waste by landfilling	
WLP26 Controls on landfill permissions to secure inert waste recycling	
WLP27 Is development needed	
WLP28 Non identified sites for waste management development	
WLP29 Non identified sites for waste management development outside preferred areas	
WLP30 Assessing the impact of development proposals	
WLP31 Information to be provided with application	
WLP33 Environmental improvements and wider benefits	
WLP34 Land raising	
Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire (Incorporating the Alterations adopted in December 1997 and May 2001) Policy	
MLP1 Husbanding resources	
MLP2 Prevention of sterilisation	
MLP2A Extraction to prevent sterilisation	
MLP6 General considerations for sand and gravel extraction	
MLP7 Material considerations for sand and gravel extraction	
MLP8 Preferred areas	

²⁶ The Secretary of State has directed that, under paragraph 1 (3) of Schedule 8 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, a number of policies in the Replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire (RMLP) Incorporating the Alterations adopted in December 1997 and May 2001 and the Waste Local Plan for Berkshire adopted in December 1998, should be saved indefinitely until replaced by national, regional or local Minerals and Waste policies.

MLP10 Outside preferred areas applications will normally be refused
MLP11 Strongest presumption against extraction
MLP12 Strong presumption against extraction
MLP13 Strong presumption against extraction all other areas
MLP14 Borrow pits
MLP15 Building sand
MLP16 Chalk, clay and other minerals
MLP17 Oil and gas
MLP18 Appropriate and timely restoration
MLP19 Securing public benefit through restoration
MLP20 Proposals for restoration
MLP21 Content of minerals applications
MLP26 Safeguarding rail depots
MLP28 Ancillary structures
MLP29 Importing aggregates to plant sites

Supplementary Planning Guidance – Material Considerations

Although Supplementary Planning Guidance²⁷ produced under previous legislation could not be saved, the following documents are still considered to give up to date and relevant guidance which supplement the saved policies of the West Berkshire District Local Plan.

Supplementary Planning Guidance – Material Considerations				
Document	Role, Contents and Conformity	Area covered	Status	Timetable for production and review
SPG No.19 Public Houses	Provides guidance on proposals which involve the loss of public houses	West Berkshire	Adopted 25 January 2000 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the Council in consultation with the local community. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
SPG No.20 Village Design Statement for Basildon	Design guidance for development in Basildon	West Berkshire	Adopted 13 March 2001 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
SPG No.21 Chieveley Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Chieveley	Chieveley	Adopted 2 April 2002 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
SPG No.22 Bucklebury Vision – Parish Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Bucklebury Parish	Bucklebury	Adopted 16 April 2002 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
SPG No.23 Cold Ash and Ashmore Green Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Cold Ash and Ashmore Green	Cold Ash and Ashmore Green	Adopted 1 May 2002 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years.

²⁷ <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/spd>

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Document	Role, Contents and Conformity	Area covered	Status	Timetable for production and review
SPG No.24 Speen Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Speen	Speen	Adopted 1 October 2002 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
Beenham Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Beenham	Beenham	Adopted 8 July 2003 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
Hermitage Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Hermitage	Hermitage	Adopted 14 July 2004 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
Inkpen Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Inkpen	Inkpen	Adopted 31 August 2004 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
Newbury Town Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Newbury	Newbury	Adopted 19 April 2005 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
Compton Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Compton	Compton	Adopted 11 October 2005 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.

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Pangbourne Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Pangbourne	Pangbourne	Adopted 16 November 2005 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
Brimpton Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Brimpton	Brimpton	Adopted January 2007 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
Stratfield Mortimer Village Design Statement	Design guidance for development in Stratfield Mortimer	Stratfield Mortimer	Adopted November 2007 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Prepared by the local community in consultation with the Council. Likely to remain relevant for many years and so no current timetable for review.
SPG 03/1 Shop Fronts and Signs – Supplementary planning guidance	Guidance on the design of shop fronts and signs	West Berkshire – mainly town/village centres	Adopted 3 July 2003 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Consider review in the light of any changes to national Government policy.
SPG 04/2 House Extensions	Provides guidance on how to design house extensions so that they respect the character of the area, protect living conditions of neighbours and comply with relevant planning policies	West Berkshire	Adopted 15 July 2004 Conforms with: West Berkshire District Local Plan	Consider review in the light of any changes to national Government policy.

Village and Town Design Statements

Since July 2008 the Council has adopted Design Statements²⁸ through the community planning process. Design Statements adopted through this process include:

- Streatley - Adopted 12 March 2009
- Hamstead Marshall - Adopted 14 August 2009
- Stanford Dingley - Adopted 21 January 2010
- Burghfield - Adopted 24 August 2011

²⁸ <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/vds>

Glossary

Term	Acronym	Explanation
Adoption		Formal approval by the Council of a DPD whereupon it achieves its full weight.
Annual Monitoring Report	AMR	Annual statement analysing the implementation of policies. Produced in December. Also known as Authority Monitoring Report
Conformity		LDDs normally have to fit in to the policies set out in higher documents - conformity
Core Strategy		The overall spatial planning policies and objectives for an area.
Council		In this context, the local planning authority; in this case West Berkshire Council. References to full Council are to the meeting of all elected members which is the Council's supreme decision making body
Development Plan Document	DPD	A statutory document which is the primary consideration in determining planning applications. It is required to undergo public testing (inquiry or examination before an independent inspector or panel).
Examination		In this context the forum at which an independent inspector considers the soundness of a development plan document
Executive		In this case, the Council's lead decision making body comprised of elected members
Habitats Regulations Assessment	HRA	An assessment of the potential impacts of a plan or proposal on areas of European nature conservation importance.
Housing Trajectory		Diagram showing housing delivery and expected trends of development
Inset map		Specific section of a Policies Map
Local Development Scheme (<i>this document</i>)	LDS	A public statement of the Council's programme for the production of development plan documents.
Local Plan		The portfolio of DPDs that provides the framework for delivering the spatial strategy for the area
Local Strategic Partnership	LSP	A grouping of local stakeholders – local councils, business, voluntary sector – working together in the local community. The local LSP is the West Berkshire Partnership
Material consideration		A factor or document which can be taken into account in deciding a planning application
Minerals Planning Guidance Note	MPG	Government statement of its planning policy that has now been replaced by the NPPF and NPPG
National Planning Policy Framework	NPPF	A simplified set of national policies first published by the government in March 2012 (and updated in February 2019) that replaced the government guidance formerly contained in Planning Policy Guidance Notes (PPGs), Planning Policy Statements (PPSs), Minerals Planning Guidance Notes (MPGs) and Minerals Policy Statements (MPS').

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National Planning Policy for Waste	NPPW	A simplified set of national policies relating to waste published by the government in October 2014 that replaced the government guidance formerly contained in Planning Policy Statement 10 (PPS10).
National Planning Practice Guidance	NPPG	On-line guidance first produced by the Department for Communities and Local Government in March 2014 (and updated at regular intervals) that supplements the NPPF and supersedes previous planning practice guidance
Neighbourhood Development Plan	NDP	Neighbourhood planning document produced by the local community. Sets out policies in a particular area in relation to the development and use of land.
Neighbourhood Development Order	NDO	Neighbourhood planning document produced by the local community. Grants planning permission in a particular area for certain types of development specified in the order
Planning Inspectorate	PINS	National agency which supplies independent planning inspectors.
Planning Policy Guidance	PPG	Government statement of its planning policy now replaced by the NPPF and NPPG
Planning Policy Statement	PPS	Former Government statement of its planning policies. Now replaced by the NPPF, NPPW and NPPG.
Policies Map		Map showing policy areas on an Ordnance Survey map base.
Regulations		Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 which set out the statutory requirements for preparing local plans
Saved Development Plans or Policies		The system allowed all existing Local and Structure Plans to be saved until September 2007. Some policies have been saved for a longer period.
Spatial strategy		An integrated planning/development strategy aiming to achieve a range of objectives
Stakeholder		In this context an organisation or individual with an interest in local planning matters
Statement of Community Involvement	SCI	Adopted document setting out how the Council will involve the community in the planning process.
Strategic Environmental Assessment	SEA	An assessment of the potential impacts of policies and proposals on the environment, to include proposals for the mitigation of any impacts.
Submission		Stage at which a prepared DPD is presented to Secretary of State.
Supplementary Planning Document	SPD	A document which provides more detailed advice or guidance on the policies in the Local Plan.
Supplementary Planning Guidance	SPG	Planning guidance produced under the previous planning system. They give additional guidance in support of policies in statutory planning documents
Sustainability Appraisal	SA	An appraisal of the economic, social and environmental impacts of policies and proposals. It incorporates Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – see above. The SA Scoping Report identifies the information needed for the appraisal, and describes the methodology for undertaking sustainability

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		appraisal.
Unitary authority		A single tier local authority providing a full range of local government functions. West Berkshire Council is a unitary authority
Village Design Statement	VDS	Local design guidance produced by a local community and adopted by the Council
West Berkshire Partnership		The local LSP.