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I Introduction

- I.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced major changes to the way the planning system operates, including the need to write a Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- I.2 Each Local Authority is now required to prepare a Local Development Framework (LDF). It is anticipated that this will be shorter and more focussed than old style Local Plans and will consist of a series of Local Development Documents (LDDs).
- I.3 This LDS forms the fourth LDS that has been prepared by Halton Borough Council and moves the preparation of the LDF forward for the next 3 years.
- I.4 The LDS is a public statement of the Council's programme for the production of LDDs. It provides the starting point for local communities and stakeholders to find out what local planning policies relate to their area and outlines the timetable for the preparation of LDDs over a 3-year rolling period.
- I.5 LDDs form the policy content of LDFs and are defined as Development Plan Documents (DPDs), which are statutorily tested and Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) which are not statutory. The status of the LDDs, either DPDs or SPDs, is expressed in the Schedule of Proposed LDDs and the individual LDD profiles later in this document.
- I.6 The LDS provides the work programme and timetable, and is crucial to the effective delivery and implementation of the individual LDDs.
- I.7 The individual LDDs will also incorporate the processes of Sustainability Appraisal (SA), Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), where appropriate, as part of the timetable as they are prepared.
- I.8 The Council have consulted with the Government Office for the North West and the Planning Inspectorate in the development of the LDS, to ensure the timing of the examinations of the DPDs are appropriate.

Terminology

AMR – Annual Monitoring Report
DPD – Development Plan Document
LDD – Local Development Document
LDF – Local Development Framework
LDS – Local Development Scheme
PPS – Planning Policy Statement
RSS – Regional Spatial Strategy
SCI – Statement of Community Involvement
SA – Sustainability Appraisal
SPD – Supplementary Planning Document

A glossary of terminology can be found in Appendix 2 of this document.

2 Local Development Framework Structure and Relationship between Local Development Documents

- 2.1 The key documents that make up the Halton Borough Local Development Framework (LDF) and the Development Plan are illustrated on the next page.
- 2.2 The LDF contains a number of individual Local Development Documents (LDDs). There are two types of LDDs:
- Development Plan Documents (DPDs)
 - Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)
- 2.3 Diagrams showing the process for the production of DPDs and SPDs can be found in Appendix I.
- 2.4 The Development Plan forms the starting point in the consideration of planning applications for the development or use of land and consists of both the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS), prepared by the regional planning bodies and the Halton UDP (Adopted April 2005), prepared by Halton Borough Council. The policies in the UDP will remain part of the statutory Development Plan until their replacement by DPDs through the new LDF system (further information about this transitional period can be found in Section 6 on Page 18).
- 2.5 The LDF also includes several process documents including:
- the **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)** – was adopted on 19th July 2006, it sets out the role that the community and other stakeholders will play in the production of all LDDs within the LDF as well as major planning applications for the Halton Borough area; (a copy of the SCI can be found on the Council's website at: www.halton.gov.uk/forwardplanning)
 - the **Local Development Scheme (LDS)** – which sets the timetable for the production of the LDF and provides details of each of the LDDs to be produced;
 - the **Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)** – which will assess the implementation of the programme contained in the LDS and will identify whether there is a need for a revised LDS to be prepared. In addition LDS will also monitor the extent to which policies in the LDF are being achieved and will consider what changes, if any, need to be made to a particular LDD. (a copy of the AMR can be found on the Council's website at: www.halton.gov.uk/forwardplanning)
 - **Sustainability Appraisals (SA)** - will appraise the social, environmental and economic effects of the policies in the each of the DPDs and SPDs at every stage in their production; and

- **Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)** - is an assessment of the potential effects of a proposed plan on one or more European sites, such as Ramsar sites, Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and Special Areas of Conservation (SACs).

2.6 There are several types of DPD, including:

- **Core Strategy DPD** - which sets out the vision, objectives and strategy for the spatial development of the area. It is the over-arching policy document for the LDF and all other DPDs must be in conformity with the Core Strategy, as well as the RSS
- **Site Specific Allocations DPDs** - which will allocate land for specific uses, will include policies relating to the delivery of the site specific allocations and are also likely to provide additional development control related policies which will set the criteria against which planning applications will be decided.
- **Area Action Plan DPDs (AAPs)** - which will provide the planning framework for areas where significant change or conservation is needed
- **Generic Development Control Policy DPD** - which will provide additional policies to set the criteria against which planning applications will be decided.

2.7 A Proposals Map will also be prepared. This will illustrate all policy designations, AAPs and allocations proposals. The Proposals Map will be updated and amended following the adoption of relevant DPDs.

2.8 All SPDs will be cross referenced to a DPD policy which it supplements or to a saved policy from the Halton Borough UDP. SPDs will be used to expand or provide further detail relating to a policy.

2.9 Detailed profiles of each of the DPDs and SPDs can be found in Appendix 3.

LDF Diagram



3 Proposed LDDs

- 3.1 The table below sets out the schedule of proposed Local Development Documents (LDDs), including: a brief description for each LDD; key consultation milestones, with the dates in blue detailing when milestones have been achieved; the specific LDD's status within the Local Development Framework (LDF) process; its position in the chain of conformity; and a brief description of the LDD's contents. Detailed profiles of each of the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) can be found in Appendix 3.
- 3.2 Many of the production dates and consultation periods have been changed since the LDS 2006. In the case of the Core Strategy this has mainly been down to the unexpected length of time taken to complete the front-loading work, particularly work that has been undertaken on the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and the Habitats Regulation Assessment.
- 3.3 Based on the experience of Local Planning Authorities at the forefront of the process it has become clear that it is crucial to have an appropriate evidence base and to ensure that there is sufficient time between the Core Strategy document and subsequent key development plan documents to enable a coherent and consistent policy approach within the Halton LDF. Therefore the increased time taken to produce the Core Strategy has also had a knock on effect on the production of the subsequent DPDs and SPDs, which are intended to follow on from a 'sound' Core Strategy. It has also been necessary to ensure that a sufficient amount of time has been programmed into the timetable to allow for the collection of an appropriate evidence base, including:
- a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment,
 - a Habitats Regulations Assessment,
 - Borough Wide Retail & Leisure Assessment,
 - Housing Needs Survey,
 - Gypsy & Travellers Needs Survey
 - Property Study and
 - an Urban Potential Study.
- 3.4 Due to the reasons set out above the production of some of the SPDs has been delayed to allow for resources to be focused on the Core Strategy and the preparation of other DPDs. The SPDs are expected to be produced to timetables which fit around the production of the DPDs, and the increased focus of resources on these documents. In respect of the Sandymoor SPD the delay in the production of a new flood map for the Sandymoor area has resulted in delays to the production of the SPD. In respect of the Transport and Accessibility SPD the expected production of new Government guidance which has led to delays.
- 3.5 Several new SPDs have also been added to the LDS these are expected to link to policies being prepared within the Core Strategy these include the Daresbury Science and Innovation Campus SPD, the Local List SPD and the Affordable Housing SPD.

Title	Status	Description	Geographic Coverage	Conformity	Timetable			
					Issues and Options	Preferred Options or Draft	Submission	Adoption
Core Strategy	D P D	Sets out the Vision, Sustainable Development Statement, Objectives and Strategy for the spatial development of the area.	Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)	General conformity with the RSS and PPGs/PPSs.	27 th July – 7 th Sept 2006	June / July 2007	May / June 2008	Dec 2009
					Dates changed from LDS 2006/7			
New Residential Development	D P D	To allocate sites for residential development and to provide detailed policies for residential development.	To be defined	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs, RSS and the Core Strategy DPD.	Sept 2008 – Feb 2009	Jan / Feb 2010	Dec 2010 – Jan 2011	Nov 2012
					Dates changed from LDS 2006/7			
New Employment Development	D P D	To allocate sites for employment development and to provide detailed policies for employment development.	To be defined	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs, RSS and the Core Strategy DPD.	Sept 2008 – Feb 2009	Jan / Feb 2010	Dec 2010 – Jan 2011	Nov 2012
					Dates changed from LDS 2006/7			
New Retail & Leisure Development	D P D	To allocate sites for retail & leisure development and to provide detailed policies for retail & leisure development.	To be defined	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs, RSS and the Core Strategy DPD.	Sept 2008 – Feb 2009	Jan / Feb 2010	Dec 2010 – Jan 2011	Nov 2012
					Dates changed from LDS 2006/7			
Joint Merseyside Waste	D P D	To allocate sites for waste related development, if necessary, and to provide detailed policies for waste development.	6 Local Authorities of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens & Wirral	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs, RSS and the Core Strategy DPD.	19 th March – 27 th April 2007	Jan / Feb 2008	Sept / Oct 2008	April 2010
Generic Development Control Policy	D P D	To provide a set of criteria based development control policies to guide development within the Borough.	Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs, RSS and the Core Strategy DPD.	Jan – June 2010	May / June 2011	Oct 2011 – Mar 2012	Nov 2013
					Dates changed from LDS 2006/7			
Widnes Town Centre Area Action Plan	D P D	Provides the context for the future development of Widnes Town Centre.	As shown on Map 4 (See Appendix 5)	General conformity with the PPG/PPS and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policy TCI & TC4.	Sept 2008 – Feb 2009	Jan / Feb 2010	Dec 2010 – Jan 2011	Nov 2012
					Dates changed from LDS 2006/7			

Title	Status	Description	Geographic Coverage	Conformity	Timetable			
					Issues and Options	Preferred Options or Draft	Submission	Adoption
Halebank Regeneration Area	S P D	Provides guidance for the comprehensive development or redevelopment of the Halebank Area.	As defined on Map 2 (See Appendix 5)	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policy RG 05.	N/A	3 rd Nov – 15 th Dec 2005	N/A	Mar 2008
					The adoption date for this document has changed from the LDS 2006/7, pending the consideration of an application for a village green.			
Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park	S P D	Provides guidance for the development of Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park .	As shown on Map 3 (See Appendix 5)	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policy E7	N/A	3 rd Nov – 15 th Dec 2005	N/A	Mar 2008
					The adoption date for this document has changed from the LDS 2006/7, pending the consideration of an application for a village green.			
Provision of Open Space	S P D	To provide guidance that will lead to appropriate level and design of open space within development.	Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)	General conformity with the PPG/PPS and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policy H3.	N/A	July 27 th – Sept 7 th 2006	N/A	June 2007
					The dates for this document have changed due to the need for a second Consultation: 1 st Feb - 1 st Mar 2007.			
Halton Lea Town Centre Strategy	S P D	Provides the context for the future development of Halton Lea Town Centre.	As shown on Map 4 (See Appendix 5)	General conformity with the PPG/PPS and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policy TCI & TC4.	N/A	1 st Feb – 15 th Mar 2007	N/A	Sept 2007
					Dates changed from LDS 2006/7			
Runcorn Old Town Centre Strategy	S P D	Provides the context for the future development of Runcorn Old Town Centre.	As shown on Map 4 (See Appendix 5)	General conformity with the PPG/PPS and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policy TCI, TC4 and TC10	N/A	1 st Feb – 15 th Mar 2007	N/A	Sept 2007
					Dates changed from LDS 2006/7			
Sandymoor	S P D	To provide the framework for the continued development of the Sandymoor residential area.	As shown on Map 5 (See Appendix 5)	General conformity with the PPG/PPS and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policy H1, H2 and H3	N/A	Aug / Sept 2007	N/A	Feb 2008
					Dates changed from LDS 2006/7			

Title	Status	Description	Geographic Coverage	Conformity	Timetable			
					Issues and Options	Preferred Options or Draft	Submission	Adoption
Design of New Residential Development	S P D	To provide guidance that will lead to new developments that are well integrated into their surroundings and offer a good standard of amenity to future occupants and protect the amenity of existing occupiers.	Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and RSS. Linked to saved UDP, including Policy H2, H3, BE1 and BE2.	N/A	May / June 2007	N/A	Nov 2007
					Dates changed from LDS 2006/7			
Planning for Risk	S P D	To provide guidance for any development relating to major accident hazards including Liverpool Airport and Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) sites.	Multiple sites across the Borough. To be defined.	General conformity with the PPG/PPS and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policy S5, PR11 and PR12.	N/A	Oct / Nov 2007	N/A	April 2008
Southern Widnes Regeneration Area	S P D	Provides guidance for the comprehensive development or redevelopment of the Southern Widnes Area.	To be defined	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs, RSS. Linked to saved UDP RGI.	N/A	Jan / Feb 2008	N/A	Mar 2009
Transport & Accessibility	S P D	Provides guidance for the development of new highways and parking standards in urban developments, include road hierarchy specification and the acceptability of homezones.	Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policy TP6, TP7, TP11 and TP12.	N/A	Jan / Feb 2009	N/A	July 2009
					Dates changed from LDS 2006/7			
Daresbury Science & Innovation Campus	S P D	To provide the framework to facilitate the continued development of the science and innovation campus at Daresbury.	To be defined in consultation with key partners	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and the RSS. This document is expected to be linked to a policy within the Core Strategy DPD.	N/A	Jan / Feb 2010	N/A	Aug 2010
					This is a new addition to the LDS 2007.			
Runcorn & Weston Dock Regeneration Area	S P D	Provides guidance for the comprehensive development or redevelopment of the Runcorn & Weston Dock Area.	As defined on Map 7 (See Appendix 5)	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs, RSS. Linked to saved UDP RG4.	N/A	Sept / Oct 2010	N/A	Feb 2011
					Dates changed from LDS 2006/7			

Title	Status	Description	Geographic Coverage	Conformity	Timetable			
					Issues and Options	Preferred Options or Draft	Submission	Adoption
Greening the Legacy	S P D	Will set out the strategy to 'green' brownfield sites within Halton which are presently, unsuitable/uneconomic for built development due to contamination, as well as the details for Sect.106 agreements and use of the Local Govt Act 2000.	Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and the RSS. This document is expected to be linked to a policy within the Core Strategy DPD.	N/A	Sept / Oct 2010	N/A	Feb 2011
					Dates changed from LDS 2006/7			
Local List	S P D	Set out a definitive list of buildings and structures of local architectural and historic interest in Halton, which have not been formally recognised by statutory national designation. The list will set out how each building or structure contributes to the historical and architectural significance of their locality and set further practical guidance on how this significance should be recognised when development directly or indirectly affects them.	Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and the RSS. This document is expected to be linked to a policy within the Core Strategy DPD. Also linked to saved UDP policy BE15.	N/A	Sept / Oct 2010	N/A	Feb 2011
					This is a new addition to the LDS 2007.			
Affordable Housing	S P D	Will define the policy for securing the necessary contributions from suitable residential developments towards meeting the identified unmet housing needs in the Borough.	Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and the RSS. This document is expected to be linked to a policy within the Core Strategy DPD.	N/A	Sept / Oct 2010	N/A	Feb 2011
					This is a new addition to the LDS 2007.			

4 Timetable for LDD Production

- 4.1 The chart below (pages 13 – 16) sets out the timetable and key milestones for the production of each Local Development Document (LDD) and it updates the position of each of the LDDs from the previous year.
- 4.2 The first year of the LDS was mostly given over to the adoption of the Halton Unitary Development Plan (UDP) and the production of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), which are in support of the saved policies from the UDP. The second LDS has seen the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) adopted and the first consultation stage of the Core Strategy started, the third LDS saw the introduction of the Joint Merseyside Waste DPD.
- 4.3 This new LDS involves the production and adoption of further SPDs, the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) and the start of the Site Specific DPDs.
- 4.4 The timetable for the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) has been produced to reflect the timetable for the North West Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) and the Halton Community Strategy. This is to ensure that the policy included within the Core Strategy can be in general conformity with the policy contained within the RSS and reflects the spatial aspects of the Halton Community Strategy.
- 4.5 Preparation of the Site Specific DPDs (New Residential Development, New Employment Development and New Retail & Leisure Development) started in July last year (2006). All the Site Specific DPDs will be prepared concurrently and are programmed to be informed by the formative stages in Core Strategy preparation and consultation. The decision has been made to run the Site Specific DPDs documents in parallel, with the exception of the Joint Merseyside Waste, to ensure that consideration is given to all the potential land allocations for each site. It is our intention that these documents will have a joint examination which will ensure that the Inspector is also able to consider all potential land allocations without the need for a review of any other land allocation documents.
- 4.6 Agreement has been reached across the Merseyside sub-region, including Halton, to prepare a joint waste DPD. This document will have the title of Halton Borough Council, Liverpool City Council, Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council and Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council Merseyside Joint Waste Development Plan Document, but is referred to as the Joint Merseyside Waste DPD throughout this document for simplicity. It is intended to produce the Joint Merseyside Waste DPD over the next four years for adoption by April 2010, this timetable has been agreed across the sub-region.
- 4.7 The Widnes Town Centre Area Action Plan is being produced to stimulate area-based regeneration initiatives, to allocate sites for appropriate uses and to be used in

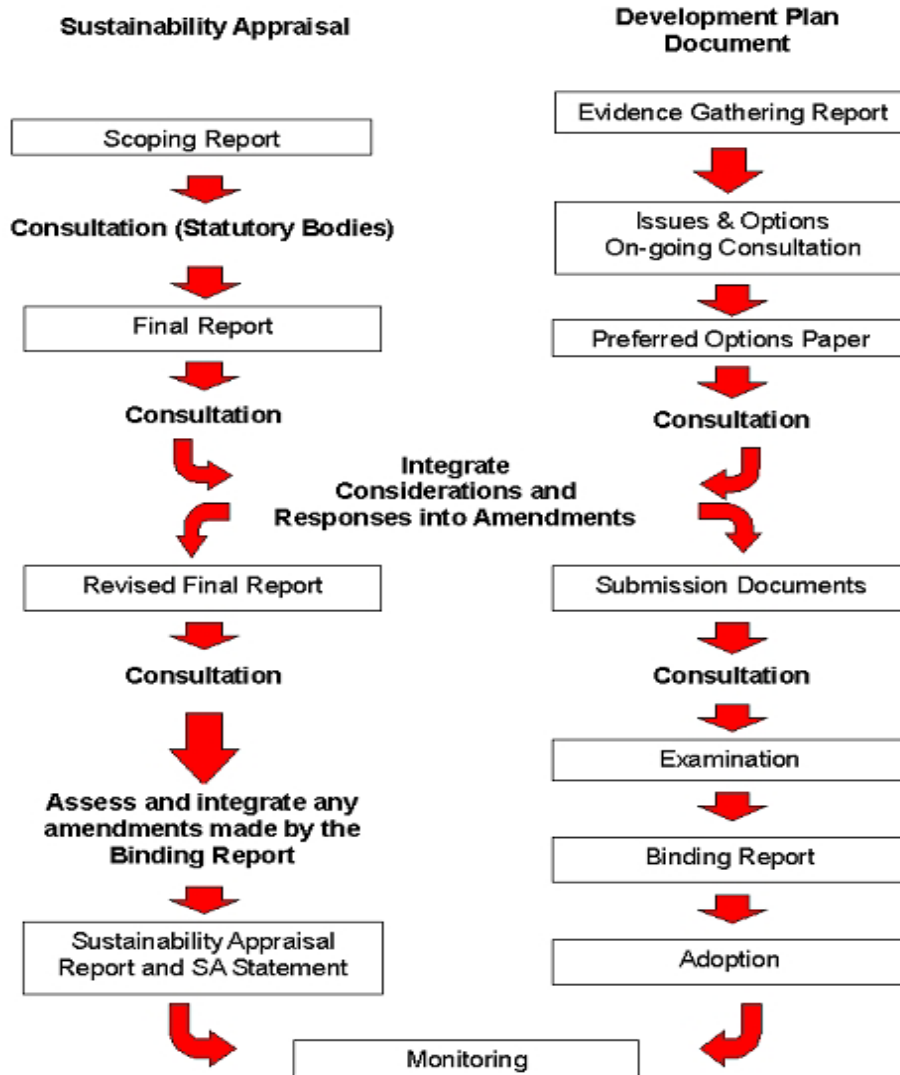
assessing planning applications in the Town Centre. It is intended that this document will be informed by the Core Strategy.

- 4.8 The Development Control Policy DPD will also follow on from the production of the Core Strategy, with production starting in 2008.
- 4.9 It should be noted that not all the documents included to commence within the time frame of the Scheme are scheduled for completion within this LDS period. This reflects the on-going nature of the Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- 4.10 Sufficient staff resources will be available to deliver the Scheme in the form of the Spatial Planning team, officers from other Council sections including Development Control and external consultants. Further details are given in Section 5.0.
- 4.11 The Proposals Map will be updated and amended following the adoption of relevant DPDs, it will express geographically the DPD policies. Although maps may be used throughout the production of the DPD the Proposals Map will only be altered on the adoption of the DPD. For example at the Issues & Options stage a map base may be used to identify an area of search, and at the Preferred Options stage a map may be used to identify sites or alternative sites. However, during the Submission stage a map will be submitted to show how the Proposals Map will be amended or added to once the DPD is adopted.
- 4.12 The timetable for each of the DPDs and SPDs incorporates the time



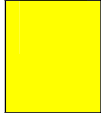





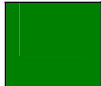




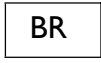

taken for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and where appropriate the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process. The diagram below shows the links between the SA and the DPD production process.

- 4.13 The SA and SEA processes require the:
- Identification of strategic alternatives;
 - Collection of base-line monitoring information;
 - Prediction of significant environmental effects more thoroughly;
 - Securing greater consultation with the public and environmental authorities; and
 - Address and monitoring of the significant environmental effects of the plan.
- 4.14 The documents within the LDF will also be subject to an Habitats Regulations Assessment and a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.
- 4.15 Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) is the assessment of the potential effects of a proposed plan – ‘in combination’ with other plans and projects – on one or more European sites, ie Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas. The HRA will state whether the document does, or does not, affect the integrity of a European site.
- 4.16 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) is intended to provide a detailed and robust assessment of the extent and nature of the risk of flooding in Halton and its implications for spatial planning.


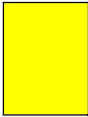




Relationship between SA and DPD production process



Key – Development Plan Documents (DPDs)

Saved Policies		
Pre-production, including commencement of document preparation	1	
Preparation of the scoping report for the sustainability appraisal, including consultation with Consultation Bodies as required by the SEA Directive and such other relevant bodies as the authority considers appropriate	2	
Preparation of issues and alternative options and initial sustainability appraisal report, including public consultation (Regulation 25)	3	
Public participation on preferred options document and sustainability appraisal report (Regulation 26)	4	
Consideration of representations and discussions with community and stakeholders	5	
Preparation of submission development plan document and any amendments to the sustainability appraisal report	6	
Submission of development plan document and sustainability appraisal report to Secretary of State	7	
Public consultation period on submission development plan document and sustainability appraisal report (Regulation 29)	8	
Pre-examination consideration of representations	9	
Consideration of alternate sites		
Pre-examination meeting	10	
Examination period, including commencement of examination	11	
Receipt of Inspector's binding report	12	
Adoption and publication of document and revised proposals map, publication of a statement setting out how the sustainability appraisal and consultation influenced the preparation of the plan, and publication of monitoring measures	13	

Key –Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)

Pre-production, including commencement of document preparation	1	
Preparation of the scoping report for the sustainability appraisal, including consultation with Consultation Bodies as required by the SEA Directive and such other relevant bodies as the authority considers appropriate	2	
Preparation of draft supplementary planning document and sustainability appraisal report	3	
Draft supplementary planning document and sustainability appraisal report issued for public participation (Regulation 17)	4	
Consideration of consultation representations	5	
Adoption and publication of document, publication of a statement setting out how the sustainability appraisal and consultation influenced the preparation of the plan and publication of monitoring measures	6	

5 Resources

5.1 The production of documents to form the Local Development Framework (LDF) will be lead by the Spatial Planning Section. The Spatial Planning Section currently comprises 5 spatial planning officers, 6 additional officers in the spatial, survey and monitoring team and the Planning & Policy Manager. The amount of time each officer will give to the preparation of the LDF over the current LDS period is given below:

- Planning & Policy Manager 10%
- Principal Planning Officer 50%
- Senior Planning Officer 1 75%
- Senior Planning Officer 2 75%
- Senior Planning Officer 3 50%
- Planning Officer 75%

5.2 Staff within other sections of the Council, such as Development Control and Highways, will also provide input into the production of the LDF over this LDS period. The following documents will be produced with the help of other sections:

- Generic Development Control Policy DPD
- Transport and Accessibility SPD

5.3 Consultants will also be engaged to work on some areas of the LDF where there is a lack of expertise or capacity in house. At present consultants are contributing to the preparation of the following documents:

- Halebank SPD
- Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park SPD
- Sandymoor SPD

- Planning for Risk SPD

5.4 The Council will also be working with the other Merseyside authorities to produce the Joint Merseyside Waste DPD. The Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service Waste Planning Team will have responsibility for co-ordinating the Waste DPD preparation, drawing upon contributions from each of the six Merseyside authorities, Merseyside Policy Unit and Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority.

5.5 The Operational Director of Environmental & Regulatory Services has a strategic overview of the LDF production; and the Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of the programme. A LDF Working Party has also been set up, this provides regular Member input into the production of the LDF.

6 Transitional Period

- 6.1 The Halton Borough Unitary Development Plan (UDP), which was adopted in April 2005 and the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) will provide the Development Plan for Halton for the North West. As part of the transitional arrangement for the new planning system the Halton Borough UDP will be automatically saved for a period of three years from the date of adoption.
- 6.2 'Saving' the existing Development Plan framework means that the UDP will still be used to determine planning applications and will remain part of the statutory Development Plan until its replacement by Development Plan Documents (DPDs) through the new Local Development Framework (LDF) system. It is important that the move to a LDF does not lead to any gap in coverage of development plan policies, and the policies within the UDP will be saved for longer than the three year period, subject to approval from the Secretary of State.
- 6.3 The Council will need to demonstrate that the policies which are to be saved reflect the principles of the Halton LDF, are consistent with current national policy, and that it is not feasible or desirable to replace them within the three years. Policies to be saved will be expected to comply with the following criteria:
- (i) where appropriate, there is a clear central strategy;
 - (ii) policies have regard to the Community Strategy for the area;
 - (iii) policies are in general conformity with the regional spatial strategy or spatial development strategy;
 - (iv) policies are in conformity with the core strategy development plan document (where the core strategy has been adopted);
 - (v) there are effective policies for any parts of the authority's area where significant change in the use or development of land or conservation of the area is envisaged; and
 - (vi) policies are necessary and do not merely repeat national or regional policy.
- 6.4 The Council's position on 'saved' policies will be updated through the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR), which will monitor the impact and effectiveness of both saved and emerging policies, including the continued relevance of saved policies as a consequence, this may lead to revisions of the Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- 6.5 A schedule has been produced outlining which elements of the existing Development Plan will be deleted or will be replaced by LDDs (Appendix 4), currently all the UDP policies are being saved, however, as the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) are adopted, this will be updated.

7 Evidence Base

7.1 Local Development Documents (LDDs) will establish the Council's planning policies. However, in preparing these LDDs, a range of background work has been prepared and collated which needs to be taken account of.

7.2 Whilst a number of current background documents have been listed, it should be noted that the Council may well publish others in the course of preparing LDDs to improve upon the robust and credible evidence base for the LDF. Such amendments will be listed in Local Development Scheme (LDS) review documents.

7.3 Background and technical studies forming part of the evidence base include:

- Annual Monitoring Report (Halton Borough Council, 2005)
- Consulting the Communities of Halton 2005 (Halton Strategic Partnership, 2005)
- Employment Baseline Data Report 2006 (Halton Borough Council, 2006)
- Employment Baseline Monitoring Report (Halton Borough Council, 2005)
- Employment Land Availability Register (Halton Borough Council, 2005)
- Employment Land Availability Compendium 2006 (Halton Borough Council, 2006)
- Halton Commercial Property Study (BE Group, 2006)
- Halton Housing Requirements Study

(The University of Manchester, 1999)

- Halton Open Space Survey (PMP, 2005)
- Halton Retail Study (Herring Baker Harris, 1996)
- Halton Retail Study Update (Chesterton, 2002)
- Housing Baseline Monitoring Report (Halton Borough Council, 2005)
- Housing Baseline Data Report 2006 (Halton Borough Council, 2006)
- Housing Land Availability Compendium 2006 (Halton Borough Council, 2006)
- Housing Needs Study (2006)
- Local Centres Study (Chesterton, 1999)
- Merseyside Urban Capacity Study (White Young Green, 2004)
- Natural Assets Strategy (Halton Borough Council, 2000)
- NLUD Report 2006 (Halton Borough Council, 2006)
- NLUD Compendium 2006 (Halton Borough Council, 2006)
- Open Space Study (PMP, 2005)
- Overall Town Centre Strategy (Halton Borough Council, 1997)
- Quantifying Previously Developed Land in Halton (Halton Borough Council, 2005)
- Residential Land Availability Register (Halton Borough Council, 2005)
- State of the Borough Report (Halton Borough Council & The Local Futures Group, 2005)
- Urban Housing Capacity Study (White Young Green & Chesterton, 2004)

- Widnes Employment Land Assessment (Business Environment Group, 2001)

7.4 Copies of each of these background documents can be found online at: www.halton.gov.uk

7.5 Whilst a number of further background documents can be predicted now it should be noted that the Council might publish others in the course of preparing LDDs. The list of Background Documents is likely to include:

- An updated Retail Study (Expected to be completed in 2007)
- Urban Capacity Study
- A joint study into the employment land requirements across Merseyside & Halton.
- Gypsy & Travellers Study (Expected to be completed in 2007)
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment
- Habitats Regulations Assessment

8 Monitoring and Review

- 8.1 The Government requires that the Local Development Scheme (LDS) is annually reviewed and kept up to date by taking account of progress on the programme and monitoring of the evidence base and adopted policies. However, there may be a need to review the LDS more frequently if unforeseen changes occur to the Local Development Framework (LDF) programme.
- 8.2 Unforeseen developments such as the closure of a major employer may lead to the requirement for the Local Development Scheme to be reviewed earlier as this may require new SPDs or DPDs to be produced urgently whilst other documents are delayed.
- 8.3 The LDS will be reviewed through the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR), which in turn will lead to the review of the LDS. The AMR monitors the implementation and effectiveness of policies, from the beginning of April to the end of March. The AMR will be submitted to the Secretary of State before 31st December each year and published following submission.
- 8.4 The AMR will review actual plan progress over the year compared to the targets and milestones for Local Development Document (LDD) preparation set out in the LDS. It will assess:
- whether Halton Borough Council is meeting, or is on track to meet, the targets and consultation milestones set out in the LDDs;
 - if the Council is falling behind schedule or has failed to meet a target or milestone, the reasons for this;
 - the need to update the LDS in light of the above, and if so, the necessary steps and timetable;
 - whether any policies need to be replaced to meet sustainable development objectives; and
 - what action needs to be taken if policies need to be replaced.

9 Council Procedures

- 9.1 Development Plan Documents (DPD), which will form part of the Development Plan, are the responsibility of the Full Council and as such any decision relating to their adoption requires a Full Council decision.
- 9.2 The Executive Board and its sub-committee is the part of the Council which is responsible for most day-to-day decisions. The Executive Board is made up of a leader and 9 further Councillors whom he appoints, whilst the sub-committee is made of up 3 Councillors. The Executive has to make decisions which are in line with the Council's overall policies and budget. If it wishes to make a decision which is outside the budget or policy framework, this must be referred to the Full Council to decide.
- 9.3 The LDF Working Party and the Executive will consider each DPD at the Issues and Options Stage, unless this responsibility is specifically delegated to the Operational Director for Environmental and Regulatory Services. Full Council will approve the Preferred Options, as well as submission and adoption of the DPDs based on recommendations from the Executive Board.
- 9.4 Each SPD will go to the Sub-Executive Board at the Draft Public Consultation stage and the Executive Board at the adoption stage for consideration and approval.

10 Risk Assessment

10.1 In preparing the Local Development Scheme (LDS) it is important to acknowledge that the work programme has been established on the existing maximum resource capacity contained within the Planning & Policy Division.

10.2 The principle 'risk' for the process would be a delay taking place in the preparation through to adoption of individual Local Development Documents (LDDs) and therefore the wider Local Development Framework (LDF). The main areas of risk, which may lead to a delay in the implementation of the work programme, are as follows:

- **Staff turnover and delay in filling vacant posts** – It is inevitable that over a 3-year period there will be a turnover of staff within the sections responsible for producing documents. Using temporary staff or consultants or seconding staff from other departments could mitigate this risk.
- **The need for specialist consultancy input** – it is normally possible to predict where this may be required and add extra slack in to the timetable to allow for consultation and feedback between the Council and consultancy team. Where the need for specialist consultancy input has not been foreseen, as has been the case with both the Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park SPD and the Halebank Regeneration Area SPD, it will be necessary to provide extra resources in order to 'catch up' with the timetable set out in the

LDS, or to review the timetable set out in the LDS.

- **Sickness and other absences** – It is inevitable that over a 3-year period there will be sickness or absence of staff within the sections responsible for producing documents. It is not possible to predict where and when this will happen but in devising the programmes for the production of the documents sufficient slack has been built in to allow for average staff absences.
- **Budget cuts, leading to consultancy budget cuts** – It is hoped that standards within the departments will mean that Planning Delivery Grant will continue and that the budget within the department will continue to provide sufficient resources. However, if this is not the case it may be possible that documents have to be prioritised and some documents may slip.
- **Procedural delays and / or slippage in meeting dates** – It is hoped that enough time has been built into the programme to allow for some slippage however, there may be occasions where it is necessary to provide extra resources to a particular document in order to 'catch up' with the timetable set out in the LDS.
- **The need for further or extra consultation** – it can be hard to predict where and when extra consultation may be required, as has been the case with the Town Centre Strategy SPDs and the Provision of Open Space SPD. It will now be necessary to provide extra resources to these documents in order to 'catch up'

with the timetable set out in the LDS or to add further slippage into the LDS timetable.

- **Resource capacity of the Planning Inspectorate and other agencies to deliver elements of the process and cope with demands of the LDS work programme** – It is hoped that through close working with Government Office for the North West (GONW), the Planning Inspectorate and other agencies this risk can be reduced.
- **Non-conformity and failure in the tests of ‘soundness’ for LDDs** – It is hoped that this risk can be minimised by working closely with GONW and the Planning Inspectorate at all milestone stages and in the run up to submission of DPD’s.
- **Programme amendments due to unforeseen developments** – Due to the dynamic nature of many developments it is not always possible to timetable these into the LDS programme. Where this is the case it may be necessary to transfer resources to a new document, which may in turn lead to the need to review the LDS. It is hoped to minimise this risk by improving communication, within the Council and with external stakeholders such as local businesses and developers, which should provide greater notice of these developments allowing changes to be made with less negative implications.
- **Changes in Government legislation, regulations & policy** – This may lead to documents being reviewed more quickly than has been suggested in the LDS. It has also been evident during the production of the LDF that new legislation and policy coming forward during the production of DPDs and SPDs can also cause delay in their production, as has been the case with the Habitats Regulations Assessments and Planning Policy Statement 3: Housing.
- **Legal Challenge** – The risk to be minimised by ensuring that the DPDs are sound and based on a robust evidence base and a well audited stakeholder and community engagement system.
- **Community fatigue** – The community are being consulted by many different agencies over a wide range of issues. We will seek to minimise consultation fatigue by consulting on a number of documents at the same time.
- **Political Uncertainty** – Political change may mean that some proposals may be subject to change due to the different mandates and cause delay whilst new options are considered. This risk should be minimised by the use of the LDF Working Party, which includes Members from a mix of political parties, and the preparation of briefings for Members as and when required.

- The rigours of the new LDF process including maintaining a sound evidence base, higher specification community participation requirements and devising and maintaining new monitoring and performance systems will require high levels of funding and resources. The Government's Planning Delivery Grant promotes efficiencies and improvement within the development planning system but the Council does not have unlimited financial resources to underwrite the continuous and dynamic LDF process. This ongoing commitment is likely to be in excess of the cost of servicing the previous more finite UDP process and could be a significant risk factor in the production of the LDF.

11 SPG/SPDs

11.1 Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) can not be saved under the new system but will be considered as a material consideration until replaced by new Local Development Documents (LDDs).

11.2 Currently Adopted SPG

- Children's Day Nurseries (1999)
- Upton Rocks Local Centre, Widnes Planning Brief (2000)
- Widnes Town Centre Renewal Plan Phase 1 (2000)
- Widnes Town Centre Renewal Plan Phase 2 (2000)

11.3 Adopted SPDs

- Castlefields & Norton Priory Regeneration Area (2005)
- Design for Community Safety (2005)
- Design of New Industrial and Commercial Development (2006)
- House Extensions (2006)
- Shop Fronts, Signage and Advertising (2005)
- Telecommunications (2005)
- Widnes Waterfront Regeneration Area (2005)

11.4 The following Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) will be produced during the next 3 years. The majority these SPDs will be linked to saved policies in the UDP, further details of each of the SPDs can be found in Appendix 3.

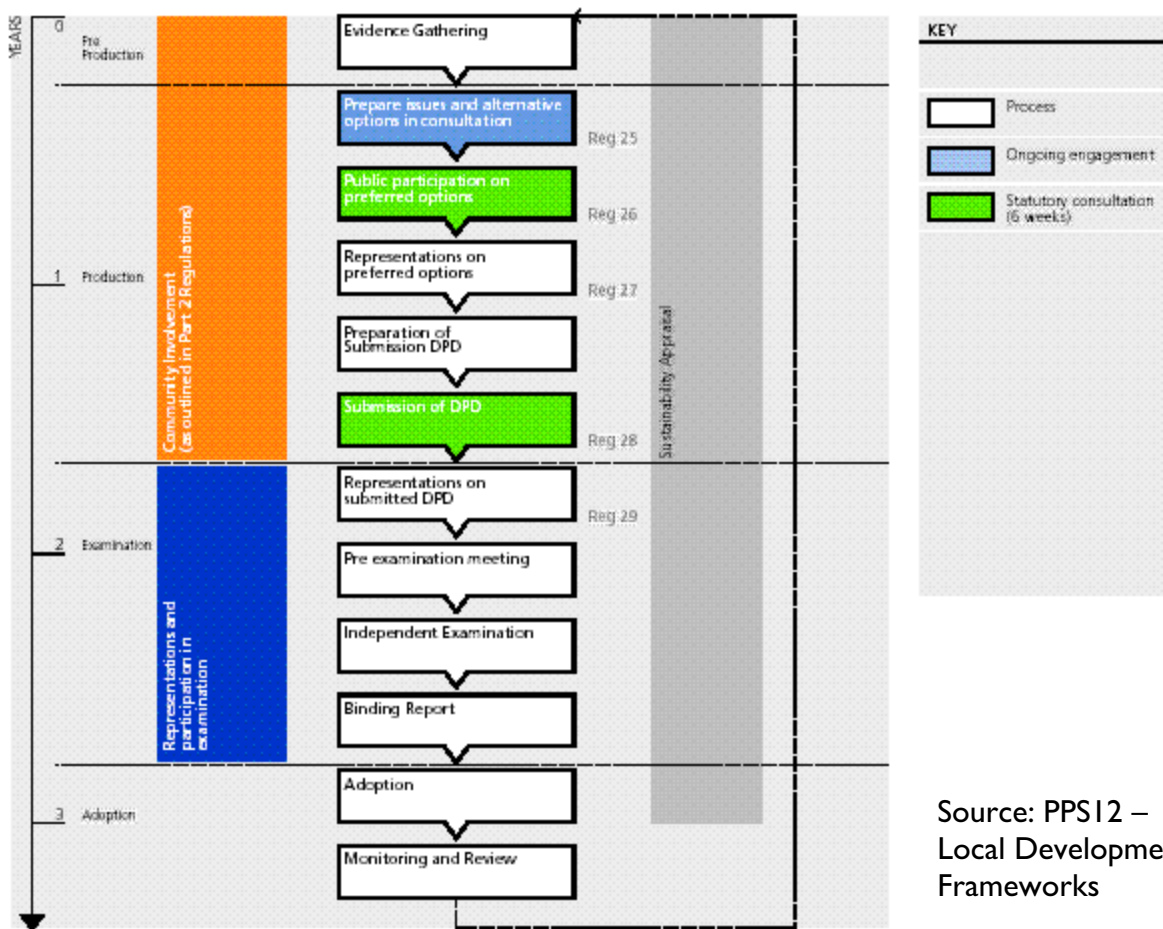
- Affordable Housing
- Daresbury Science and Innovation Campus
- Design of New Residential Development
- Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park

- Greening the Legacy
- Halebank Regeneration Area
- Halton Lea Town Centre Strategy
- Local List
- Planning for Risk
- Provision of Open Space in Development
- Runcorn & Weston Docks Regeneration Area
- Runcorn Old Town Centre Strategy
- Sandymoor
- South Widnes Regeneration Area
- Transport & Accessibility

Appendices

Appendix I – DPD and SPD Processes

The Development Plan Document Process



The Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Process



Appendix 2 - Glossary

Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)	LPA will have to produce an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR), which will show how the authority is performing against all relevant targets. The report will be published by the LPA so that those with an interest in the area can see what changes the LPA may need to make to their LDF.
Area Action Plans (AAPs)	Area Action Plans may be used to provide a planning framework for areas of change and areas of conservation.
Core Strategy	The Core Strategy will set out the vision for the Local Planning Authority area and the primary policies for meeting that vision together with housing and employment provisions in accordance with the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS).
Development Plan Documents (DPDs)	<p>The DPDs are to be prepared by Halton Borough Council, they must contain the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Core Strategy; and• Site allocations; <p>And they may contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Area Action Plans; and• General policies for the control of development. <p>All DPDs will be subject to Sustainability Appraisal (SA) which must incorporate a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)</p>
Independent Examination	All DPDs and the SCI will be subject to independent examination by a person (the Inspector) appointed by the Secretary of State. The purpose of the examination is to determine the 'soundness' of the plan. Following the examination the Inspector will produce a report which will be binding on the Local Planning Authority (LPA).
Local Development Documents (LDDs)	<p>There are two types of LDD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development Plan Documents (DPD)• Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)
Local Development Framework (LDF)	The LDF will contain a portfolio of Local Development Documents (LDDs) which will provide Halton Borough Council's policies for meeting the community's economic, environmental and social aims for the future of the area, where this effects the development and use of land.

Local Development Scheme (LDS)	The LDS will set out what DPDs and SPDs Halton Borough Council propose to prepare over the three year period and the timetable for their production. It will also set out the policies that Halton Borough Council wish to save from the current Development Plan and the timetable for the preparation of the Statement of Community Involvement.
Proposals Map	The Proposals Map will illustrate on an Ordnance Survey map policy designations, allocations and Area Action Plans in the Local Development Framework.
Site Allocations	Site allocations are the sites which are proposed for development to meet Halton Borough Council's Core Strategy.
Statement Of Community Involvement (SCI)	The SCI will set out how Halton Borough Council intends to achieve continuous community involvement in the preparation of LDDs in their area. It will be subject to independent examination.
Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)	SPDs are not subject to independent examination but the matters covered must be directly related to policy in the DPDs.
Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)	Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) seek to inform decision-making by providing information on the potential implications of policies.

Appendix 3

Title:	Core Strategy
Status:	DPD
Role:	To set out the Vision, Objectives, Core Policies and Sustainable Development Statement for the spatial development of the area.
Geographical Area:	Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)
Conformity Chain:	Conformity with the PPG / PPS and RSS
Produced by:	Planning & Policy Division
Resources:	Provided by the Planning & Policy Division
Management Arrangements:	Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. The LDF Working Party and the Executive Board will consider each DPD at the Issues and Options Stage. Full Council will approve the submission and adoption of the DPDs based on recommendations from the Executive Board.
Community Involvement:	Community involvement will be encouraged throughout the process, with formal periods for consultation at the Preferred Options stage and when the document is submitted to the Secretary of State.
Sustainability Appraisal:	Simultaneous consultation with the Development Plan Document. To be assessed through the Sustainability Appraisal, including the Strategic Environmental Assessment.
Monitoring & Review:	The Core Strategy is intended to be a long term strategy and will be reviewed with that in mind. Monitoring will take place through the contextual section of the AMR.

Timetable	Pre-production and preparation:	January 2006
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	March 24 th – April 28 th 2006
	Preparation and Consultation of Issues and Alternative Options:	July 27 th – September 7 th 2006
	Public participation on Preferred Options:	June / July 2007
	Consideration of Representations:	August – October 2007
	Preparation of Submission DPD:	November 2007 – April 2008
	Submission to Secretary of State and Public Consultation:	May / June 2008
	Pre-Examination Meeting:	November 2008
	Examination:	March 2009
	Inspectors Binding Report:	September 2009
Adoption and Publication:	December 2009	

Title: Halton Borough Council, Liverpool City Council, Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council and Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council Merseyside Joint Waste Development Plan Document
(Working Title – Merseyside Joint Waste Development Plan Document)

Status: DPD

Role: A statement of the core sustainable waste management principles and policy including:

- How the Waste DPD will ensure that the Planning Authorities meet their contribution to delivering the identified needs of the region for all waste streams.
- How waste management will be considered alongside other spatial concerns, recognising the positive contribution waste management can make to the development of sustainable communities, and takes waste issues beyond the realms of isolated waste policies.
- Planned provision of new capacity with its spatial distribution based on clear policy objectives, robust analysis of available data and information and, an appraisal of options.

The Waste DPD will develop agreed criteria for the identification and allocation of sites suitable for new and enhanced waste management facilities for the identified waste management needs of Merseyside. This will include a list of allocations suitable for the location of different types of sustainable waste management facilities on a proposals map. These site allocations will be supported by site specific policies. Criteria based policies, consistent with the sustainable waste management objectives, will address wider waste planning issues such as speculative applications for unallocated sites.

Geographical Area: Borough Wide (See Appendix 5, Map 1) plus Liverpool City Council, Knowsley MBC, St Helens MBC, Wirral MBC and Sefton MBC.

Conformity Chain: The Waste DPD will be in conformity with the core strategies of each of the Districts Core Strategy Development Plan Documents, the Regional Spatial Strategy and PPG / PPS.

Produced by: Planning & Policy Division, jointly with other the other Merseyside Local Planning Authorities.

Resources: The Merseyside EAS Waste Planning Team will have responsibility for co-ordinating the Waste DPD preparation, also drawing on contributions from each of the Merseyside Councils, Halton Borough Council, Merseyside Policy Unit and Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority. An initial three year funding agreement has been reached by Halton, the Merseyside Districts and Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority for the Merseyside EAS Waste Planning Team and specialist consultancy commissions for the preparation of the Waste DPD.

Management Arrangements: The Waste DPD Steering Group, with all six Districts represented, will consider all documents at all stages prior to Member approval and public consultation. Regular progress will be reported to the Merseyside District Planning Officers and Merseyside Leaders and Chief Executives. Full Council will approve the Preferred Options, submission and adoption

of the DPDs based on recommendations from the Executive Board. In terms of the joint working the document will be considered by each Council in Merseyside and Halton for each milestone and will also be taken through the Merseyside Chief Executives and Leaders to ensure that the document has support across the Merseyside authorities.

Integration with the JMWMS and Halton's Waste Strategy will be promoted through close working and partnership according to the principles set out in PPS10 (2005) and Defra Guidance on Municipal Waste Management Strategies (2005). Liaison will take place at the operational and political level through the existing Governance arrangements of the Merseyside Waste Strategy Partnership and the Merseyside Network.

Community Involvement: Consultation on the Waste DPD will be co-ordinated through each District's Statement of Community Involvement using existing networks, mechanisms and partnerships. Additional targeted consultation with key groups and sectors for the specific purpose of the Waste DPD will be set out in the Communications Strategy.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA): Simultaneous consultation with the DPD. To be assessed through the SA, including the Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Monitoring & Review: The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) for Halton will monitor the implementation of this document on the Borough of Halton. The document will be reviewed as and when required as highlighted by the AMR.

Timetable	Pre-production and preparation:	December 2006
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	7 th December 2006 – 18 th January 2007
	Preparation and Consultation of Issues and Alternative Options:	19 th March – 27 th April 2007
	Public participation on Preferred Options:	January / February 2008
	Consideration of Representations:	March / April 2008
	Preparation of Submission DPD:	May – August 2008
	Submission to Secretary of State and Public Consultation:	September / October 2008
	Pre-Examination Meeting:	March 2009
	Examination:	May 2009
	Inspectors Binding Report:	November 2009
	Adoption and Publication:	April 2010

- Title:** New Residential Development
- Status:** DPD
- Role:** To allocate sites for residential development and to provide detailed policies for residential development.
- Geographical Area:** Borough Wide (See Appendix 5, Map 1)
- Conformity Chain:** Conformity with the PPG / PPS and RSS and Core Strategy
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
- Resources:** Provided by the Planning & Policy Division
- Management Arrangements:** Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. The LDF Working Party and the Executive Board will consider each DPD at the Issues and Options Stage. Full Council will approve the submission and adoption of the DPDs based on recommendations from the Executive Board.
- Community Involvement:** Community involvement will be encouraged throughout the process, with the New Residential Development, New Employment Development and New Retail & Leisure Development DPDs subject to a combined consultation at the Issues and Options stage, followed by formal periods of individual consultation at the Preferred Options stage and when the document is submitted to the Secretary of State.
- Sustainability Appraisal:** Simultaneous consultation with the Development Plan Document. To be assessed through the Sustainability Appraisal, including the Strategic Environmental Assessment.
- Monitoring & Review:** The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) will monitor the take up of the housing allocations and other residential development. The document will be reviewed as and when required as highlighted by the AMR.

Timetable	Pre-production and preparation:	July 2006 – December 2007
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	January / February 2008
	Preparation and Consultation of Issues and Alternative Options:	September 2008 – February 2009
	Public participation on Preferred Options:	January / February 2010
	Consideration of Representations:	March – May 2010
	Preparation of Submission DPD:	June – November 2010
	Submission to Secretary of State and Public Consultation:	December 2010 / January 2011
	Pre-Examination Meeting:	September 2011
	Examination:	January 2012
	Inspectors Binding Report:	August 2012
	Adoption and Publication:	November 2012

- Title:** New Employment Development
- Status:** DPD
- Role:** To allocate sites for employment development and to provide detailed policies for employment development.
- Geographical Area:** Borough Wide (See Appendix 5, Map 1)
- Conformity Chain:** Conformity with the PPG / PPS and RSS and Core Strategy
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
- Resources:** Provided by the Planning & Policy Division
- Management Arrangements:** Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. The LDF Working Party and the Executive Board will consider each DPD at the Issues and Options Stage. Full Council will approve the submission and adoption of the DPDs based on recommendations from the Executive Board.
- Community Involvement:** Community involvement will be encouraged throughout the process, with the New Residential Development, New Employment Development and New Retail & Leisure Development DPDs subject to a combined consultation at the Issues and Options stage, followed by formal periods of individual consultation at the Preferred Options stage and when the document is submitted to the Secretary of State.
- Sustainability Appraisal:** Simultaneous consultation with the Development Plan Document. To be assessed through the Sustainability Appraisal, including the Strategic Environmental Assessment.
- Monitoring & Review:** The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) will monitor the take up of the employment allocations and other economic development. The document will be reviewed as and when required as highlighted by the AMR.

Timetable	Pre-production and preparation:	July 2006 – December 2007
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	January / February 2008
	Preparation and Consultation of Issues and Alternative Options:	September 2008 – February 2009
	Public participation on Preferred Options:	January / February 2010
	Consideration of Representations:	March – May 2010
	Preparation of Submission DPD:	June – November 2010
	Submission to Secretary of State and Public Consultation:	December 2010 / January 2011
	Pre-Examination Meeting:	September 2011
	Examination:	January 2012
	Inspectors Binding Report:	August 2012
	Adoption and Publication:	November 2012

- Title:** **New Retail & Leisure Development**
- Status:** DPD
- Role:** To allocate sites for retail and leisure development and to provide detailed policies for retail and leisure development.
- Geographical Area:** Borough Wide (See Appendix 5, Map 1)
- Conformity Chain:** Conformity with the PPG / PPS and RSS and Core Strategy
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
- Resources:** Provided by the Planning & Policy Division
- Management Arrangements:** Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. The LDF Working Party and the Executive Board will consider each DPD at the Issues and Options Stage. Full Council will approve the submission and adoption of the DPDs based on recommendations from the Executive Board.
- Community Involvement:** Community involvement will be encouraged throughout the process, with the New Residential Development, New Employment Development and New Retail & Leisure Development DPDs subject to a combined consultation at the Issues and Options stage, followed by formal periods of individual consultation at the Preferred Options stage and when the document is submitted to the Secretary of State.
- Sustainability Appraisal:** Simultaneous consultation with the Development Plan Document. To be assessed through the Sustainability Appraisal, including the Strategic Environmental Assessment.
- Monitoring & Review:** The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) will monitor the take up of the retail and leisure allocations and other relevant development. The document will be reviewed as and when required as highlighted by the AMR.

Timetable	Pre-production and preparation:	July 2006 – December 2007
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	January / February 2008
	Preparation and Consultation of Issues and Alternative Options:	September 2008 – February 2009
	Public participation on Preferred Options:	January / February 2010
	Consideration of Representations:	March – May 2010
	Preparation of Submission DPD:	June – November 2010
	Submission to Secretary of State and Public Consultation:	December 2010 / January 2011
	Pre-Examination Meeting:	September 2011
	Examination:	January 2012
	Inspectors Binding Report:	August 2012
Adoption and Publication:	November 2012	

Title: Generic Development Control Policy

Status: DPD

Role: To provide a set of criteria based development control policies to guide development within the Borough.

Geographical Area: Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)

Conformity Chain: Conformity with the PPG / PPS and RSS and Core Strategy

Produced by: Planning & Policy Division

Resources: Provided by the Planning & Policy Division

Management Arrangements: Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this DPD. The LDF Working Party and the Executive will consider each DPD at the Issues and Options Stage. Full Council will approve the submission and adoption of the DPDs based on recommendations from the Executive Board.

Community Involvement: Community involvement will be encouraged throughout the process, with formal periods for consultation at the Preferred Options stage and when the document is submitted to the Secretary of State.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA): Simultaneous consultation with the DPD. To be assessed through the SA, including the Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Monitoring & Review: The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) will assess the extent to which these policies are being implemented successfully. The document will be reviewed as and when required as highlighted by the AMR.

Timetable	Pre-production and preparation:	November 2008 – April 2009
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	May / June 2009
	Preparation and Consultation of Issues and Alternative Options:	January – June 2010
	Public participation on Preferred Options:	May / June 2011
	Consideration of Representations:	July – September 2011
	Preparation of Submission DPD:	October 2011 – March 2012
	Submission to Secretary of State and Public Consultation:	April / May 2012
	Pre-Examination Meeting:	October 2012
	Examination:	February 2013
	Inspectors Binding Report:	August 2013
	Adoption and Publication:	November 2013

- Title:** **Widnes Town Centre Area Action Plan**
- Status:** DPD
- Role:** Provides the context for the future development of Widnes Town Centre.
- Geographical Area:** As defined on Map 4 (Appendix 5)
- Conformity Chain:** Conformity with the PPG / PPS and RSS and Core Strategy
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
- Resources:** Provided by the Planning & Policy Division
- Management Arrangements:** Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this DPD. The LDF Working Party and the Executive will consider each DPD at the Issues and Options Stage. Full Council will approve the submission and adoption of the DPDs based on recommendations from the Executive Board.
- Community Involvement:** Community involvement will be encouraged throughout the process, with formal periods for consultation at the Preferred Options stage and when the document is submitted to the Secretary of State.
- Sustainability Appraisal (SA):** Simultaneous consultation with the DPD. To be assessed through the SA, including the Strategic Environmental Assessment.
- Monitoring & Review:** The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) will assess the extent to which these policies are being implemented successfully. The document will be reviewed as and when required as highlighted by the AMR.

Timetable	Pre-production and preparation:	July 2007
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	January / February 2008
	Preparation and Consultation of Issues and Alternative Options:	September 2008 – February 2009
	Public participation on Preferred Options:	January / February 2010
	Consideration of Representations:	March – May 2010
	Preparation of Submission DPD:	June – November 2010
	Submission to Secretary of State and Public Consultation:	December 2010 / January 2011
	Pre-Examination Meeting:	September 2011
	Examination:	January 2012
	Inspectors Binding Report:	August 2012
Adoption and Publication:	November 2012	

Title: Halebank Regeneration Area

Status: SPD

Role: Provides the policies and proposals for the comprehensive development / redevelopment of the Halebank area.

Geographical Area: As defined on Map 2 (Appendix 5)

Conformity Chain: General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policy RG5.

Produced by: Planning & Policy Division

Resources: Provided by the Planning & Policy Division & External Consultants

Management Arrangements: Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. This SPD will go to the Executive Board Sub-Committee at the Draft Consultation stage and to the Executive Board at the adoption stage for consideration and approval.

Community Involvement: Community involvement will be encouraged throughout the process, with formal consultation at the draft consultation stage.

Sustainability Appraisal: Consultation for the Sustainability Appraisal will take place simultaneously with the production of the document.

Monitoring & Review: The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) will assess the extent to which this guidance is being implemented successfully. The document will be reviewed as and when required as highlighted by the AMR.

Timetable	Preparation of Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	July 2004
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	17 th June – 22 nd July 2005
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	3 rd November – 15 th December 2005
	Consideration of Representations:	Jan / Feb 2006
	Adoption and Publication:	March 2008

- Title:** **Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park**
- Status:** SPD
- Role:** To provide guidance for the development of Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park.
- Geographical Area:** As defined on Map 3 (Appendix 5)
- Conformity Chain:** General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policy E7.
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
- Resources:** Provided by the Planning & Policy Division & External Consultants
- Management Arrangements:** The Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. This SPD will go to the Executive Board Sub-Committee at the Draft Consultation stage and to the Executive Board at the adoption stage for consideration and approval.
- Community Involvement:** Community involvement will be encouraged throughout the process, with formal consultation at the draft consultation stage.
- Sustainability Appraisal:** Consultation for the Sustainability Appraisal will take place simultaneously with the production of the document.
- Monitoring & Review:** The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) will assess the extent to which this document is being implemented successfully. The document will be reviewed as and when required as highlighted by the AMR.

Timetable	Preparation of Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	February 2005
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	17 th June – 22 nd July 2005
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	3 rd November – 15 th December 2005
	Consideration of Representations:	Jan / Feb 2006
	Adoption and Publication:	March 2008

- Title:** Provision of Open Space
- Status:** SPD
- Role:** To provide guidance that will lead to appropriate level and design of open space within development.
- Geographical Area:** Whole of the Borough (see Appendix 5, Map I)
- Conformity Chain:** General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policy H3.
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
- Resources:** Provided by the Planning & Policy Division
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- Sustainability Appraisal:** Consultation for the Sustainability Appraisal will take place simultaneously with the production of the document.
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Timetable	Preparation of Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	July 2005
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	29 th September – 3 rd November 2005
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	27 th July – 7 th September 2006 2 nd Consultation: 1 st February – 1 st March 2007
	Consideration of Representations:	April 2007
	Adoption and Publication:	June 2007

- Title:** Halton Lea Town Centre Strategy
- Status:** SPD
- Role:** Provides the context for the future development of Halton Lea Town Centre.
- Geographical Area:** As defined on Map 4 (Appendix 5)
- Conformity Chain:** General conformity with the PPG/PPS and RSS, and expected to be in conformity with the Core Strategy. Also has links to saved UDP Policy TCI & TC4.
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
- Resources:** Provided by the Planning & Policy Division
- Management Arrangements:** The Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. This SPD will go to the Executive Board Sub-Committee at the Draft Consultation stage and to the Executive Board at the adoption stage for consideration and approval.
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Timetable	Preparation of Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	July 2005
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	30 th June – 4 th August 2005
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	1 st February – 15 th March 2007
	Consideration of Representations:	April – June 2007
	Adoption and Publication:	September 2007

- Title:** Runcorn Old Town Centre Strategy
- Status:** SPD
- Role:** Provides the context for the future development of Runcorn Old Town Centre.
- Geographical Area:** As defined on Map 4 (Appendix 5)
- Conformity Chain:** General conformity with the PPG/PPS and RSS, and expected to be in conformity with the Core Strategy. Also has links to saved UDP Policy TC1, TC4 and TC10
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
- Resources:** Provided by the Planning & Policy Division
- Management Arrangements:** The Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. This SPD will go to the Executive Board Sub-Committee at the Draft Consultation stage and to the Executive Board at the adoption stage for consideration and approval.
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	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	1 st February – 15 th March 2007
	Consideration of Representations:	April – June 2007
	Adoption and Publication:	September 2007

- Title:** Sandymoor
- Status:** SPD
- Role:** To provide the framework for the continued development of the Sandymoor residential area.
- Geographical Area:** As defined on Map 5 (Appendix 5)
- Conformity Chain:** General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policy HI.
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
- Resources:** Provided by the External Consultants and Planning & Policy Division
- Management Arrangements:** The Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. This SPD will go to the Executive Board Sub-Committee at the Draft Consultation stage and to the Executive Board at the adoption stage for consideration and approval.
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Timetable	Preparation of Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	January 2006
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	2 nd February – 16 th March 2006
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	August / September 2007
	Consideration of Representations:	October – December 2007
	Adoption and Publication:	February 2008

Title: Design of New Residential Development

Status: SPD

Role: To provide guidance that will lead to new developments that are well integrated into their surroundings and offer a good standard of amenity to future occupants and protect the amenity of existing occupiers.

Geographical Area: Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)

Conformity Chain: General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and RSS. Linked to saved UDP, including Policy H2, H3, BE1 and BE2.

Produced by: Planning & Policy Division

Resources: Provided by the Planning & Policy Division

Management Arrangements: The Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. This SPD will go to the Executive Board Sub-Committee at the Draft Consultation stage and to the Executive Board at the adoption stage for consideration and approval.

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Sustainability Appraisal: Consultation for the Sustainability Appraisal will take place simultaneously with the production of the document.

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	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	4 th May – 8 th June 2005
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	May / June 2007
	Consideration of Representations:	July – September 2007
	Adoption and Publication:	November 2007

- Title:** **Planning for Risk**
- Status:** SPD
- Role:** To provide guidance for any development relating to major accident hazards including Liverpool Airport and Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) sites.
- Geographical Area:** Multiple sites across the Borough, to be defined.
- Conformity Chain:** Conformity with the PPG / PPS and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policies S5, PR11 and PR12.
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
- Resources:** Provided by the Planning & Policy Division
- Management Arrangements:** The Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. This SPD will go to the Executive Board Sub-Committee at the Draft Consultation stage and to the Executive Board at the adoption stage for consideration and approval.
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	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	October / November 2007
	Consideration of Representations:	December 2007 – February 2008
	Adoption and Publication:	April 2008

- Title:** Southern Widnes Regeneration Area
- Status:** SPD
- Role:** Provides the policies and proposals for the comprehensive development / redevelopment of the Southern Widnes area.
- Geographical Area:** To be defined
- Conformity Chain:** General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs, RSS and expected to be in conformity with the Core Strategy DPD. Also has links to saved UDP RGI.
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
- Resources:** Provided by the Planning & Policy Division & External Consultants
- Management Arrangements:** The Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. This SPD will go to the Executive Board Sub-Committee at the Draft Consultation stage and to the Executive Board at the adoption stage for consideration and approval.
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	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	January / February 2008
	Consideration of Representations:	March – June 2008
	Adoption and Publication:	March 2009

Title: Transport & Accessibility

Status: SPD

Role: To provide guidance for the development of new highways and parking standards in urban developments, and includes road hierarchy specifications and notes on the acceptability of Homezones.

Geographical Area: Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)

Conformity Chain: General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and RSS. Linked to saved UDP including Policy TP6, TP7, TPI 1, TPI2, TPI4, TPI5 and TPI6.

Produced by: Highways and Planning & Policy Division

Resources: Provided by the Highways and the Planning & Policy Division.

Management Arrangements: The Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. This SPD will go to the Executive Board Sub-Committee at the Draft Consultation stage and to the Executive Board at the adoption stage for consideration and approval.

Community Involvement: Community involvement will be encouraged throughout the process, with formal consultation at the draft consultation stage.

Sustainability Appraisal: Consultation for the Sustainability Appraisal will take place simultaneously with the production of the document.

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Timetable		(Due to the time taken to produce the previous document production of this document will recommence)
	Preparation of Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	April 2008
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	August / September 2008
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	January / February 2009
	Consideration of Representations:	March – May 2009
	Adoption and Publication:	July 2009

- Title:** Daresbury Science and Innovation Campus
- Status:** SPD
- Role:** To provide the framework to facilitate the continued development of the science and innovation campus at Daresbury.
- Geographical Area:** To be defined, in consultation with key partners
- Conformity Chain:** General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and the RSS. This document is expected to be linked to a policy within the Core Strategy DPD.
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
- Resources:** Provided by the Planning & Policy Division and External Consultants
- Management Arrangements:** The Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. This SPD will go to the Executive Board Sub-Committee at the Draft Consultation stage and to the Executive Board at the adoption stage for consideration and approval.
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	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	January – February 2009
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	January – February 2010
	Consideration of Representations:	March – June 2010
	Adoption and Publication:	August 2010

- Title:** Runcorn & Weston Docks Regeneration Area
- Status:** SPD
- Role:** Provides the policies and proposals for the comprehensive development / redevelopment of the Runcorn and Weston Docks area.
- Geographical Area:** As defined on Map 6 (Appendix 5)
- Conformity Chain:** General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs, RSS and expected to be in conformity with the Core Strategy DPD. Also has links to saved UDP RG4.
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
- Resources:** Provided by the Planning & Policy Division
- Management Arrangements:** The Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document. This SPD will go to the Executive Board Sub-Committee at the Draft Consultation stage and to the Executive Board at the adoption stage for consideration and approval.
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	Consideration of Representations:	November / December 2010
	Adoption and Publication:	February 2011

- Title:** Greening the Legacy
- Status:** SPD
- Role:** Will set out the strategy to 'green' brownfield sites within Halton which are presently, unsuitable/uneconomic for built development due to contamination, as well as the details for planning agreements.
- Geographical Area:** Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)
- Conformity Chain:** General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and the RSS. This document is expected to be linked to a policy within the Core Strategy DPD.
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
- Resources:** Provided by the Planning & Policy Division
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Title: Local List

Status: SPD

Role: Set out a definitive list of buildings and structures of local architectural and historic interest in Halton, which have not been formally recognised by statutory national designation. The list will set out how each building or structure contributes to the historical and architectural significance of their locality and set further practical guidance on how this significance should be recognised when development directly or indirectly affects them.

Geographical Area: Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)

Conformity Chain: General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and the RSS. This document is expected to be linked to a policy within the Core Strategy DPD. Also linked to saved UDP Policy BE15.

Produced by: Planning & Policy Division

Resources: Provided by the Planning & Policy Division

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Community Involvement: Community involvement will be encouraged throughout the process, with formal consultation at the draft consultation stage.

Sustainability Appraisal: Consultation for the Sustainability Appraisal will take place simultaneously with the production of the document.

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- Title:** **Affordable Housing**
- Status:** SPD
- Role:** Will define the policy for securing the necessary contributions from suitable residential developments towards meeting the identified unmet housing needs in the Borough.
- Geographical Area:** Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5, Map 1)
- Conformity Chain:** General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and the RSS. This document is expected to be linked to a policy within the Core Strategy DPD.
- Produced by:** Planning & Policy Division
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Appendix 4 – Transitional Arrangements

As Local Development Documents (LDDs) are produced policies from the UDP will be deleted and replaced by the new policies contained within the LDD.

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Policy No.	Policy Name	Saved	Comments
UDP Part I			
S1	Regeneration	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Core Strategy DPD when adopted.
S2	The Built Environment	✓	
S3	The Green Environment	✓	
S4	Pollution and Health	✓	
S5	Major Accident Land Use Risk	✓	This policy is likely to be replaced by the Core Strategy DPD when adopted. And a SPD is to be produced to provide more detailed guidance for this policy area.
S6	Reuse and Remediation of Previously Used or Contaminated Land	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Core Strategy DPD when adopted.
S7	Minerals and Waste	✓	
S8	Sustainable Waste Management	✓	
S9	Waste Management Facilities	✓	
S10	Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions	✓	
S11	Renewable Energy Sources	✓	
S12	Areas at Risk from Flooding	✓	
S13	Transportation	✓	
S14	A New Crossing of the River Mersey	✓	

Policy No.	Policy Name	Saved	Comments
S15	Leisure and Tourism	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Core Strategy DPD when adopted.
S16	Retail Hierarchy	✓	
S17	Retail Development	✓	
S18	Provision of Land for Housing	✓	
S19	Provision of Land for Employment	✓	
S20	Regional Investment Sites	✓	
S21	Green Belt	✓	
S22	Unallocated Land in Urban Areas	✓	
S23	Open Countryside	✓	
S24	Sustainable Urban Extensions	✓	
S25	Planning Obligations	✓	
Regeneration			
RG1	Area Action 1 – Southern Widnes	✓	A SPD will be produced to provide more detailed guidance for this policy.
RG2	Area Action 2 – Central Widnes	✓	The Widnes Town Centre AAP is likely to provide more detailed policy covering this area.
RG3	Area Action 3 – Widnes Waterfront	✓	The Widnes Waterfront SPD provides more detailed policy for this area.
RG4	Area Action 5 – Runcorn and Weston Docklands	✓	SPDs are to be produced to provide more detailed guidance for these policy areas.
RG5	Area Action 6 – Halebank	✓	
RG6	Area Action 7 – Castlefields and Norton Priory	✓	The Castlefields & Norton Priory Regeneration Area SPD provides more detailed policy for this area.
Built Environment			
BE1	General Requirements for Development	✓	SPDs are to be produced to provide more detailed guidance for these policy areas. These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
BE2	Quality of Design	✓	
BE3	Environment Priority Areas	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
BE4	Scheduled Ancient Monuments	✓	
BE5	Other Sites of Archaeological Importance	✓	
BE6	Archaeological Evaluations	✓	

Policy No.	Policy Name	Saved	Comments
BE7	Demolition of Listed Buildings	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
BE8	Changes of Use of Listed Buildings	✓	
BE9	Alterations and Additions to Listed Buildings	✓	
BE10	Protecting the Setting of Listed Buildings	✓	
BE11	“Enabling Development”	✓	
BE12	General Development Criteria – Conservation Areas	✓	
BE13	Demolition in Conservation Areas	✓	
BE14	Outline Applications – Conservation Areas	✓	
BE15	Local List of Buildings and Structures of Architectural and Historic Interest	✓	
BE16	Alterations to and New Shop Fronts	✓	
BE17	Advertising and Advertisements	✓	
BE18	Access to New Buildings Used by the Public	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
BE19	Disabled Access for Changes of Use, Alterations and Extensions	✓	
BE20	Disabled Access in Public Places	✓	
BE21	Telecommunications Apparatus	✓	The Telecommunications SPD provides more detailed policy for this area. This policy is likely to be replaced by the Core Strategy DPD when adopted.
BE22	Boundary Walls and Fences	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
BE23	Temporary Buildings	✓	
Green Environment			
GE1	Control of Development in the Green Belt	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
GE2	Hale Village Green Belt	✓	
GE3	Extensions, Alterations and Replacement of Existing Dwellings in the Green Belt	✓	

Policy No.	Policy Name	Saved	Comments
GE4	Re-use of Buildings in the Green Belt	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
GE5	Outdoor Sport and Recreation Facilities in the Urban Fringe and Open Countryside	✓	
GE6	Protection of Designated Greenspace	✓	
GE7	Proposed Greenspace Designations	✓	
GE8	Development within Designated Green Space	✓	
GE9	Redevelopment and Changes of Use of Redundant School Buildings	✓	
GE10	Protection of Linkages in Green Space Systems	✓	
GE11	Protection of Incidental Greenspaces	✓	
GE12	Protection of Outdoor Playing Space for Formal Sport and Recreation	✓	
GE13	Intensifying Use of Existing Outdoor Sports and Recreation Provision	✓	
GE14	Noisy Outdoor Sports	✓	
GE15	Protection of Outdoor Playing Space for Children	✓	
GE16	Protection of Allotments	✓	
GE17	Protection of Sites of International Importance for Nature Conservation	✓	
GE18	Protection of Sites of National Importance for Nature Conservation	✓	
GE19	Protection of Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation	✓	
GE20	Protection and Creation of Local Nature Reserves	✓	
GE21	Species Protection	✓	
GE22	Protection of Ancient Woodlands	✓	
GE23	Protection of Areas of Special Landscape Value	✓	
GE24	Protection of Important Landscape Features	✓	

Policy No.	Policy Name	Saved	Comments
GE25	Protection of Ponds	✓	
GE26	Protection of Hedgerows	✓	
GE27	Protection of Trees and Woodland	✓	
GE28	The Mersey Forest	✓	
GE29	Canals and Rivers	✓	
GE30	The Mersey Coastal Zone	✓	
Pollution and Risk			
PR1	Air Quality	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
PR2	Noise Nuisance	✓	
PR3	Odour Nuisance	✓	
PR4	Light pollution and Nuisance	✓	
PR5	Water Quality	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
PR6	Land Quality	✓	
PR7	Development Near to Established Pollution Sources	✓	
PR8	Noise Sensitive Developments	✓	
PR9	Development within the Liverpool Airport Public Safety Zone	✓	SPDs are to be produced to provide more detailed guidance for these policy areas. These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
PR10	Development within the Liverpool Airport Height Restriction Zone	✓	
PR11	Development of Sites Designated under the Control of Major Hazards (Planning) Regulations 1999 (COMAH)	✓	SPDs are to be produced to provide more detailed guidance for these policy areas. These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
PR12	Development on Land Surrounding COMAH Sites	✓	
PR13	Vacant and Derelict Land	✓	
PR14	Contaminated Land	✓	
PR15	Groundwater	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
PR16	Development and Flood Risk	✓	
Minerals and Waste Management			
MWI	All Minerals and Waste Management Developments	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Waste DPD and the Generic

Policy No.	Policy Name	Saved	Comments
MW2	Requirements for all Applications	✓	Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
MW3	Requirements for all Waste Management Applications	✓	
MW4	Aggregate Minerals	✓	
MW5	Protection of Minerals resources	✓	
MW6	Aftercare	✓	
MW7	Waste Recycling and Collection Facilities	✓	
MW8	Aerobic Composting Facilities	✓	
MW9	Anaerobic Digesting Facilities	✓	
MWI 0	Wastewater and Sewage Treatment Facilities	✓	
MWI 1	Extensions to Wastewater Treatment Facilities	✓	
MWI 2	Recycling and Household Waste Centres	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Waste DPD and the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
MWI 3	Energy Recovery	✓	
MWI 4	Incineration	✓	
MWI 5	Landfill/Landrising of Non-Inert Waste	✓	
MWI 6	Landfill/Landraising of Inert Wastes	✓	
MWI 7	Waste Minimisation and Recycling	✓	
MWI 8	Energy from Non-fossil Sources	✓	
Transport			
TP1	Public Transport Provision as Part of New Development	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
TP2	Existing Public Transport Facilities	✓	
TP3	Disused Public Transport Facilities	✓	
TP4	New Public Transport Facilities	✓	
TP5	Taxi Ranks and Offices	✓	
TP6	Cycle Provision as Part of New Development	✓	

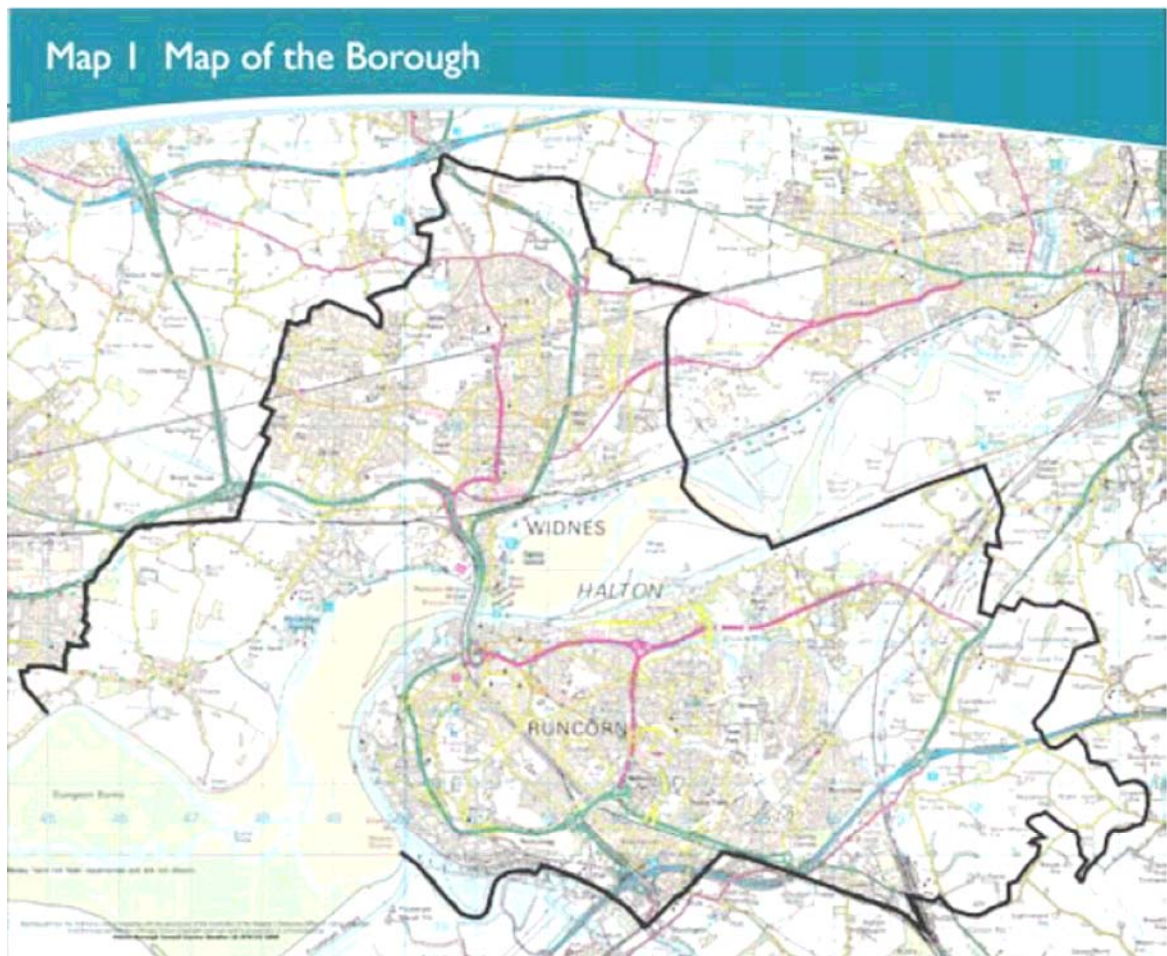
Policy No.	Policy Name	Saved	Comments
TP7	Pedestrian Provision as Part of New Development	✓	areas. These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
TP8	Pedestrian Improvement Schemes	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
TP9	The Greenway Network	✓	
TPI0	The Trans-Pennine Trail and Mersey Way	✓	
TPI1	Road Schemes	✓	
TPI2	Car Parking	✓	SPDs are to be produced to provide more detailed guidance for these policy areas. These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
TPI3	Freight	✓	This policy is likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
TPI4	Transport Assessments	✓	SPDs are to be produced to provide more detailed guidance for these policy areas. These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
TPI5	Accessibility to New Development	✓	
TPI6	Green Travel Plans	✓	
TPI7	Safe Travel for All	✓	
TPI8	Traffic Management	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
TPI9	Air Quality	✓	
TP20	Liverpool Airport	✓	
Leisure, Tourism and Community Facilities			
LTC1	Developments of Major Leisure and Community Facilities within Designated Shopping Centres	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the New Retail & Leisure Development DPD when adopted.
LTC2	Development of Major Leisure and Community Facilities on the edge of Designated Shopping Centres	✓	
LTC3	Developments of Major Leisure and Community Facilities in Out-of-Centre Locations	✓	
LTC4	Development of local Leisure and Community Facilities	✓	
LTC5	Protection of Community Facilities	✓	
LTC6	Children's Day Care Provision	✓	
LTC7	The Proposed Halton Arts and Cultural Centre Site		This policy could be deleted as the Brindley has now been completed.

Policy No.	Policy Name	Saved	Comments
LTC8	Protection of Tourism Attractions	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
LTC9	Tourism Development	✓	
LTC10	Water Based Recreation	✓	
Shopping and Town Centres			
TC1	Town Centre Allocations	✓	This policy is likely to be replaced by the New Retail & Leisure Development DPD when adopted.
TC2	Retail Development to the Edge of Designated Shopping Centres	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
TC3	Warrington Road / Eastern Widnes Bypass Site	✓	This policy is likely to be replaced by the New Retail & Leisure Development DPD when adopted.
TC4	Retail Development within Designated Shopping Centres	✓	SPDs are to be produced to provide more detailed guidance for these policy areas. These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
TC5	Design of Retail Development	✓	
TC6	Out of Centre Retail Development	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
TC7	Existing Small Scale Local Shopping Facilities Outside Defined Shopping Centres	✓	
TC8	Non-retail Uses within Primary and Secondary Shopping Areas	✓	
TC9	Non-retail uses within Neighbourhood Centres	✓	This policy is likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
TC10	Runcorn Mixed Town Centres Uses Area	✓	A SPD is to be produced to provide more detailed guidance for this policy area.
TC11	Food and Drink Outlets	✓	This policy is likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
Housing			
H1	Provision for New Housing	✓	This policy is likely to be replaced by the New Residential Development DPD when adopted.
H2	Design and Density of New Residential Development	✓	SPDs are to be produced to provide more detailed guidance for these policy

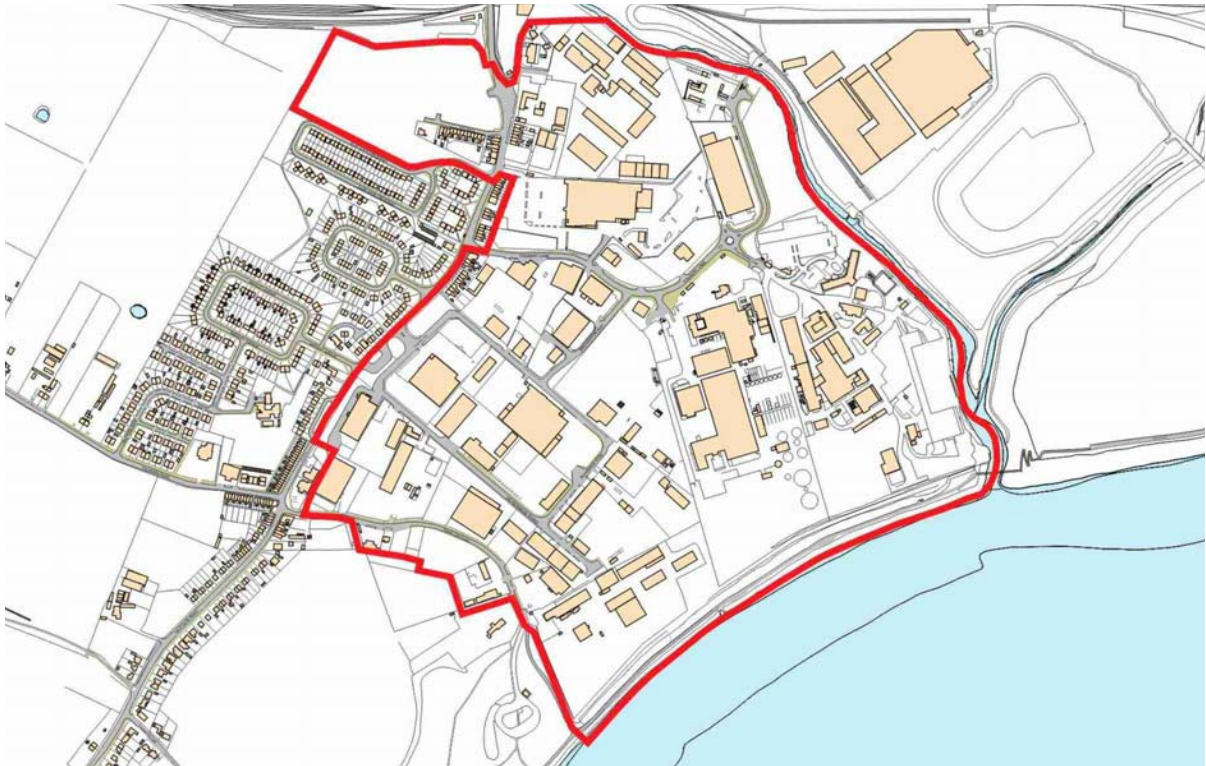
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H3	Provision of Recreational Greenspace	✓	areas. These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
H4	Sheltered Housing	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
H5	Gypsy Sites	✓	
H6	House Extensions	✓	A SPD is to be produced to provide more detailed guidance for this policy area. These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
H7	Conversions to Flats	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
H8	Non Dwelling House Use	✓	
Employment			
E1	Local and Regional Employment Land Allocations	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the New Employment Development DPD when adopted.
E2	Priority Employment Redevelopment Areas	✓	These policies are likely to be replaced by the Generic Development Control Policy DPD when adopted.
E3	Primarily Employment Areas	✓	
E4	Complementary Services and Facilities within Primarily Employment Areas	✓	
E5	New Industrial and Commercial Development	✓	
E6	Daresbury Laboratories	✓	
E7	Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park	✓	SPDs are to be produced to provide more detailed guidance for these policy areas.

Appendix 5

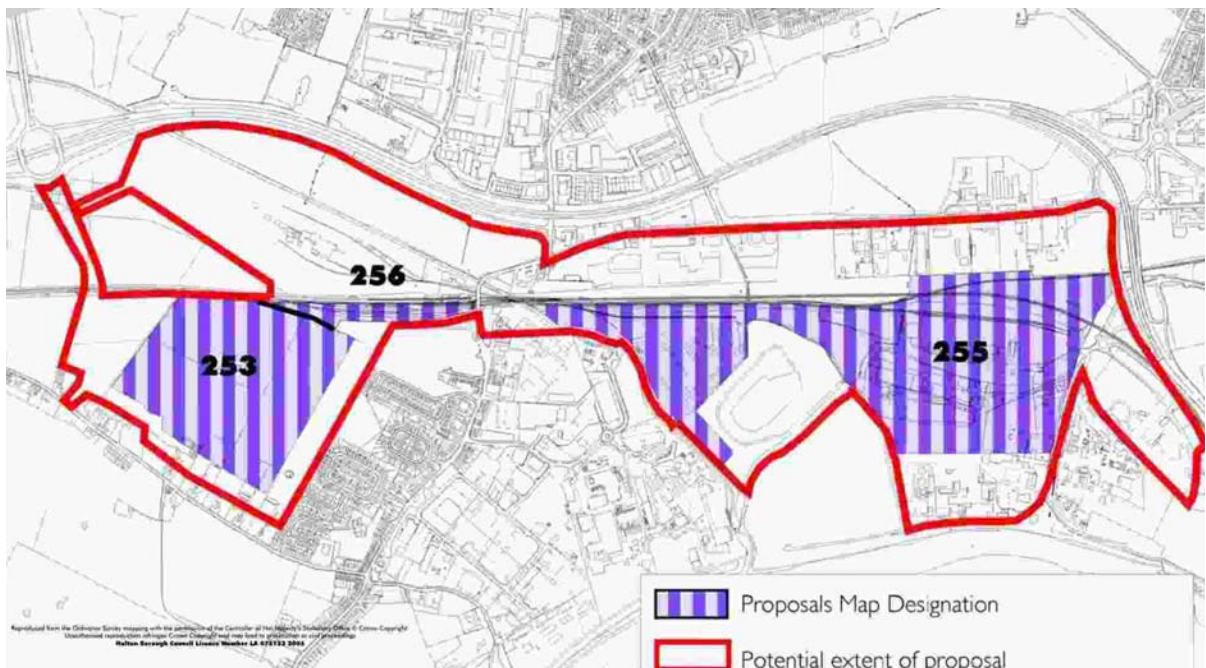
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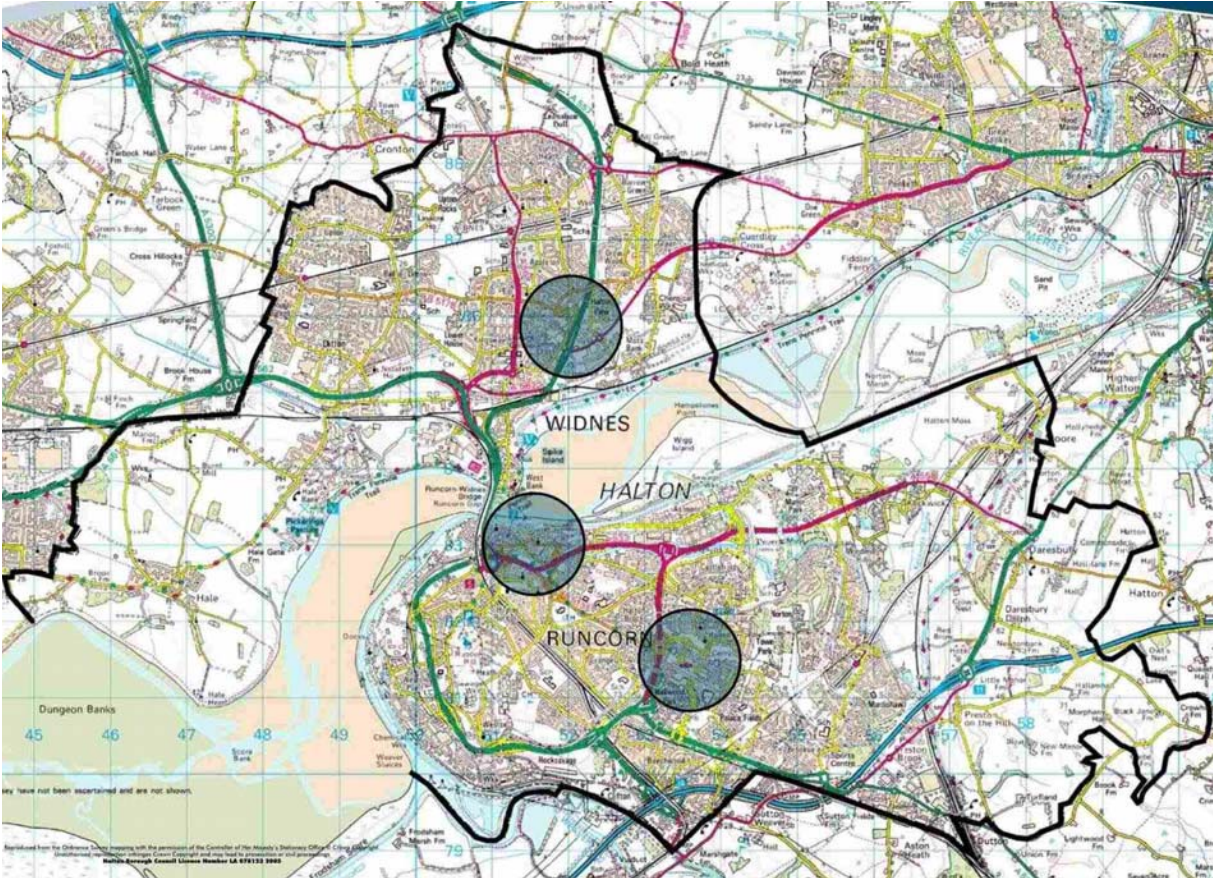
Map 2 – Indicative area for Halebank Regeneration Area



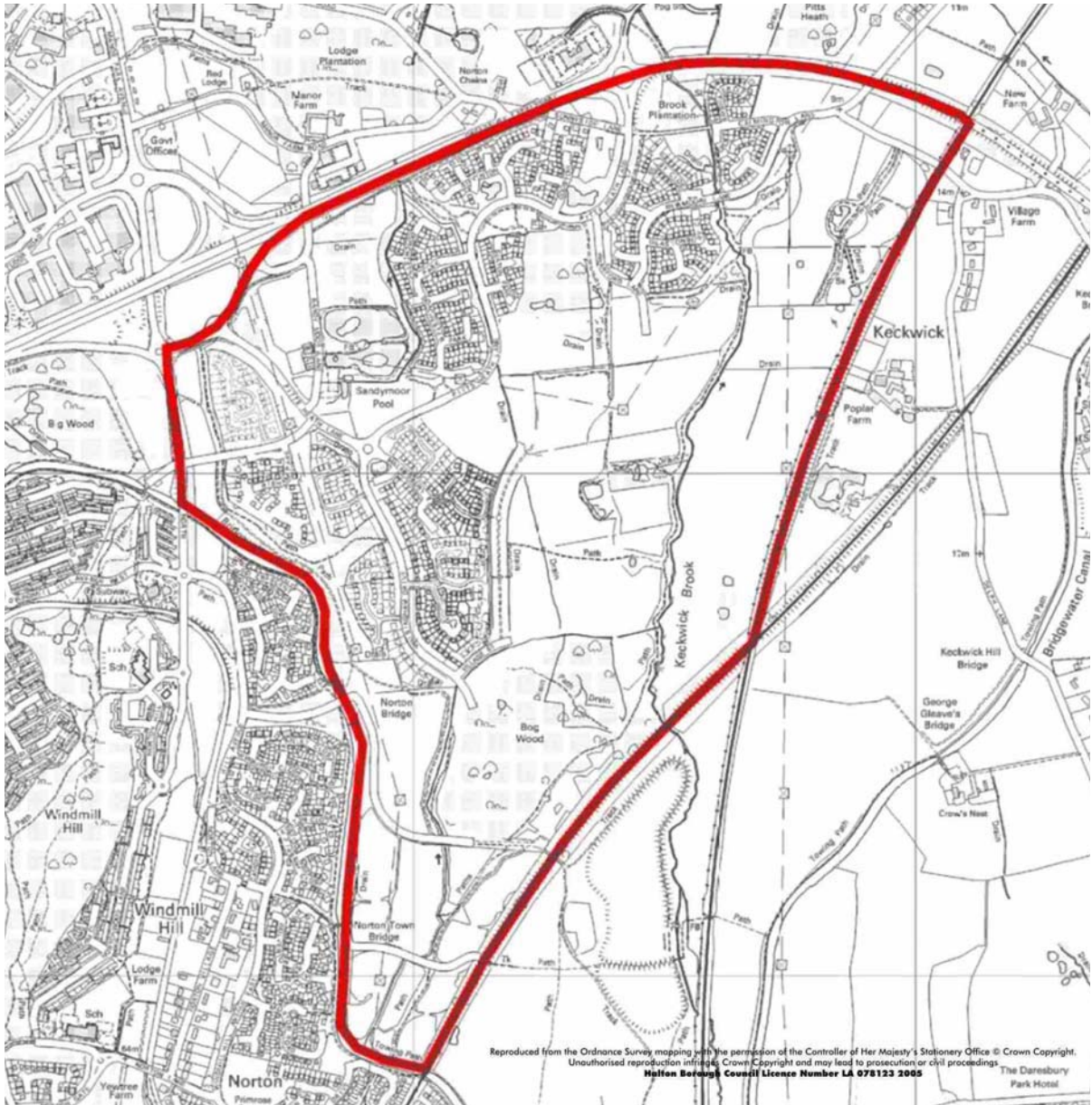
Map 3 – Indicative area for Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park



Map 4 – Indicative areas for Halton Lea Town Centre, Runcorn Old Town Centre and Widnes Town Centre



Map 5 – Indicative area for Sandymoor Masterplan



Map 6 – Indicative area for Runcorn & Weston Dock Regeneration Area



