

Local Plan of Action

Update and Progress Report: December 2012



Our Local Plan of Action was published a year ago, to give you an idea of how we intended to respond to changes in the spatial planning system and to move from creating a Local Development Framework (LDF) to creating a new Local Plan. The plan of action broadly set out a 5-step programme of work and a timetable for the adoption of a new local plan by the end of 2013. One year on, it's time to review what we've achieved and to provide you with an update and progress report.

Overleaf you'll find a chart illustrating progress on tasks listed in the plan of action and below is an update on work related to those tasks.

Hone in on critical issues

We've identified an initial set of critical issues (more are likely to follow as work progresses) relating to the need for a new

- spatial strategy;
- locally determined housing figure;
- approach to allocations, policies and neighbourhood planning; and
- approach to public engagement and participation.

Set vision and strategic objectives

Work on a vision, strategic objectives and sustainability objectives is underway. Significant progress has been made on developing new objectives and a new approach to sustainability appraisal.

Potential solutions

We outlined some ideas in a discussion paper titled "Shaping a Spatial Strategy and Housing Figure", which was supported by a background paper, "Towards a Locally Determined Housing

Target for Craven". These papers formed the basis of informal engagement with parishes and other stakeholders.

Method of engagement

We used stakeholder workshops as a way of discussing the draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and ideas outlined in the Shaping a Spatial Strategy and Housing Figure discussion paper. Stakeholders were also engaged in writing to discuss the development of draft criteria for assessing sites as potential housing allocations.

Strategic solutions

The workshops on Shaping a Spatial Strategy and Housing Figure were based on participation and discussion, adopting a problem-solving approach, assessing what would be better or worse and considering the impacts on sustainability. Information was supplied in the form of presentations, displays and hand-outs. Broad solutions and a degree of consensus emerged.

Strategic allocations

Progress made on the spatial strategy and housing figure has laid the ground for progress on allocations: We now have some guidance on the number of new homes to be planned for, on the settlements where allocations should be made and on the relative scale of growth in different locations within the plan area.

Outcomes of 2012

- Workshops have been developed as a way of enabling participation, discussion and joint-working with stakeholders.
- Feedback from the SHLAA workshop made it clear that we should wait to publish the SHLAA

until a draft spatial strategy, housing figure and approach to allocations had begun to emerge.

- A draft housing figure of 160dpa and a draft spatial strategy have now emerged from subsequent stakeholder workshops.
- Targeted short-timescale engagement by e-mail has been used to expedite progress where appropriate.
- Early engagement with parishes and other stakeholders has helped us prepare for wider discussion/engagement in the New Year (2013).
- A draft spatial strategy, housing figure and a finalised SHLAA will be ready for wider discussion/engagement in the New Year.

To do next

- There will be further critical issues and potential solutions to identify, in addition to those addressed during 2012 and reported here.
- Progress towards draft housing allocations will be made—using the finalised SHLAA and the emerging spatial strategy and housing figure—in readiness for informal stakeholder engagement in the New Year.
- Work on the draft vision, objectives and sustainability appraisal will be concluded in readiness for public consultation in 2013.

Evolution of the plan of action

The chart overleaf shows how the original step-by-step approach is evolving into a more flexible process, in which tasks across Steps 1-3 can be worked on and progressed simultaneously. And in future, we'll issue updates every 6 months rather than annually.

More information

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Progress On Tasks (as listed in the original Local Plan of Action 2011)

Steps Tasks Dec. 2011 **Dec. 2012** Jun. 2013 Dec. 2013 Jun. 2014 Dec. 2014

