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Uttlesford Draft LDS 2020 for LPLG August 2020

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Preface

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If you require any further information regarding the Scheme, please contact a planning policy officer by email planningpolicy@uttlesford.gov.uk

The LDS will be kept up to date on a regular basis.

This LDS is produced under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

Uttlesford Draft Local Development Scheme 2020

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a timetable which sets out the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that a local planning authority intends to produce over the next few years. Such DPDs are also known as Local Plans.
- 1.2 This Uttlesford LDS sets out the timetable for Uttlesford for the period 2020 to 2024. It explains when the council intends to reach key stages in the preparation of Local Plans. This LDS replaces the Uttlesford LDS which was adopted on 16 October 2018.

The Local Plan and Supporting Documents

- 1.3 National planning policy is headlined by the 'National Planning Policy Framework' (NPPF). Locally, we are starting work on a new Local Plan.
- 1.4 In summary, the local planning policy comprises the following:
 - **Development Plan Documents (DPDs):** These are documents (often referred to as 'Local Plans') that form part of the statutory development plan for the area. They are prepared by the relevant plan-making authority and are subject to independent examination by a planning inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. For Uttlesford, as at July 2020, they are the saved policies of the Local Plan 2005, the Essex Minerals Plan 2014 and the Essex and Southend-on-Sea Waste Local Plan 2017. Essex County Council is currently reviewing the Minerals and Waste Local Plans. We intend to start work on a new Local Plan for the district.
 - **CIL Charging Schedule:** The proposals for development in the new Local Plan will need to be supported by investment in the necessary infrastructure. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan will identify each piece of infrastructure that is needed and set out the mechanism for delivering these items. One source of funding could be the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and this document would include the 'charging schedule' setting out how much money developers will be expected to contribute toward infrastructure provision from developments in certain parts of the district using a formula based on £ per sqm of floorspace. The Council had appointed consultants to undertake this task for the now withdrawn Local Plan, this work has been put on hold for now, and the Council will keep it under review as the new Local Plan develops.
 - **Policies Map:** This is a map on an Ordnance Survey base for the whole of a local planning authority's area which shows where policies in DPDs apply. The Policies Map may include inset maps for particular areas to show information at a larger scale. The Policies Map is updated each time that a DPD is adopted.
 - **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):** These can cover a wide range of issues on which the planning authority wishes to provide guidance to supplement the policies and proposals in its DPDs. They do not form part of the statutory development plan and are not subject to independent examination. The district council can decide to produce an SPD on any appropriate subject whenever the need arises. There is no requirement for this LDS to set out a timetable for the production of any SPDs.

- **Neighbourhood Plans:** Local communities, including Parish and Town Councils, can prepare Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) putting in place policies to guide the future development of the area. Any NP must be in general conformity with the 'strategic policies' in DPDs and with national policy. NPs are not able to propose lower levels of development than those set out in up to date DPDs but could propose higher levels, or offer other detailed policy proposals. It is up to local communities to decide if it wants to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and so it is not appropriate for this LDS to specify when, or for where, they will be produced. Any NP, if adopted, has the same status as a DPD.
- **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI):** This is a document that explains how the local planning authority will engage the community in the preparation, alteration and review of planning documents, and in development management decisions. It is required to specify how and at what stages people will have the opportunity to be involved in planning for their area. The SCI is being review to inform work on the new Local Plan.
- **Authority's Monitoring Report:** This is a report which must be produced by the local planning authority (on an annual basis) to explain how the local development scheme is being implemented and the extent to which policies in the DPDs are being achieved.
- **Local level guidance:** These is local guidance produced to assist the understanding of policies or provide further guidance on particular areas. They do not form part of the statutory development plan and are not subject to independent examination. There is no requirement for this LDS to set out a timetable for the production of any local level guidance.

1.5 Further details on the adopted Uttlesford documents can be found in Tables 2 and 3.

2. Local Plan Timetable

2.1 There are a number of stages involved in producing a DPDs. This process allows for opportunities for the public to be involved, early resolution of conflicts and objections, and an Independent Examination. The stages in producing a Local Plan, and the intended timing of those stages for the new Local Plan are set out in Table 1.

3. Subject Matter and Geographical area of new DPDs (Local Plans)

3.1 To meet the requirements of section 15 (2)(b) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, it is confirmed that the subject matter of the new DPD (Local Plan) for Uttlesford will include:

- A vision for the future of Uttlesford
- Housing policies and allocations for housing
- Employment allocations and policies
- Retail policies
- Transport policies
- Culture, Leisure and Tourism policies
- If required, policies and land allocations on other subject matters

3.2 The Uttlesford Local Plan will cover the whole administrative area of Uttlesford District Council. The Local Plan will replace the saved policies of the Local Plan 2005 currently in force in Uttlesford.

Table 1: Draft timetable for production of Uttlesford Local Plan

2020					2021					2022					2023					2024																													
J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	C	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	C	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	C	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	C	N	D		

Issues & Options preparatory work	
Preferred Options preparatory work	
Pre-submission preparatory work	
Submission preparatory work	
Submission	
Examination	
Adoption	
Consultation & Publication	
Governance	

Table 2: Adopted Planning Policy Documents (as at July 2020)

Document Title	Status	Geographical area	Role and content	Adoption date
Uttlesford Local Plan 2005	Policies saved by the secretary of state in 2007 remain part of the development plan for the district.	Administrative area for Uttlesford	Sets out the vision, objectives and overall strategy for the spatial development of Uttlesford up to 2011	2005
Essex Minerals Plan 2014	DPD	Administrative area for Essex	Sets out the vision, strategies, policies and sites for considering minerals developments in Essex up to 2029.	2014
Essex and Southend-on-Sea Waste Local Plan 2017	DPD	Administrative area for Uttlesford and Southend-on-Sea	Sets out the vision, strategies, policies and sites for considering waste in Essex and Southend-on-Sea up to 2032.	2017
Felsted Neighbourhood Plan	Neighbourhood Plan	Felsted Parish	The plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally in Felsted.	2020
Great Dunmow Neighbourhood Plan	Neighbourhood Plan	Great Dunmow Parish	The plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally in Great Dunmow.	2016

Thaxted Neighbourhood Plan	Neighbourhood Plan	Thaxted Parish	The plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally in Thaxted.	2019
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Table 3: Other Adopted Documents (as at July 2020)

Document Title	Status	Geographical area	Role and content	Adoption date
Accessible Homes and Playspace	SPD	Administrative area for Uttlesford	Sets out the Council's advice for Lifetime Homes, Wheelchair and Accessible Housing, and Accessible Playspace.	November 2005
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy	SPD	Administrative area for Uttlesford	Sets out the Council's advice on the measures that they can include in new development to reduce energy use.	October 2007
Home Extensions	SPD	Administrative area for Uttlesford	Sets out the Council's advice on extensions to homes.	November 2005
Replacement Dwellings	SPD	Administrative area for Uttlesford	Sets out the Council's advice on replacement dwellings.	September 2006
Takeley/Little Canfield Local Policy 3 Priors Green (Island Sites)	SPD	Takeley/Little Canfield	Sets out the Council's advice on the development of a number of sites at Takeley/Little Canfield	July 2003
Urban Design Supplement to the Essex Design Guide	SPD	Administrative area for Uttlesford	Sets out the Council's advice on	March 2007

Statement of Community Involvement	LDD	Administrative area for Uttlesford	Statement setting out the Council's commitments on consulting the public. Includes Neighbourhood planning guidance and commitments.	October 2018
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