

Carlisle City Council

Authority Monitoring Report 2020/2021

Local Development Scheme

Current LDS published: June 2019

Documents:

- **St Cuthbert's Local Plan**
Currently being updated following consultation in November 2020. Next stage will be formal publication consultation (Reg 19). LDS scheduled Reg 19 consultation for July 2020, but it is now anticipated for Summer 2022. Delay has been caused by the need to commission several technical studies to address identified gaps in the evidence base following on from the St Cuthbert's Masterplan work.
- **Carlisle District Local Plan 2015- 2030 Review**
The 2017 Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations require LPAs to review a local plan every five years in accordance with section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. LPAs must complete a review of their local plans. Review is underway. LDS scheduled this for September 2020, however it is now anticipated that this will be completed by the end of December 2021. Delays have been a necessary result of the need to prioritise work on the St Cuthbert's Local Plan.
- **St Cuthbert's Strategic Design Supplementary Planning Document**
Adopted 6 April 2021. This document was identified as a requirement, produced, and adopted before the LDS could be updated to include reference to it.

Net Housing Completions (from date of adoption of Local Plan Nov 2016):

Year	Net Completions	Net affordable Completions
2016/17	541	140
2017/18	505	66
2018/19	625	85
2019/20	663	151
2020/21	471	170
Total	2,805	612

Neighbourhood Plans

There is currently one adopted Neighbourhood Plan in Carlisle District. The Dalston Parish Neighbourhood Plan was adopted in February 2018 and is therefore part of the development plan for all proposals within the boundary of Dalston Parish.

Duty to Cooperate

The Cumbrian Authorities, including their immediate neighbours and Cumbria County Council have a long-standing culture of working together through the forum of the District Planning Officers' Group

(DPOG), which meets 3 times a year. This group is made up of representatives from all the Cumbrian District Councils, the County Council, and neighbouring local authorities in Northumberland, Lancashire and across the border in Dumfriesshire. Planning policy officers come together quarterly to share good practice and seek to achieve a joined-up approach across the county on policy development, evidence and monitoring.

Specific areas of joined up working include the following:

- **Solway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)**
Boundary crosses Carlisle and Allerdale administrative boundaries. Joint working arrangements are well established. Steering group regularly meets and includes officers from both authorities and Cumbria County Council as well as from Natural England and the Solway Firth Partnership. A joint strategic policy for the AONB was adopted as part of the Allerdale and Carlisle Local Plans. This policy continues to be implemented and its effectiveness monitored. The AONB itself is subject to a management plan which has recently been reviewed and updated by the steering group to cover the period 2020 – 2025.
- **North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)**
Boundary crosses Carlisle, Eden, Northumberland and Durham. Joint working arrangements are well established. Steering group regularly meets and includes officers from all authorities and Cumbria County Council as well as from Natural England. A joint strategic policy for the AONB was adopted by all planning authorities in the group as part of their Local Plans. The AONB itself is subject to a management plan which has recently been reviewed and updated by the steering group to cover the period 2019 – 2024.
- **Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site**
WHS crosses through neighbouring authorities of Allerdale and Northumberland. A joint strategic policy for the WHS has been adopted in the Carlisle District Local Plan 2015-2030 and by Allerdale and Northumberland.
- **Gypsy Traveller Accommodation Assessment**
Countywide needs assessment involving all Cumbrian authorities, including the County Council to establish what accommodation requirements of the gypsy and traveller community within the County, including the identification of traveller sites and pitches. Work on the GTAA is ongoing and due to be completed by the end of 2021.
- **Local Nature Recovery Strategy**
Strategy to restore and link up habitats so that species can thrive, and agree the best places to help nature recover, plant trees, restore peatland, mitigate flood and fire risk, and create green spaces for local people to enjoy. With an agreed LNRS in place, the nature recovery work of everyone in Cumbria - from the designated landscapes and large conservation partnerships, to farmers, local businesses and community groups - can help to deliver a bigger, better and more joined up nature recovery network across the whole of the county. Cumbria was chosen as one of five pilot areas nationally to trial the development of a LNRS. The project included mapping existing sites and habitats, identifying priority outcomes, and mapping suitable locations for the delivery of these measures. This work together with a Local Habitat Map and Statement of Biodiversity Priorities forms the LNRS for Cumbria. A pilot area team was set up who acted as a steering group for the delivery of the LNRS. This included a representative from each of the local planning authorities in Cumbria, and both National Park Authorities. The group also included a representative from Cumbria Local Nature Partnership, the Cumbria LEP, Natural England, The Environment

Agency and the Forestry Commission. The draft LNRS was submitted in May 2021 to DeFRA whilst the final LNRS was adopted in June 2021.

- **Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal**

Launched in 2017 the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal partnership is made up of Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Northumberland County Council and Scottish Borders Council. September 2017 saw the setting of a vision 'The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Proposition' with a formal proposal being submitted to the UK and Scottish Governments in September 2018, and the Partnership welcoming a £345 million deal in March 2019. There are six key programmes in the deal covering digital; Borderlands energy; destination Borderlands; quality of place, knowledge exchange network and business infrastructure programme. The four place-based projects, including the Carlisle Station Gateway Project, have cross boundary benefits.