

# **The Local Development Scheme for Knowsley**

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THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

#### The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

##### 1.1

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced significant reforms to the planning system in England and Wales. A key implication for Knowsley is that a portfolio of new planning documents (known as the "Local Development Framework") will be created. The Local Development Framework will consist of a number of individual documents (known as "**Local Development Documents**" or "**LDDs**"). Each Local Development Document will cover specific subject areas and be prepared at a time when it is required to provide an adequate spatial planning policy framework.

##### 1.2

Planning policy at the local level was, prior to the introduction of the new planning legislation, set down in the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan (or "**UDP**"). The UDP was adopted in 1998. The Council has decided to prepare a replacement UDP, a draft of which was placed on "deposit" for comment in late 2003. A revised draft of the replacement Unitary Development Plan was placed on "deposit" for comments for six weeks between 14th December 2004 and 25th January 2005. The Council expects to be able to adopt the replacement UDP in mid 2006. However, its policies will be supplemented and ultimately replaced by new Local Development Documents prepared under the new legislation. More detail on this is provided in chapter 2.

##### 1.3

The purpose of the new system is to speed up the process of making plans, and to ensure that local planning policies are kept more up to date. The introduction of the new system will also:

- Enable planning documents to address a broader range of economic, social and environmental issues than those currently covered by the Knowsley UDP;
- Enable significant levels of community involvement, which will be "front loaded", to ensure that people can be involved in plan making at an early stage before detailed proposals have been formulated;
- Be founded upon a comprehensive evidence base; and
- Involve regular monitoring of policies to ensure that they remain effective and up to date.

#### The Role of this Document (the "Local Development Scheme")

##### 1.4

To explain how the new planning system will operate in Knowsley, the Act requires that the Council must prepare a document known as the **Local Development Scheme (or "LDS")** i.e. this document. This first Local Development Scheme for Knowsley covers a three-year period (up to March 2008). It also includes documents which the Council intends to start preparing within this period but which will not be

adopted until after March 2008. Its role is to let people know which Local Development Documents will be in force for Knowsley and what the programme is for the preparation of new planning documents.

## 1.5

The document sets down:-

- The national, regional and local context - see below;
- The structure of the proposed Local Development Framework (including the timing for the replacement of the existing and draft replacement Unitary Development Plan and the status, subject matter, and role of proposed new Local Development Documents) - see chapter 2;
- The Council's arrangements for managing the production of Local Development Documents, managing the evidence base etc. - see chapter 3.

## 1.6

The Local Development Scheme will be reviewed and rolled forward on an annual basis (or on a more frequent "ad hoc" basis if an urgent need arises for a new Local Development Document within a particular year). Each year, a new Local Development Scheme will be produced which will identify the programme for production of Local Development Documents over the following three-year period.

### Types of Local Development Document (LDD)

## 1.7

New Local Development Documents to be produced will fall into one of the following categories:

- Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) - This will set down standards for involving the community in the formulation of planning policy and in making decisions on planning applications for new development.
- Development Plan Documents (DPDs): These will form part of the statutory "Development Plan" under the planning legislation - they will therefore carry considerable weight in all planning decisions. One particularly significant Development Plan Document to be prepared under the new system will be the Core Strategy. This will set out the Council's strategic economic, social and environmental objectives, and how these will be met under the new system. This will eventually (in 2009) replace the strategic policies within the replacement UDP.
- Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs): Supplementary Planning Documents will not have "Development Plan" status. They will be produced where more detailed guidance is needed to explain how policies in Development Plan Documents will be implemented. SPDs will provide advice to developers, property owners etc. on the following:
  - How planning applications for particular types of development (e.g. house extensions) will be assessed; or

- How a particular subject (such as sustainable transport provision) will be treated when planning applications for development are assessed; or
- How a particular site or area should be developed.

SPDs will be broadly similar in their role to “Supplementary Planning Guidance” or “SPG’s” prepared under the pre-2004 planning legislation. However, unlike SPGs, they will be subject to rigorous processes of Sustainability Appraisal and in some cases Strategic Environmental Assessment (see chapter 3). These processes will ensure that significant weight can be given to SPDs in making decisions on planning matters.

The first SPDs to be produced (up to 2009) will be designed to supplement policies within the replacement UDP. Thereafter they will need to supplement any Development Plan Documents which replace the UDP, such as the new Core Strategy.

- Joint Local Development Documents: The new Act enables the Council, working in partnership with neighbouring authorities, to adopt planning policies covering a broader geographical area than Knowsley. The local authorities in Greater Merseyside (Knowsley, Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton and Wirral, together with Halton) have well established partnership working arrangements and it is anticipated that documents covering specific issues of concern to the conurbation as a whole could be produced on a joint basis.

## The National and Regional Context

### **1.8**

The Government has issued a series of Planning Policy Guidance Notes (PPGs), Planning Policy Statements (PPSs) and Minerals Planning Guidance Notes (MPGs). These cover a comprehensive range of planning policy areas. Any Local Development Documents produced by the Council must have regard to these.

### **1.9**

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that Regional Planning Bodies must prepare Regional Spatial Strategies (or "RSS"). The RSS forms part of the statutory “Development Plan”. In the North West, the role of Regional Planning Body is undertaken by the North West Regional Assembly. The current RSS (originally known as Regional Planning Guidance for the North West) was published in 2003 and sets the strategic framework within which local planning policy must operate in Knowsley. The North West Regional Assembly has recently started to prepare a new Regional Spatial Strategy (or "RSS") for the North West, which is expected to be approved by the Secretary of State in 2007. This may contain a more specific sub-regional dimension (for Merseyside) than the current RSS.

### **1.10**

Other important documents at the North West level include the Regional Economic Strategy (prepared by the North West Development Agency) and the Regional Housing Strategy (prepared by the North West Regional Housing Board). Under the Government’s Sustainable Communities Plan, the Northern Way Growth Strategy will

also have a key influence, promoting economic growth and social progress across eight City Regions in the North of England, including Merseyside.

### **1.11**

A number of significant plans and programmes also operate across Merseyside which, although they are not prepared under the planning legislation, have an important impact on planning policy. These include the Merseyside Objective One programme; the Merseyside Local Transport Plan; the Merseyside Housing Market Renewal Initiative (or "HMRI" which aims to regenerate failing housing markets in the inner cores of Liverpool, Sefton and Wirral); the Mersey Partnership's "Action Plan for the City Region"; and the North Merseyside Biodiversity Action Plan (NMBAP).

## The Local Context

### **1.12**

The Knowsley Community Plan (2002-2012) was prepared by the Knowsley Partnership - a wide range of organisations and individuals drawn from the public, private and voluntary/community sectors. The Community Plan is regularly reviewed and will have a major influence on future planning policy in Knowsley. A number of other local plans, strategies and programmes which will also have an influence are listed below:

- Knowsley Local Agenda 21 Strategy "Knowsley's Tomorrow";
- The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy for Knowsley;
- The Knowsley MBC Housing Strategy;
- The Knowsley MBC Economic Development Plan;
- The Knowsley MBC Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy;
- The Knowsley MBC Cultural Strategy;
- The Knowsley MBC Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy
- The Building Schools For the Future programme (for the construction of new secondary level learning centres) and the Council's Statement of Intent for the construction of new primary schools; and
- The North Huyton New Deal for Communities regeneration programme.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **STRUCTURE OF THE PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

#### **"Saved" Development Plans**

##### **2.1**

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Act aims to ensure a smooth transition from the old to the new planning system. It therefore contains powers for Councils to:

- "Save" existing Development Plan policies which had already been adopted before commencement of the new Act for a period of up to three years (i.e. until 2007); and
- Continue to prepare and then adopt Plans which were emerging when the new Act was commenced in 2004. Policies in such cases can be "saved" for up to three years following adoption of the Plan.

Policies may, subject to the agreement of Government Office for the North West, be saved for longer than the three years if they are still up to date. If not they will either need to be deleted or replaced by policies in new Local Development Documents.

##### **2.2**

Prior to the new Act, the main local planning document in Knowsley was the Unitary Development Plan (or "UDP"). The existing Knowsley UDP was adopted in 1998. The Council intends to "save" the existing adopted UDP as the Development Plan for Knowsley until the replacement UDP is adopted in 2006 - see below.

##### **2.3**

The Council resolved to replace the UDP in 2001. A first draft of the replacement UDP was placed on deposit for public comment in late 2003, and a revised draft was placed on deposit from 14th December 2004 to 25th January 2005. A public inquiry is scheduled to take place in September 2005 and the Council expects to be able to adopt the replacement UDP in May 2006.

##### **2.4**

At present it is too early to state precisely the period for which individual policies in the replacement UDP will be "saved". This is because the replacement UDP has yet to go through its public inquiry, following which changes may be made to the policies. However, at this stage it is considered likely that:

- Strategic policies which set the overall direction of the Plan (listed in the draft UDP as "Part 1" policies) will be "saved" until 2009 at which point they will be replaced by the proposed new Core Strategy (see below);
- Development control policies which are of a generic nature i.e. not specific to any type of development, will (subject to the approval of Government Office for the North West) continue to be "saved" beyond 2009 provided they are still up to date;



- Development control policies which are of a non-generic nature (i.e. are more specific to particular development types such as the policy on householder development) will not be "saved" beyond 2009. In some cases these policies will be replaced before then by Supplementary Planning Documents;
- Site or location specific policies will (again, subject to the agreement of Government Office for the North West) be "saved" for as long as they remain up to date (possibly beyond 2009).

## **2.5**

On the adoption of the replacement UDP (expected in 2006) a more detailed analysis will be carried out to identify the likely periods for which individual policies will be "saved", the results of which will then be identified in a subsequent review of this Local Development Scheme.

## Proposed "Core Strategy"

### **2.6**

The adopted and draft replacement UDPs can not statutorily cover the broad range of economic, social and environmental objectives required in spatial planning by the new planning system. The Council will therefore, in 2006, start to prepare a new "Core Strategy" Development Plan Document. The precise scope of the Core Strategy has yet to be defined. However, it is likely to replace the more strategic elements of the UDP, setting out a new vision, objectives, and spatial strategy, and covering topics such as housing, employment, transport, retail and town centres, cultural and sporting facilities, open space and biodiversity, use and management of natural resources, and design and built heritage.

### **2.7**

The Core Strategy will explain how planning policies at the local level will relate to the requirements of the Regional Spatial Strategy and to any more specific policies for the Merseyside sub-region that may be contained within it (see paragraph 1.9).

### **2.8**

The new Core Strategy is likely to take three years to prepare, and is therefore expected to be adopted in 2009.

## Waste management issues

### **2.9**

Five local authorities in Merseyside (Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St. Helens and Wirral) are considering the need to produce a joint Development Plan Document on waste. This would, if produced, provide a strategic policy framework for the management of waste for the whole conurbation. Whilst a formal decision to proceed with this document has yet to be made, it is expected that the joint Development Plan Document on waste will include detailed development control policies and will identify sites and preferred areas for a range of waste management facilities. It would form an integral part of the five authorities Local Development Frameworks.

### **2.10**

The preparation and adoption of this document would be co-ordinated by an officer level steering group drawn from the five Merseyside local authorities, using consultants as necessary to carry out specialist work, for example to help identify and assess potentially appropriate sites. This work would, once commenced, take approximately three years to complete. The detailed timetable and work programme have yet to be agreed amongst the authorities and it is therefore too early to provide full details of these in this Local Development Scheme.

### The Proposals Map

#### **2.11**

One of the most important documents within the Local Development Framework will be the Proposals Map. This will illustrate geographically, on an Ordnance Survey map base, the areas to which policies in Development Plan Documents will relate. Examples of matters to be identified on the Proposals Map include sites allocated for new development (e.g. for housing, employment uses or town centre development), and areas to be protected from development such as the Green Belt.

#### **2.12**

The Proposals Map for Knowsley will form a separate document, which will be updated each time a new Development Plan Document is adopted. Before 2006, the adopted Proposals Map will be that which is included in the currently adopted Unitary Development Plan. On adoption of the replacement UDP in 2006, the Proposals Map in the replacement UDP will replace the current adopted Proposals Map. Further revisions of the Proposals Map may take place when the joint Development Plan Document on waste is adopted in 2008 and when the new Core Strategy is adopted in 2009.

### Supplementary Planning Documents to cover the Action Areas

#### **2.13**

There is likely to be considerable change in many parts of Knowsley over the next few years as the Council and its partners continue the drive to improve the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the Borough. Several areas have been identified in the draft replacement UDP as Action Areas, suitable for comprehensive regeneration and development.

#### **2.14**

North Huyton is a mainly residential area, the regeneration of which is being led through the governments New Deal programme. The local community has already been consulted on a range of options, and it is proposed that there will be comprehensive regeneration comprising the clearance of up to 1,200 existing dwellings (and their replacement with up to 1,450 new dwellings), together with the development of new schools, employment, leisure and community facilities.

#### **2.15**

Tower Hill (Kirkby) is also a mainly residential area but, whilst the problems here are similar to North Huyton, it is anticipated that change here will be on a smaller scale, comprising the demolition of about 50 dwellings and replacement with approximately 300 dwellings.

## **2.16**

Kirkby town centre is identified in the draft replacement UDP as requiring comprehensive redevelopment for a range of shopping and other town centre uses.

## **2.17**

Given the scale of the proposals affecting these areas, and their comprehensive nature, the Council proposes to prepare and adopt Supplementary Planning Documents to identify such matters as the specific parcels of land to be developed for specific uses, design principles, the phasing of development etc.

## **2.18**

The draft replacement UDP identifies further Action Areas at Ravenscourt district centre (Halewood) and at South Prescott. However, it is not considered necessary to prepare a new Supplementary Planning Document for Ravenscourt as this is already covered by an existing Supplementary Planning Guidance note - see below. In the case of South Prescott, the preparation of a Supplementary Planning Document is considered less urgent than for the other Action Areas listed above as the draft replacement UDP goes into substantial detail concerning which parcels of land in this area will be developed for specific uses. It is therefore not considered necessary to produce a separate Supplementary Planning Document covering this area in this first Local Development Scheme.

### Other proposed Supplementary Planning Documents

## **2.19**

The Council intends to produce new Supplementary Planning Documents covering the release of land for housing development, public open space standards and new development, householder development and design quality in new development. These documents will provide detailed guidance for development control purposes, and are identified in the Schedule of proposed Local Development Documents (see Appendix 1).

## **2.20**

The six Merseyside local authorities have considered the production of a joint Supplementary Planning Document in respect of Transport issues. This is however subject to further confirmation. If this is not achieved at the Merseyside level it is proposed that the Council produces a Knowsley document to cover accessibility and parking standards. An amendment to this Local Development Scheme would then be required to introduce the proposed Supplementary Planning Document.

### Timing of production of the Supplementary Planning Documents

## **2.21**

Most of the proposed Supplementary Planning Documents will be prepared following the adoption of the replacement UDP in 2006. This is because they will provide detailed guidance on the implementation of policies in the replacement UDP and it would be premature to prepare most of these documents beforehand. One possible exception to this rule relates to the three Supplementary Planning Documents for the North Huyton, Tower Hill and Kirkby Town Centre Action Areas (see para.s 2.13 to 2.18 above). The relevant policies for these areas in the draft replacement UDP (policies H6 and S4) have given rise to relatively few objections. The production of

these three documents may (subject to availability of resources) be brought forward to help shape emerging regeneration proposals for these areas.

#### Existing Technical Advice Notes, Development Briefs and Supplementary Planning Guidance Notes.

##### **2.22**

For detailed development control purposes, the Council currently uses a range of technical advice notes. These cover householder developments, shop fronts and advertisements, access for the less mobile, security fencing, and trees and development. There is no statutory provision for these existing documents to be "saved" as Supplementary Planning Documents under the new system. These documents will remain as technical advice notes until they are replaced. The note on householder developments will be replaced by the new Supplementary Planning Document covering this type of development (to be adopted in 2006). The issues covered by the existing notes concerning shop fronts/advertisements, access for the less mobile, security fencing and trees are likely to be incorporated into the broader Supplementary Planning Document covering Design Quality in New Development.

##### **2.23**

The Council has produced a range of Development Briefs covering proposed development sites at Ravenscourt district centre (in Halewood); Bridgefield Forum (Halewood); Roscoes Wood (Huyton), the site of the former Asda Store (Huyton) and Shevingtons Lane, Kirkby. The Council sees no need to alter these existing Development Briefs, which will be kept in their existing form and will form material considerations in the determination of any planning applications in these areas

##### **2.24**

A Supplementary Planning Guidance note covering line 1 of the proposed Merseytram network (which will link Liverpool city centre with Kirkby town centre) was adopted by the Council in March 2004. This document is still up to date, and will be retained in its existing form, and will help to determine planning applications for development affecting Merseytram line 1.

#### Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

##### **2.25**

The Statement of Community Involvement will be prepared in 2006/early 2007 and will set out the Council's approach to engaging the community in future planning policy and development control. It will build on existing well-established Council policies and practices which include its policy on the publication of planning applications. Existing networks (including the Knowsley Partnership, the Council's six Community Area Forums and the Community Empowerment Network) will be actively engaged in preparing the Statement of Community Involvement.

#### Annual Monitoring Report

##### **2.26**

The Council will publish (on an annual basis) a monitoring report. This will:

- Specify whether Local Development Documents are being produced in accordance with the timetable in the Local Development Scheme;
- Assess the extent to which the objectives and policies within the Local Development Documents (and related targets set at national or regional level) are being achieved, and if not whether any changes to policy are needed as a result;
- Provide an up-to-date assessment of the evidence base, including relevant technical studies and other documents, and whether any new studies need to be carried out;
- Identify whether any updates to the Local Development Scheme are necessary for example as a result of a need arising to update a particular policy or document earlier than originally envisaged.

### **2.27**

The performance of the Council on planning policy issues will be measured according to whether the milestones for the production of Local Development Documents are being achieved.

### Schedule of Local Development Documents and Project Plan

### **2.28**

Full details of all Local Development Documents to be produced, together with their timing, relationship to each other and geographical coverage are indicated in appendices 1-5.

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES**

#### **Organisational Structure and Resources**

##### **3.1**

Planning services within Knowsley are delivered by the Planning and Transportation Division, which forms one of five Divisions within the Department of Regeneration and Development (DRD). The planning service itself comprises a range of teams involved in development control, building control, forward planning, conservation and site development co-ordination functions.

##### **3.2**

The preparation of Local Development Documents and the management of the evidence base will be co-ordinated by the Forward Planning team. This team comprises a manager, two senior planners, and two other planners. Additional help is available from colleagues in development control and conservation. Assistance is sought where necessary from officers from elsewhere in the Council, for example those involved in housing strategy, transport, economic development, environmental health, waste management, and leisure/open space provision. Specialist help on environmental matters is provided by the Environmental Advisory Service (EAS), based in Maghull.

##### **3.3**

The Council has an established practice of using consultants where necessary on planning policy matters, for example to establish the evidence base. The involvement of consultants may well increase, for example to help implement the requirements concerning Strategic Environmental Assessment.

#### **Corporate Approach to Performance and Financial Management**

##### **3.4**

Knowsley Council has well established corporate performance management processes. Key projects and processes which are important to the Council as a whole are identified in the Council's corporate plan. This is a three year plan which is reviewed annually. Performance in achieving targets is also published on an annual basis in the Best Value Performance Plan.

##### **3.5**

Business plans are produced on an annual basis within the Council's eight individual departments and at a divisional level within the departments. Key performance targets relating to specific services (e.g. planning) are identified in personal development reviews for staff involved in delivery of that service. Progress on achievement of targets is monitored regularly and reported to appropriate management meetings, with a view to addressing any shortfalls in performance.

##### **3.6**

Budget planning is carried out on an annual basis and budgets are linked to key projects identified in the corporate and business plans. Appropriate provision has

been made for the preparation of the replacement UDP. The ongoing requirements arising from the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act will be considered along with other Council priorities in setting future year's budgets.

### Project Management Arrangements for Local Development Documents

#### **3.7**

The production of Local Development Documents will be managed within the structure set down above. Overall accountability for ensuring the timely progression of the replacement Unitary Development Plan to adoption, and for the preparation of new Local Development Documents shall rest with the Head of Planning Services and the Strategic Planning Manager.

#### **3.8**

A UDP Management Group (comprising the Head of Planning Services; the Strategic Planning Manager; a senior planner from the Forward Planning team; the Development Control Manager and the Principal Solicitor with responsibility for planning matters) meets approximately once per month to oversee the preparation of the replacement UDP. New project groups will be set up as required to oversee the production of Local Development Documents.

#### **3.9**

It is anticipated that consultants will be engaged on specific projects where there is a lack of expertise or capacity in house. Research work (for example the Merseyside urban capacity study and the Merseyside Green Belt Study) is also regularly undertaken at the Merseyside level to avoid duplication and ensure a consistent approach to issues which are important to the conurbation as a whole.

### Decision Making Structures

#### **3.10**

Following the Local Government Act 2000, Knowsley Council has introduced the "Cabinet with Leader" model as it considers that this provides an effective and efficient decision making structure. Under the Council's constitution, decisions on any specific matter are made by one of the following:

- The full Council (comprising 63 Members); or
- A Cabinet comprising 10 Members; or
- One of the Council's regulatory Committees (one of which - the Planning Committee - makes decision on planning applications); or
- The Chief Officer (in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member) with responsibility for the subject matter of the decision.

#### **3.11**

Forthcoming major decisions which are likely to be made are included in a [Forward Plan](#) of "key decisions" which is published monthly and covers a four month period. This gives notice to people with an interest in that matter that there is likely to be a decision concerning that issue. The Council has set up a number of Scrutiny Committees the role of which is to scrutinise significant decisions and performance matters.

### **3.12**

At present the constitutional arrangements only cover the planning policy arrangements which existed under the 1990 Planning Act. The Cabinet has powers to approve drafts of the Unitary Development Plan, together with pre-inquiry changes etc.. However, a decision to finally adopt the UDP must be made by the full Council. The Economy and Employment Scrutiny Committee has the powers to scrutinise decisions concerning the UDP. The Council will review these arrangements to ensure that appropriate decisions can be made under the new planning system.

### Stakeholder Engagement

### **3.13**

There are well developed existing channels for community involvement in Knowsley. For example, the "Knowsley Partnership" comprises over 650 groups drawn from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors. Its aim is to work towards shared goals to improve the quality of life of local people. The Knowsley Partnership is underpinned by the work of Thematic Partnerships relating to - Community Safety, Economy and Employment, Learning, Health and Healthy Living, Housing and Environment and Children and Young People.

### **3.14**

Six Community Area Forums have been set up which give local communities the opportunity to participate in shaping their future. Local people are invited to discuss community issues with Councillors and officers from Knowsley Council and partner organisations. The areas covered by the Area Forums are: Halewood, South Huyton, North Huyton, Prescot and Whiston, South Kirkby and North Kirkby.

### **3.15**

The Knowsley Voice Citizens Panel comprises over 3,000 people, and is available to be consulted on key or strategic issues facing the Borough.

### **3.16**

The Knowsley Community Empowerment Network involves over 800 voluntary and community groups and provides a further potential channel to become involved in issues affecting their area or affecting particular issues (such as disability, crime, health or learning).

### Approach to Management of the Evidence Base

### **3.17**

The evidence base for Local Development Documents will be drawn from a number of sources including:

- Published statistics covering issues such as such as population trends, economic and social trends, the performance of town centres etc.
- Technical studies, which will be carried out when required on issues such as land supply for housing and employment uses, housing needs, retail trends and the health of town centres, transport issues, open space and leisure provision, minerals and waste issues.
- Monitoring of development trends within the Borough.



### **3.18**

Technical studies which have recently been carried out or commissioned include the following:

- The "Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council: Urban Capacity Study: Final Report" White Young Green, 2004 (a similar study is currently being completed for the Merseyside sub-region).
- The "Knowsley MBC Housing Need and Market Demand Study", Northern Housing Consortium, April 2002 (an updated housing needs study is currently being carried out for Knowsley by Experian Ltd.).
- The Merseyside Green Belt Study (including the Merseyside Economic Land Assessment) carried out by White Young Green for the North West Regional Assembly, 2005.
- The "Greater Merseyside Authorities Economic Land Assessment Final Report" Business Environments Group, January 2001
- "The Knowsley MBC Town Centre and Shopping Study", Chestertons plc 2002.
- Phase 2 habitat survey, 2003
- Open space and sport needs assessment and strategy for Knowsley (PMP Consultants - due to be completed in March 2005)
- Rural landscape character assessment (due to be completed by the Council Design Consultancy Division in 2005)

### **3.19**

It is also anticipated that studies may be required concerning flood risk. The above studies will be reviewed and updated as necessary to inform the preparation of Local Development Documents.

### **Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**

#### **3.20**

For several years it has been standard practice for Councils, when preparing Development Plans, to carry out a process of Sustainability Appraisal. This is a process by which a Plan is assessed against a range of economic, social, and environmental objectives. The aim of sustainability appraisal is to ensure that any necessary changes are made to the Plan, as it is being prepared, to maximise its contribution to sustainable development.

#### **3.21**

Under the requirements of European Union Directive 2001/42/EC, all plans and strategies which will have a significant effect on the environment will need to be subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). This will be a rigorous process under which the Council will need to:

- Collect base-line monitoring information;
- Identify and take into account the significant environmental effects of different strategic options in determining future policy;
- Monitor the significant environmental effects of the plan, and deal with any significant adverse effects.

### **3.22**

Under the government's (currently draft) guidance on the implementation of Sustainability Appraisal and the SEA Directive, all Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents will require a Sustainability Appraisal incorporating SEA requirements.

### **3.23**

The Council intends to meet the requirements of Strategic Environmental Assessment/sustainability appraisal through the use of a mix of in-house staff and consultancy input.

#### Risk Assessment:

### **3.24**

The main areas of risk in delivering Local Development Documents in accordance with the required timescales are as follows:

#### **STAFF TURNOVER:**

This will be managed as far as possible through the on-going review of staffing in relevant teams, through the use of agency and consultancy services where necessary and also through partnership working with nearby authorities to share work in common policy areas.

#### **DECISION MAKING DELAYS:**

This risk will be managed by giving Members (including the relevant Scrutiny Committee - see "Decision Making Structures" above) the opportunity to get involved in policy formulation at an early stage, i.e. prior to the submission of formal documents to Cabinet for approval.

#### **CAPACITY OF THE PLANNING INSPECTORS AND OTHER AGENCIES TO COPE WITH DEMAND NATIONALLY:**

At this stage, assumptions have had to be made about the exact availability of Planning Inspectors to hold the examinations but arrangements can be firmed up through the year and adjustments made when the Local Development Scheme is next reviewed.

#### **SOUNDNESS OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTS:**

The Council will minimise this risk by working closely with Government Office for the North West and the Planning Inspectorate at all milestone stages and in the run up to the submission of Local Development Documents.

#### **LEGAL CHALLENGE:**

The Council will minimise this risk by ensuring that Local Development Documents are "sound" and founded on a robust evidence base and well-audited stakeholder and community engagement processes.

#### **PROGRAMME SLIPPAGE:**

The risk of programme slippage will be minimised by ensuring that the proposed milestones in the preparation of Local Development Documents are realistic and through the use of appropriate project planning/management techniques.

## APPENDIX 1

### SCHEDULE OF "SAVED" DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTS FOR KNOWSLEY

Document Title	Status	Role and Content	Geographical coverage	Chain Of Conformity	Date for pre-submission consultation	Date for public participation on preferred options (DPD) draft (SPD) and sustainability appraisal report	Date for submission to Secretary of State	Proposed date for adoption
Knowsley Unitary Development Plan	Existing Development Plan adopted in 1998 under the previous (1990) Planning Act.	Development Plan which will be "saved" until it is replaced by the new UDP in 2006.	Borough-wide	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Adopted June 1998
Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan	Development Plan to be adopted under transitional arrangements within the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.	Development Plan to be adopted in 2006. Individual policies will then be "saved" for different periods to be determined following adoption of the Plan.	Borough-wide	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A (public inquiry due in September 2005)	May 2006
Statement of Community Involvement	Non-Development Plan Document	Will set out standards for community involvement in all Local Development Documents and in development control decisions.	Borough-wide	Must be in conformity with regulations.	January to May 2006	May/June 2006	October 2006	May 2007

Document Title	Status	Role and Content	Geographical coverage	Chain Of Conformity	Date for pre-submission consultation	Date for public participation on preferred options (DPD) draft (SPD) and sustainability appraisal report	Date for submission to Secretary of State	Proposed date for adoption
Core Strategy and Key Diagram	Development Plan Document	Will set out vision, objectives and spatial development strategy.	Borough-wide	Must be in general conformity with Regional Spatial Strategy. All other Local Development Documents to be in conformity with the Core Strategy.	July to November 2006	July/August 2007	May 2008	May 2009
Release of Land for Housing Development	Supplementary Planning Document	Will describe in detail how the policy on the release of land for housing development (set down in policy H1 of the draft replacement Unitary Development Plan) will operate.	Borough-wide	To provide guidance on policy H1 of the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan: revised draft replacement plan; December 2004.	N/A (although draft interim policy to be consulted upon in April/May 2005)	July/August 2006	N/A	October 2006
North Huyton Action Area	Supplementary Planning Document	Will describe the location, uses and phasing of development within the North Huyton Action Area	North Huyton Action Area	To provide guidance on policy H6 of the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan: revised draft replacement plan; December 2004.	N/A	May/June 2006 (NB will be brought forward if additional resource identified)	N/A	August 2006
Tower Hill (Kirkby) Action Area	Supplementary Planning Document	Will describe the location, uses and phasing of development within the Tower Hill, Kirkby Action Area	Tower Hill Kirkby Action Area	To provide guidance on policy H6 of the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan: revised draft replacement plan; December 2004.	N/A	May/June 2006 (NB will be brought forward if additional resource identified)	N/A	August 2006
Kirkby Town Centre Action Area	Supplementary Planning Document	Will describe the location, uses and phasing of development within the Kirkby Town Centre Action Area	Kirkby Town Centre Action Area	To provide guidance on policy S4 of the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan: revised draft replacement plan; December 2004.	N/A	May/June 2006 (NB will be brought forward if additional resource identified)	N/A	August 2006
Public Open Space Standards & Requirements for New Development	Supplementary Planning Document	Will describe in detail how the policies for the protection/enhancement of greenspace and playing pitches in the draft replacement Unitary Development Plan will operate.	Borough-wide	To provide guidance on policies OS1 to OS5 of the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan: revised draft replacement plan; December 2004.	N/A	November/December 2006	N/A	February 2007

Document Title	Status	Role and Content	Geographical coverage	Chain Of Conformity	Date for pre-submission consultation	Date for public participation on preferred options (DPD) draft (SPD) and sustainability appraisal report	Date for submission to Secretary of State	Proposed date for adoption
Householder Developments	Supplementary Planning Document	Will provide further guidance on proposals for extensions and alteration to residential properties	Borough-wide	To provide guidance on policy H11 of the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan: revised draft replacement plan; December 2004	N/A	November/December 2006	N/A	February 2007
Design Quality in New Development	Supplementary Planning Document	Will provide further guidance promoting high quality in new development.	Borough-wide	To provide guidance on policy DQ1 of the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan: revised draft replacement plan; December 2004	N/A	March/April 2007	N/A	June 2007

### Notes

1. This table sets out the programme of Local Development Document preparation for three years i.e. up to March 2008. It also includes one document (the Core Strategy) on which work will commence before that date but which will not be adopted until 2009.
2. In addition to the documents set down above, the Merseyside authorities have considered preparing a joint Development Plan Document covering waste management issues and a joint Supplementary Planning Document on Transport. However this is subject to final confirmation. If the authorities decide to go ahead with this the timescales will be shown in a future Local Development Scheme.
3. Columns 6 to 9 do not apply to old style Development Plans which are being "saved" within the new system i.e. the adopted and draft replacement Knowsley UDPs.
4. In interpreting columns 6 to 9 it should be noted that different processes apply to the production of Development Plan Documents (DPDs) compared to Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). For DPDs, all of these columns apply, whereas for SPDs (which have simpler processes) only columns 7 and 9 apply. For SPDs, column 7 equates to the consultation stage on a draft SPD whereas for DPDs this column refers to the date for public participation on preferred options.

## APPENDIX 2

### LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME PROJECT PLAN

Document Title	Stage	M 05	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J06	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J07	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J08	F	M	A	M						
<b>Knowsley Replacement Unitary Development Plan (remaining stages)</b>	Pre-Inquiry changes			■	■																																									
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	Adoption															■																														
<b>Statement of Community Involvement</b>	Early Stakeholder & Community Engagement											■	■	■	■	■																														
	Public Participation: Draft Statement															■	■																													
	Date For Submission To SoS																				■																									
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<b>Core Strategy &amp; Key Diagram</b>	Early Stakeholder & Community Engagement																																													
	Public Participation: Preferred Options & Proposals																																													
	Date For Submission To SoS																																													
		DATES FOR SUBSEQUENT STAGES FOR THE CORE STRATEGY WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: PRE-EXAMINATION MEETING - October 2008; EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC - January 2009; AND ADOPTION - May 2009.																																												
<b>Proposals Map &amp; Inset Maps</b>	Preparation																																													
	Amended after the replacement UDP and each subsequent DPD are adopted																																													
<b>Release of Land for Housing Development</b>	Public Participation: Draft SPD																																													
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<b>Kirkby Town Centre Action Area</b>	Public Participation: Draft SPD																																											
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<b>RESOURCE PRESSURES</b>																																												



### **Appendix 3**      **Profile of each Local development Document**

Document Title: **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**

#### **Overview**

<b>Role &amp; Content</b>	Council's service level agreement with stakeholders and the community, covering engagement in the plan-making process.
<b>Status</b>	Non Development Plan Local Development Document
<b>Chain of Conformity</b>	Must at least meet minimum requirements in the regulations and will have regard to the Council's corporate communications strategy.
<b>Geographical Coverage</b>	District-wide and involving organisations external to the district.

#### **Timetable**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Early Stakeholder & Community Engagement	January to May 2006
Public Participation on Draft Statement	May/June 2006
Date For Submission To SoS	October 2006
Pre Examination Meeting	
Examination	March 2007
Estimated Date For Adoption & Publication	May 2007

#### **Arrangements for Production**

<b>Organisational Lead</b>	Council's Head of Planning Services.
<b>Management Arrangements</b> <b>(NB Provisional pending the implementation of required changes to the Council's constitution).</b>	The Council's Director of Regeneration and Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development matters) to approve early stakeholder and community engagement.  Council's Economy and Employment Scrutiny Committee will be able to scrutinise decisions made at each stage.  Cabinet resolution required for submission to the Secretary of State and for adoption stage.
<b>Internal Resources</b>	Strategic Planning Manager and team plus administrative support, and the Council community planning team.
<b>External Resources</b>	None
<b>Stakeholder Resources</b>	Representatives of the Knowsley Partnership (LSP), the Knowsley Community Empowerment Network and other stakeholder groups.
<b>Community &amp; Stakeholder Involvement</b>	The above groups to be contacted to discuss the required levels of community engagement and then consulted at the submission stage.

#### **Post Production**

<b>Monitoring &amp; Review Mechanisms</b>	Stakeholders to be asked for their views on the effectiveness of involvement as and when new Local Development Documents are produced. Any necessary changes in involvement techniques to be implemented in a subsequent review of the SCI and subsequent Local Development Documents.
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## **Appendix 3      Profile of each Local development Document**

### **Document Title:      Core Strategy (and Key Diagram)**

#### **Overview**

<b>Role &amp; Content</b>	Will set out the vision, objectives and spatial development strategy. May also (depending on how up to date these are considered to be at the time) include a review of some or all of the generic development control policies set down in the replacement Knowsley Unitary Development Plan.
<b>Status</b>	Development Plan Document
<b>Chain of Conformity</b>	Must be in general conformity with Regional Spatial Strategy. All other Local Development Documents to be in conformity with the Core Strategy
<b>Geographical Coverage</b>	Borough-wide

#### **Timetable**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Commencement of document preparation	April 2006
Early Stakeholder & Community Engagement	July to November 2006
Public Participation: Preferred Options & Proposals	July/August 2007
Date For Submission To SoS	May 2008
Pre Examination Meeting	October 2008
Examination	January 2009
Estimated Date For Adoption & Publication	May 2009

#### **Arrangements for Production**

<b>Organisational Lead</b>	Council's Head of Planning Services.
<b>Management Arrangements</b>	The Council's Director of Regeneration and Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development matters) to approve early stakeholder and community engagement.
<b>(NB Provisional pending the implementation of required changes to the Council's constitution).</b>	Cabinet approval required for consultation on issues and options, preferred options and proposals, and submission to the Secretary of State. Council's Economy and Employment Scrutiny Committee will be able to scrutinise decisions made at each stage. Full Council Resolution required for adoption stage.
<b>Internal Resources</b>	Strategic Planning Manager and team plus administrative and IT/GIS technical support. Additional input from other teams such as community planning, housing strategy, economic development, transportation, sports/leisure and regeneration.
<b>External Resources</b>	Environmental Advisory Service to provide advice on specialist environmental matters. Facilitators to run focus groups with stakeholders. Consultants to be engaged as and when necessary to update the evidence base (such as the urban capacity study, housing needs assessment, open space study, retail/town centres study and habitat survey). Consultants may be engaged to assist with and validate ongoing Sustainability appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment work.
<b>Stakeholder Resources</b>	Knowsley Partnership (LSP), Community Empowerment Network and Area Forums to attend meetings and focus groups, and provide key link to community planning. Development Industry expertise. Knowsley Voice Citizens Panel.
<b>Community &amp; Stakeholder Involvement</b>	Prior to consultation on options, specific and general consultation bodies will be canvassed for their views on issues and advice will be sought from the Knowsley Partnership, other stakeholder groups and possibly the Knowsley Voice on realistic and reasonable options. Stakeholder will also be consulted at the submission stage.

#### **Post Production**

<b>Monitoring &amp; Review Mechanisms</b>	Performance against key policy objectives is to be monitored annually. Any necessary revisions to policy are to be progressed through a subsequent review of the Core Strategy.
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**Appendix 3**      **Profile of each Local development Document**  
Document Title: **Proposals Map (and Inset Maps)**

**Overview**

<b>Role &amp; Content</b>	Will identify specific sites allocated for development and areas to which different Development Plan Document policies will apply. Will be updated each time a new Development Plan Document is produced.
<b>Status</b>	Development Plan Document
<b>Chain of Conformity</b>	Must be in conformity with the Core Strategy and other Development Plan Documents
<b>Geographical Coverage</b>	Borough-wide

**Timetable**

Will coincide with the production of other Development Plan Documents.

**Arrangements for Production**

Will coincide with arrangements for the production of other Development Plan Documents.

**Post Production**

<b>Monitoring &amp; Review Mechanisms</b>	Will coincide with the monitoring and review of other Development Plan Documents.
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**Appendix 3**      **Profile of each Local development Document**  
 Document Title:    **Release of Land for Housing Development**

**Overview**

<b>Role &amp; Content</b>	To describe how the policy on the release of land for housing development will operate.
<b>Status</b>	Supplementary Planning Document
<b>Chain of Conformity</b>	Will provide guidance on the application of policy H1 of the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan: revised draft replacement Plan December 2004
<b>Geographical Coverage</b>	Borough-wide

**Timetable**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Public Participation: Draft SPD	Draft SPD to be made subject to consultation in July/August 2006
Estimated Date For Adoption & Publication	October 2006

**Arrangements for Production**

<b>Organisational Lead</b>	Council's Head of Planning Services
<b>Management Arrangements</b> (NB Provisional pending the implementation of required changes to the Council's constitution).	Cabinet approval required for the consultation draft and final SPD. Council's Economy and Employment Scrutiny Committee will be able to scrutinise decisions made at each stage.
<b>Internal Resources</b>	Strategic Planning Manager and team plus administrative and IT/GIS technical support.
<b>External Resources</b>	Consultants have already been engaged to provide parts of the evidence base (including the urban capacity study, and housing needs assessment)  Consultants will be brought in to assist with and validate ongoing SA/SEA work.
<b>Stakeholder Resources</b>	Knowsley Partnership and other stakeholder groups (particularly those partners with an interest in the subject matter of this SPD).  Developer interests.
<b>Community &amp; Stakeholder Involvement</b>	Draft SPD made subject to consultation as set out in the Regulations, and by direct contact with key stakeholder groups.

**Post Production**

<b>Monitoring &amp; Review Mechanisms</b>	Performance against key policy objectives is to be monitored annually. Any necessary revisions to policy are to be progressed through a subsequent review of the document.
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## **Appendix 3      Profile of each Local development Document**

Document Title: **North Huyton Action Area**

### **Overview**

<b>Role &amp; Content</b>	To describe the location, uses and phasing of development within the North Huyton Action Area.
<b>Status</b>	Supplementary Planning Document
<b>Chain of Conformity</b>	Will provide guidance on policy H6 of the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan: revised draft replacement Plan December 2004
<b>Geographical Coverage</b>	North Huyton Action Area

### **Timetable**

#### **Stage**

Public Participation: Draft SPD

Estimated Date For Adoption & Publication

#### **Dates**

Draft SPD to be made subject to consultation in May/June 2006

August 2006

### **Arrangements for Production**

<b>Organisational Lead</b>	Council's Head of Planning Services
<b>Management Arrangements</b>	The Council's Director of Regeneration and Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development matters) to approve draft SPD.
<b>(NB Provisional pending the implementation of required changes to the Council's constitution).</b>	Cabinet approval required for the final SPD. Council's Economy and Employment Scrutiny Committee will be able to scrutinise decisions made at each stage.
<b>Internal Resources</b>	Strategic Planning Manager and team plus administrative and IT/GIS technical support.
<b>External Resources</b>	Developer partners to be appointed to finalise master planning exercise. Consultants will be brought in to assist with and validate ongoing SA/SEA work.
<b>Stakeholder Resources</b>	North Huyton Area Forum North New Deal New Future Board. Knowsley Partnership and other stakeholder groups (particularly those partners with an interest in the subject matter of this SPD). Developer interests.
<b>Community &amp; Stakeholder Involvement</b>	Draft SPD made subject to consultation as set out in the Regulations, and by direct contact with key stakeholder groups.

### **Post Production**

<b>Monitoring &amp; Review Mechanisms</b>	Performance against key policy objectives is to be monitored annually. Any necessary revisions to policy are to be progressed through a subsequent review of the document.
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## **Appendix 3      Profile of each Local development Document**

Document Title: **Tower Hill (Kirkby) Action Area**

### **Overview**

<b>Role &amp; Content</b>	To describe the location, uses and phasing of development within the Tower Hill, Kirkby Action Area.
<b>Status</b>	Supplementary Planning Document
<b>Chain of Conformity</b>	Will provide guidance on policy H6 of the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan: revised draft replacement Plan December 2004
<b>Geographical Coverage</b>	Tower Hill, Kirkby Action Area

### **Timetable**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Public Participation: Draft SPD	Draft SPD to be made subject to consultation in May/June 2006
Estimated Date For Adoption & Publication	August 2006

### **Arrangements for Production**

<b>Organisational Lead</b>	Council's Head of Planning Services
<b>Management Arrangements</b>	The Council's Director of Regeneration and Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development matters) to approve draft SPD.
<b>(NB Provisional pending the implementation of required changes to the Council's constitution).</b>	Cabinet approval required for the final SPD. Council's Economy and Employment Scrutiny Committee will be able to scrutinise decisions made at each stage.
<b>Internal Resources</b>	Strategic Planning Manager and team plus administrative and IT/GIS technical support.
<b>External Resources</b>	Developer partners to be appointed to finalise master planning exercise. Consultants will be brought in to assist with and validate ongoing SA/SEA work.
<b>Stakeholder Resources</b>	North Kirkby Area Forum. Knowsley Partnership and other stakeholder groups (particularly those partners with an interest in the subject matter of this SPD). Developer interests.
<b>Community &amp; Stakeholder Involvement</b>	Draft SPD to be made subject to consultation as set out in the Regulations, and by direct contact with key stakeholder groups.

### **Post Production**

<b>Monitoring &amp; Review Mechanisms</b>	Performance against key policy objectives is to be monitored annually. Any necessary revisions to policy are to be progressed through a subsequent review of the document.
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## **Appendix 3      Profile of each Local development Document**

Document Title: **Kirkby Town Centre Action Area**

### **Overview**

<b>Role &amp; Content</b>	To describe the location, uses and phasing of development within the Kirkby Town Centre Action Area.
<b>Status</b>	Supplementary Planning Document
<b>Chain of Conformity</b>	Will provide guidance on policy S4 of the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan: revised draft replacement Plan December 2004
<b>Geographical Coverage</b>	Kirkby town centre

### **Timetable**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Public Participation: Draft SPD	Draft SPD to be made subject to consultation in May/June 2006
Estimated Date For Adoption & Publication	August 2006

### **Arrangements for Production**

<b>Organisational Lead</b>	Council's Head of Planning Services
<b>Management Arrangements</b>	The Council's Director of Regeneration and Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development matters) to approve draft SPD.
<b>(NB Provisional pending the implementation of required changes to the Council's constitution).</b>	Cabinet approval required for the final SPD. Council's Economy and Employment Scrutiny Committee will be able to scrutinise decisions made at each stage.
<b>Internal Resources</b>	Strategic Planning Manager and team plus administrative and IT/GIS technical support.
<b>External Resources</b>	Developer partners to be appointed to finalise master planning exercise. Consultants will be brought in to assist with and validate ongoing SA/SEA work.
<b>Stakeholder Resources</b>	North Kirkby Area Forum. Knowsley Partnership and other stakeholder groups (particularly those partners with an interest in the subject matter of this SPD). Developer interests.
<b>Community &amp; Stakeholder Involvement</b>	Draft SPD to be made subject to consultation as set out in the Regulations, and by direct contact with key stakeholder groups.

### **Post Production**

<b>Monitoring &amp; Review Mechanisms</b>	Performance against key policy objectives is to be monitored annually. Any necessary revisions to policy are to be progressed through a subsequent review of the document.
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### **Appendix 3**

### **Profile of each Local development Document**

Document Title:

### **Public Open Space Standards and Requirements for New Developments**

#### **Overview**

<b>Role &amp; Content</b>	To describe how the policies for the protection/enhancement of the greenspace and playing pitches in the draft replacement Unitary Development Plan will operate.
<b>Status</b>	Supplementary Planning Document
<b>Chain of Conformity</b>	Will provide guidance on policies OS1 to OS5 of the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan: revised draft replacement Plan December 2004
<b>Geographical Coverage</b>	Borough-wide

#### **Timetable**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Public Participation: Draft SPD	Draft SPD to be made subject to consultation in November/December 2006
Estimated Date For Adoption & Publication	February 2007

#### **Arrangements for Production**

<b>Organisational Lead</b>	Council's Head of Planning Services
<b>Management Arrangements</b>	The Council's Director of Regeneration and Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development matters) to approve draft SPD.
<b>(NB Provisional pending the implementation of required changes to the Council's constitution).</b>	Cabinet approval required for the final SPD. Council's Economy and Employment Scrutiny Committee will be able to scrutinise decisions made at each stage.
<b>Internal Resources</b>	Strategic Planning Manager and team plus administrative and IT/GIS technical support.
<b>External Resources</b>	Consultants have already been engaged to provide an open space needs assessment and strategy. Consultants will be brought in to assist with and validate ongoing SA/SEA work.
<b>Stakeholder Resources</b>	Knowsley Partnership and other stakeholder groups (particularly those partners with an interest in the subject matter of this SPD). Developer interests.
<b>Community &amp; Stakeholder Involvement</b>	Draft SPD made subject to consultation as set out in the Regulations, and by direct contact with key stakeholder groups.

#### **Post Production**

<b>Monitoring &amp; Review Mechanisms</b>	Performance against key policy objectives is to be monitored annually. Any necessary revisions to policy are to be progressed through a subsequent review of the document.
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**Appendix 3**      **Profile of each Local development Document**  
 Document Title:    **Householder Developments**

**Overview**

<b>Role &amp; Content</b>	To provide further guidance on proposals for extensions and alterations to residential properties.
<b>Status</b>	Supplementary Planning Document
<b>Chain of Conformity</b>	Will provide guidance on policy H11 of the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan: revised draft replacement Plan December 2004
<b>Geographical Coverage</b>	Borough-wide

**Timetable**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Public Participation: Draft SPD	Draft SPD to be made subject to consultation in November/December 2006
Estimated Date For Adoption & Publication	February 2007

**Arrangements for Production**

<b>Organisational Lead</b>	Council's Head of Planning Services
<b>Management Arrangements</b>	The Council's Director of Regeneration and Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development matters) to approve draft SPD.
<b>(NB Provisional pending the implementation of required changes to the Council's constitution).</b>	Cabinet approval required for the final SPD. Council's Economy and Employment Scrutiny Committee will be able to scrutinise decisions made at each stage.
<b>Internal Resources</b>	Strategic Planning Manager and team plus administrative and IT/GIS technical support.
<b>External Resources</b>	Consultants will be brought in to assist with and validate ongoing SA/SEA work.
<b>Stakeholder Resources</b>	Agents involved regularly in submission of householder planning applications. Other stakeholders.
<b>Community &amp; Stakeholder Involvement</b>	Draft SPD made subject to consultation as set out in the Regulations, and by direct contact with key stakeholder groups.

**Post Production**

<b>Monitoring &amp; Review Mechanisms</b>	Performance against key policy objectives is to be monitored annually. Any necessary revisions to policy are to be progressed through a subsequent review of the document.
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**Appendix 3**      **Profile of each Local development Document**  
 Document Title:    **Design Quality in New Development**

**Overview**

<b>Role &amp; Content</b>	To provide further guidance promoting high quality design in new developments including sections covering topics such as Eco-Homes, Housing, Industrial, Shop Fronts / Advertisements, Rural Development, Trees & Landscaping, Access for the Less Mobile, and Designing out Crime.
<b>Status</b>	Supplementary Planning Document
<b>Chain of Conformity</b>	Will provide guidance on policy DQ1 of the Knowsley Unitary Development Plan: revised draft replacement Plan December 2004
<b>Geographical Coverage</b>	Borough-wide

**Timetable**

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Public Participation: Draft SPD	Draft SPD to be made subject to consultation in March/April 2007
Estimated Date For Adoption & Publication	June 2007

**Arrangements for Production**

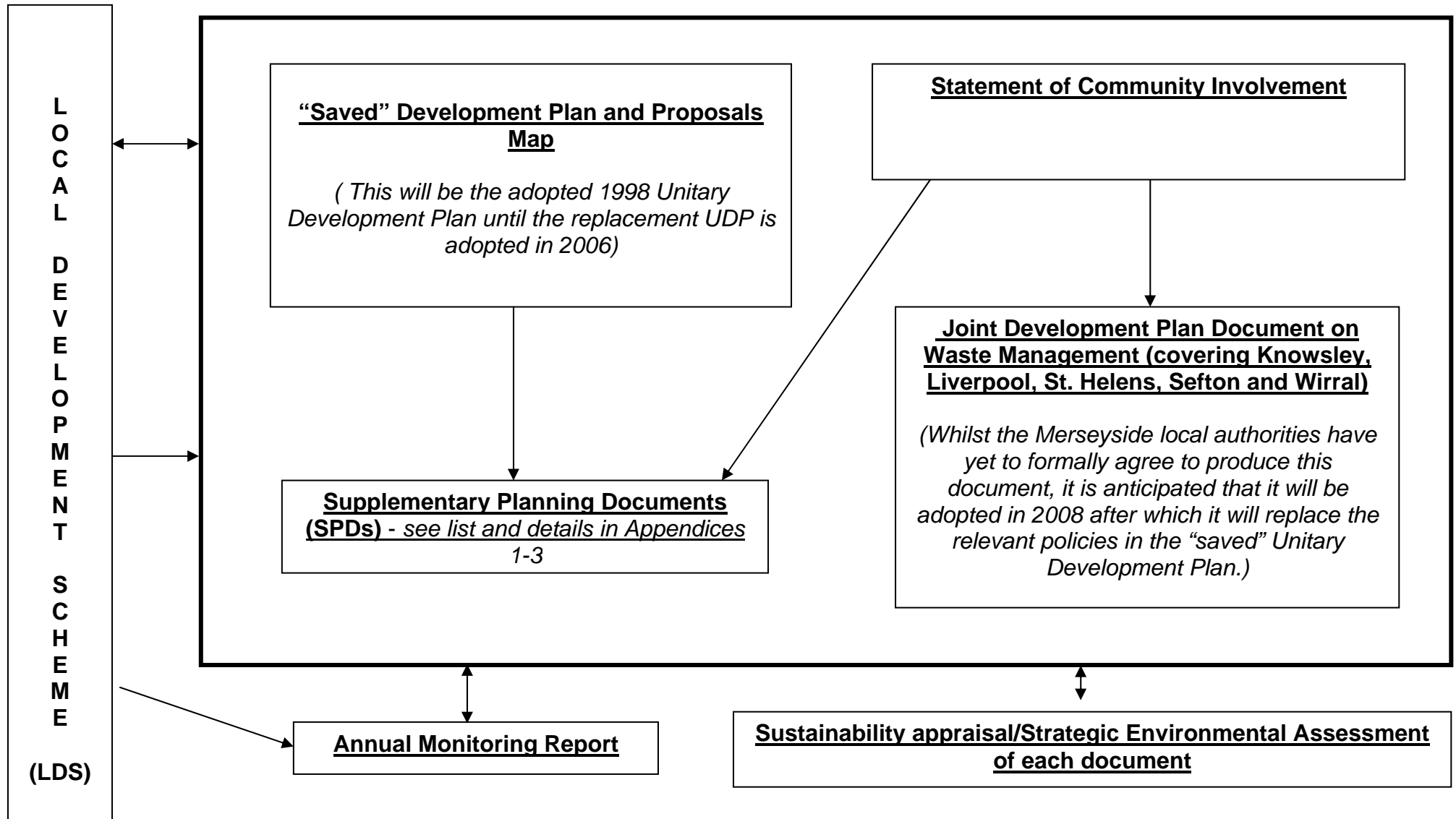
<b>Organisational Lead</b>	Council's Head of Planning Services
<b>Management Arrangements</b>	The Council's Director of Regeneration and Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development matters) to approve draft SPD.
<b>(NB Provisional pending the implementation of required changes to the Council's constitution).</b>	Cabinet approval required for the final SPD. Council's Economy and Employment Scrutiny Committee will be able to scrutinise decisions made at each stage.
<b>Internal Resources</b>	Strategic Planning Manager and team plus administrative and IT/GIS technical support.
<b>External Resources</b>	Consultants have already been engaged to provide a Design Guide for Knowsley. Consultants will be brought in to assist with and validate ongoing SA/SEA work.
<b>Stakeholder Resources</b>	Knowsley Partnership and other stakeholder groups (particularly those partners with an interest in the subject matter of this SPD). Developer interests.
<b>Community &amp; Stakeholder Involvement</b>	Draft SPD made subject to consultation as set out in the Regulations, and by direct contact with key stakeholder groups.

**Post Production**

<b>Monitoring &amp; Review Mechanisms</b>	Performance against key policy objectives is to be monitored annually. Any necessary revisions to policy are to be progressed through a subsequent review of the document.
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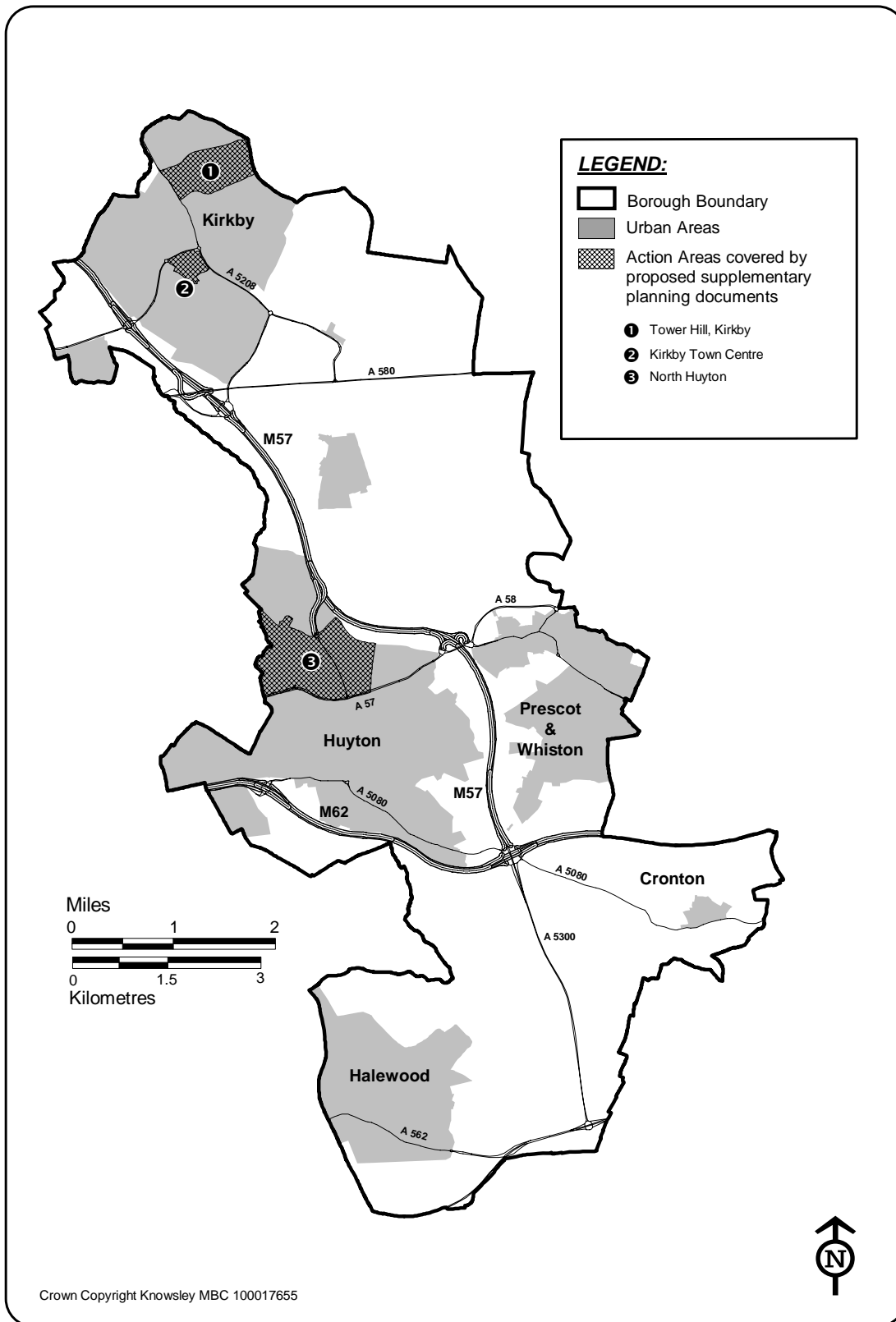
## APPENDIX 4) STRUCTURE OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) - PRE 2009

(Note - this diagram will be superseded when the new Core Strategy is adopted in 2009).



**APPENDIX 5)**

**GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE OF PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTS**



All proposed Local Development Documents will cover the whole of Knowsley apart from those shown on this map, which only cover parts of the Borough.