

City of London Corporation Local Development Scheme

February 2025

Introduction

The Development Plan for the City comprises the London Plan (2021) and the adopted Local Plan (2015). This document sets out the formal programme for the preparation of the City of London Local Plan (City Plan 2040) which, once adopted, will replace the Local Plan 2015 and form part of the Development Plan.

This document has been prepared against the requirements of Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

For completeness, it also sets out the timetable for the preparation of other Supplementary Planning Documents which will provide additional guidance on the policies of the new local plan.

Format of this document

This document has been prepared to provide the key information relating to the preparation of planning policy documents in an accessible format which includes key data in accordance with the Government's data standards (see: <https://www.planning.data.gov.uk/dataset/local-plan-event>). The key dates as set out below are also available in digital (CSV/JSON) format. Once adopted the City Plan 2040 and each SPD will be uploaded on the Government's Planning and Housing data portal.

This version and the data contained within it is correct as at February 2025, but will be regularly updated.

Local Plan (City Plan 2040) key dates

The emerging local plan consists of the City Plan 2040 and Policies Maps, covering the whole of the City of London. The following sets out the key milestones or, in data terms, the 'local plan events' relating to the preparation of the new local plan.

In accordance with the requirements of the Act the table also shows progress against the previous milestones in the July 2024 LDS.

Table 1- City Plan 2040 timetable

Key Plan-making Stage	July 2024 version	Actual	February 2025	Data Standard
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Regulation 18 published	-	12 November 2018	-	reg-18-draft-local-plan-published
Regulation 18 consultation start date	-	12 November 2018	-	reg-18-public-consultation-start
Regulation 18 consultation end date	-	28 February 2019	-	reg-18-public-consultation-end
Regulation 19 Published	March-May 2024	18 April 2024	-	reg-19-publication-local-plan-published
Regulation 19 consultation start date	March-May 2024	18 April 2024	-	reg-19-public-consultation-start
Regulation 19 consultation end date	March-May 2024	17 June 2024	-	reg-19-public-consultation-end
Local Plan Submission	August 2024	29 August 2024	-	submit-plan-for-examination
Examination hearings start date	Autumn/Winter 2024	25 March 2025	-	planning-inspectorate-examination-start
Examination hearings end date	-	-	April/May 2025	planning-inspectorate-examination-end
Date found sound	-	-	Autumn 2025	planning-inspectorate-found-sound
Inspectors' Report	-	-	Autumn 2025	inspector-report-published
Estimated adoption	-	-	Spring 2026	estimated-plan-adoption-date
Adoption	-	-	Spring 2026	plan-adopted

There is one neighbourhood forum in the City of London. The Barbican and Golden Lane Neighbourhood Forum is currently preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. Once 'made' the Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the Development Plan for the designated Neighbourhood Area.

Table 2- BGL Neighbourhood Plan timetable

	2025 estimate
Regulation 14- draft Neighbourhood Plan consultation	2027
Regulation 15 Submission	2027

Supplementary Planning Documents in preparation

The following sets out a list of the forthcoming SPDs. This includes the proposed topic, the anticipated dates of public consultation and adoption. The Government is yet to develop its data standard for SPDs with the latest information provided on this link: <https://design.planning.data.gov.uk/planning-consideration/supplementary-planning-document>

Table 3- SPD production timetable

Title	Stage	Estimated
Office Use - update	Consultation	Autumn 2025
Office Use - update	Adoption	Summer 2026
Culture	Consultation	Winter 2025/6
Culture	Adoption	Winter 2026/7
Planning Obligations- update	Consultation	Autumn 2025
Planning Obligations- update	Adoption	Summer 2026
An Inclusive City	Consultation	Spring 2026
An Inclusive City	Adoption	Summer 2027
Puddle Dock	Consultation	Autumn 2025
Puddle Dock	Adoption	Winter 2026/7
Protected Views	Consultation	Winter 2025/6
Protected Views	Adoption	Winter 2026/7
Celebrating Our Heritage	Consultation	Spring 2026/7
Celebrating Our Heritage	Adoption	Winter 2026/7
Air Quality	Consultation	Autumn 2025
Air Quality	Adoption	Spring 2026

Adopted Policy and Guidance

The below sets out the current adopted planning policy documents, highlighting where they will be updated or replaced in their entirety.

Table 4- Replacement documents

Document	Replacement document	Status of new document
Local Plan (2015)	City Plan 2040	In preparation
Protected Views SPD (2012)	Update	Dates in LDS
Office Use SPD (2015)	Update	Dates in LDS
Planning Obligations (2021)	Update	Dates in LDS
Air Quality (2017)	Update	Dates in LDS
Archaeology and Development Guidance SPD (2017)	Celebrating Our Heritage SPD	Dates in LDS
Thames Strategy (2015)	-	Future update
Barbican Estate Listed Building Management Guidelines SPD (2012, 2015)	-	Future update
Open Space Strategy (2015)	-	-
Golden Lane Listed Building Management Guidelines SPD (2013)	-	-

City Public Realm (2016)	-	-
Freight and Servicing (2018)	-	-

Additionally, there are a series of adopted Conservation Area SPDs. No plans for updating these are currently in place.

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