



Adur Local Plan – Amendment to Timetable

Report by the Head of Planning Services

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report proposes changes to the agreed timetable for the progression of the Adur Local Plan.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 A timetable for the progression of the Adur Local Plan (previously Adur Core Strategy) was agreed by Cabinet in March 2011, which took account of advice from the Planning Advisory Service to carry out an additional period of consultation on housing and employment floorspace options (undertaken in summer 2011). Following this steps to progress the Local Plan were agreed, and these were incorporated into the Adur Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2011-14 recommended for approval by the Joint Planning Committee on 17th January 2012 and subsequently agreed by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration.

3.0 Proposals

- 3.1.1 Since the agreement of the timetable and LDS, Officers have been working towards the development of a Draft Adur Local Plan to be made available for consultation in July-August, as set out in the agreed timetable and LDS. However, a number of circumstances have arisen which have created difficulties in achieving these timescales:

- The publication of the National Planning Policy Framework. This represents the Government's new approach to planning and replaces previously existing Planning Policy Guidance Notes and Planning Policy Statements. Some of the content has altered from the Draft NPPF published in July 2011. It is therefore necessary to undertake a revision of some elements of the emerging Local Plan in order to ensure consistency with national policy.
- It is also necessary to undertake an assessment of the consistency of Adur's 'saved' policies with the NPPF.

- Transport modelling work is being undertaken by consultants which will take account of the revised level of development at Shoreham Harbour (resulting from the AECOM Capacity and Viability study) and the two housing target options to be consulted on within the Draft Adur Local Plan. This evidence was intended to be used as part of the process of selecting site options for public consultation. Unfortunately technical problems with the model (previously produced by consultants for SEEDA) have been found, which require resolution in order to ensure accurate results and a coherent evidence base. As a result the modelling work has been delayed.
- Liaison with other local authorities has been on-going, but now with the 'Duty to Co-operate' in the Localism Act a more formal strategy is required. A change in the timetable will allow an up-to-date statement to be included in the Local Plan.

3.2 As a result of these issues and their impact on workload and preparation timescales, it is proposed that the public and stakeholder consultation exercise planned for July-August 2012 be rescheduled for 19th September – 31st October 2012, and that the remainder of the Local Plan timetable be adjusted accordingly. (See Appendix 1).

3.3 Following agreement of this recommendation, the timing of other SPDs and DPDs will be adjusted, and the Adur Local Development Scheme will be amended accordingly.

3.4 Furthermore, following agreement of the timetable change, this information will be made publicly available on the Council website, and stakeholders will be informed of the change.

3.5 Delay to the Local Plan timetable is regrettable; it is particularly important that the Council gets an adopted Local Plan in place as soon as possible, particularly given the NPPF, the Duty to Co-operate, and the status of the 'saved policies' of the existing Adur Local Plan. However, to progress in accordance with the current timetable without key elements of the evidence base would be undesirable, and possibly require further evidence/ additional consultation at a later stage, which would itself have implications in terms of the timetable. The delay to the plan is not significant in terms of time – two months – and the consultation period now falls outside of the main holiday period.

4.0 Legal

4.1 The Adur Local Plan is being produced in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

5.0 Financial implications

5.1 The production of the Adur Local Plan and other documents within the Local Development Scheme are to be funded by the existing service budget.

6.0 Recommendation

- 6.1) It is recommended that the revised timetable for the Adur Local Plan be agreed
- 6.2) It is recommended that following agreement, this revised timetable is made available on the Council's website.

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Background Papers:

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Timetable, Adur Local Plan

Draft Adur Local Plan Timetable	
2012	
May	Preparation
Jun	Preparation
Jul	Preparation
Aug	Draft Adur Local Plan to 20 th August Planning Committee
Sep	Special Cabinet 11th September Start consultation 19 th September
Oct	Finish consultation 31st October
Nov	Analysis
Dec	Analysis and revisions
2013	
Jan	Revisions to document
Feb	Agreement of Housing target Continue revisions
March	Complete document
April	Formal agreement of Adur Local Plan
May	Publication of Adur Local Plan
June	Publication of Adur Local Plan
July	
August	Submission
September	
October	Pre-Hearing Meeting
November	
Dec	Examination
2014	
January	
February	Inspector's Report
March	
April	Adoption

Schedule of Other Matters

Appendix 2

1.0 Council Priority

- 1.1 The Adur Local Plan will help to
- Support major regeneration projects to tackle deprivation;
 - Support businesses in creating jobs and regenerating neighbourhoods;
 - seek to meet the housing needs of our communities;
 - work with partners to reduce deprivation and inequalities.

2.0 Specific Action Plans

- 2.1 Through specific policies, strategies and guidance in the Adur Local Plan, to improve the visual appearance of the district; to ensure the provision of sufficient housing and employment; to promote regeneration including Shoreham Harbour and to promote the viability and sustainability of town centres.

3.0 Sustainability Issues

- 3.1 The Government requires that the all Development Plan Documents including the emerging Local Plan be subject to a formal sustainability appraisal. The Local Plan aims to promote sustainable development.

4.0 Equality Issues

- 4.1 The Adur Local Plan aims to ensure that all groups in the district have equal access to the spatial opportunities offered by the new development plan. For example training opportunities, affordable housing and public transport are key issues being addressed through the new plan to promote equal opportunities.

5.0 Community Safety issues (Section 17)

- 5.1 The Local Plan addresses community safety issues.

6.0 Human Rights Issues

- 6.1 At this stage of the Local Plan process, no negative issues have been identified.

7.0 Reputation

- 7.1 The Local Plan must be prepared in line with Government legislation and is subject to extensive community involvement. The delivery of the policies and strategy should meet the objectively-assessed needs of the district as far as possible and therefore have a positive impact on the reputation of the Council.

8.0 Consultations

8.1 Adur LDF and SCS Member Working Group and Officer Working Group are involved in producing the Local Plan and its constituent elements. Public consultation stages are integral to the Local Plan's development.

9.0 Risk assessment

9.1 There is a statutory duty on the Council to produce the Local Plan. Failure to meet the milestones as set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme could impact on a number of this Council's priorities including economic and social regeneration as well as the delivery of affordable housing.

10.0 Health & Safety Issues

10.1 Matters considered and no issues identified.

11.0 Procurement Strategy

11.1 This report complies with the Procurement Strategy.

12.0 Partnership working

12.1 The development of the Adur Local Plan requires working with other authorities in the sub-region, in the development of a shared evidence base in some cases, and with regard to the Duty to Co-operate. In addition the Local Plan will contain a 'broad location' policy for the regeneration of Shoreham Harbour, a project which the Council is working on in partnership with WSCC and Brighton and Hove City Council.