

# Local Development Scheme

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# Introduction

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended, requires local planning authorities to prepare, maintain and publish a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The purpose of this LDS is to inform the public about the current planning policies for Tameside as well as to set out timescales for preparing new policy so that people are aware of the main opportunities to be involved in the plan making process.

The Council prepared its first LDS in 2007, subsequently issuing several updates most latterly in 2023.

This 2025 LDS, which supersedes the most recent version, sets out a work programme for the Council over the period 2025 - 2027



# Tameside's local planning framework

## Current local plan

The following documents currently form Tameside's Local Plan:

### Policies

- Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document (adopted March 2024);
- The Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan Document (adopted April 2013);
- The Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document (adopted April 2012); and
- The saved policies from the Tameside Unitary Development Plan (saved from September 2007).

### Plans

- The Local Plan Policies Map, which is a combined representation of each of the policies maps of the above documents.

## Saved Unitary Development Plan policies

Tameside Council adopted its Unitary Development Plan (UDP) on 17 November 2004 and following approval from the Government Office for the North West on 18 September 2007, 'saved' the policies within it, securing their continued use, until such time that they are replaced.

Since then, several saved UDP policies have been replaced, firstly following adoption of the Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document, then the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan Document and more recently the Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document. Details of the saved and replaced UDP policies can either be found within the Authority's Monitoring Report or within each of the subsequently adopted plans.

## Supplementary Planning Documents

Local authorities can prepare supplementary planning documents (SPDs) to add further detail to aid the interpretation of existing policy. They can be used to provide further guidance for development on specific sites or provide guidance on issues. New SPDs may be developed against existing adopted plan policies or against new plan policies once they are adopted.

However, once existing plan policies are superseded, the SPD guidance which relate to them can no longer be treated as material, as the policy basis will have been removed. Six adopted SPD currently provide this further detail and interpretation in Tameside, these are:

1. Employment Land Supplementary Planning Document
2. Trees and Landscaping on Development Sites Supplementary Planning Document
3. Tameside Sustainable Design and Construction Guide Supplementary Planning Document
4. Ashton Town Centre Strategy Supplementary Planning Document
5. Residential Design Supplementary Planning Document
6. Haughton Green Supplementary Planning Document



## Other Planning Documents

Tameside's current planning framework also includes its Statement of Community Involvement, which sets out how the Council will involve people in preparing and revising planning documents and making decisions on planning applications. The scale and nature of the participation varies according to the stage and type of document being produced, or the application being considered, more detail is given within the Statement of Community Involvement itself.

## Neighbourhood Plans

Tameside currently has no adopted neighbourhood plans.



# The Proposed Local Plan for Tameside

This section of the LDS sets out the timetable and intended content of emerging planning policies alongside those which are currently in use and are expected to remain. The main priority for the Council over the period of this LDS is, following the recent adoption of the jointly prepared Places for Everyone, is to review and replace any remaining UDP policy content through a new plan Homes, Spaces, Places.

In addition, two SPD will be brought forward, firstly about the South Pennine Moors and secondly about Holcroft Moss. The need to prepare these was established through the examination of Places for Everyone.

A review of the GM Waste and GM Minerals Plans will also need to be undertaken to determine if an update to these plans may be required and how this may best be achieved. A specific timescale for this would be dependent upon those decisions and will therefore be reflected in a future LDS update as appropriate.



## Intended Local Plan

The following documents are proposed to form Tameside's Local Plan:

### Policies

- Homes, Spaces, Places, Development Plan Document (in preparation);
- Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document (adopted 21 March 2024);
- The Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan Document (adopted April 2013); and
- The Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document (adopted April 2012).

### Plans

- The Local Plan Policies Map, which is a combined representation of each of the policies maps of the above documents.



## Homes, Spaces, Places

Homes, Spaces, Places, (HSP) is intended to be a plan to replace the remaining saved policies of the UDP that have not already been superseded by other Development Plan Documents.

Homes, Spaces, Places will be prepared in conformity with Places for Everyone, set out a complementary vision, strategy and range of policies, and deliver against the targets and strategy set within it. It will consider broad locations and specific allocations of land for different purposes and through designations show areas where considerations will apply.

## Policies Map

The purpose of the Policies Map is to spatially reflect development plan policies across Tameside in accordance with adopted Development Plan Documents. Each planning document has its own legally definitive policy map. The current Local Plan policies map collectively comprises of those associated with the Unitary Development Plan, the Greater Manchester joint Waste Plan, the Greater Manchester joint Minerals Plan and Places for Everyone. For convenience, these are shown collectively online on the Council's interactive Local Plan map.



## Supplementary Planning Guidance and Documents

While the primary focus of the Tameside's work programme is to make progress to bring forward Homes, Spaces, Places, it will also progress two Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) associated firstly with the South Pennine Moors and secondly Holcroft Moss. These are in addition to the six SPD already adopted, which will continue to apply.

The necessity to bring forward the two SPD arose through the preparation and examination of Places for Everyone, and the Habitat Regulations Assessment undertaken for that plan. Both Holcroft Moss and the South Pennine Moors are protected ecological sites.

The SPD for the South Pennine Moors is to provide additional guidance about the implementation of Places for Everyone Policy JP-G5, to make sure that new development considers potential impacts on the protected habitat. Those potential impacts are primarily associated with impacting foraging habitats for birds.

The SPD for Holcroft Moss is to provide additional guidance about the implementation of Places for Everyone Policy JP-C8 to make sure that new development considers air quality impacts on the protected habitat.



## Neighbourhood Plans

On the 24 August 2022 Tameside's Executive Cabinet approved an application made by Mossley Town Council, as a relevant body, to designate a Neighbourhood Plan area in Mossley for Mossley Town Council to bring forward a Neighbourhood Plan. Mossley Town Council undertook initial scoping engagement in February 2023 with the community of Mossley, future and further detail about the progression of the neighbourhood plan will be provided by the Mossley Town Council website<sup>1</sup> as the relevant body preparing the plan.



# Schedule of Proposed Local Development Documents

Document	Status	Coverage	Preparing the draft plan	Publication	Submission	Examination <sup>2</sup>	Adoption
<b>Homes, Spaces, Places</b>	Development Plan Document	Tameside	Integrated Assessment Scoping – July – August 2023  Plan scoping and issues July to September 2024  Options and Preferences April to May 2025  Preferred Option Draft Plan November to December 2025	June to July 2026	December 2026	Summer 2027	Autumn 2027
<b>Policies Map</b>	Development Plan Document	Tameside	The Policies Map will be developed in line with the timescales of other DPD. It will be amended and incorporate relevant polices as necessary upon adoption of DPD.				
<b>The following SPD are not Development Plan Documents but are shown in this schedule for completeness and transparency</b>							
<b>South Pennine Moors</b>	Joint Supplementary Planning Document	Tameside, Oldham, Rochdale.	To provide additional guidance about the implementation of Places for Everyone Policy JP-G5, to make sure that new development considers potential impacts on the protected habitat, primarily associated with bird foraging habitats.				
<b>Holcroft Moss</b>	Joint Supplementary Planning Document	Tameside, Oldham, Rochdale, Bury, Bolton, Wigan, Trafford, Salford, Manchester.	To provide additional guidance about the implementation of Places for Everyone Policy JP-C8 to make sure that new development considers air quality impacts on the protected habitat				

<sup>2</sup> Dates following submission are provided indicatively, as the timetable beyond submission is largely determined by the Planning Inspectorate.