

Sefton Council



Local Development Scheme 2022-2025

Effective from 1 October 2022

This is Sefton’s Local Development Scheme for 2022-25. This replaces the Local Development Scheme of 1 March 2022.

A Local Development Scheme is required under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). This must specify (among other matters) the development plan documents (i.e. local plans) which, when prepared, will comprise part of the development plan for the area.

Local Plan

The Sefton Local Plan was adopted in April 2017. The National Planning Policy Framework states policies in local plans should be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every 5 years, and should then be updated as necessary.

The current Local Plan is currently up-to-date. However, to be considered up-to-date beyond April 2022, a review of the Sefton Local Plan will need to be undertaken.

It is proposed that a review of the Local Plan will be commence later this year (2022). The reason for the delay is to enable the Council to undertake a new Employment Land and Premises Study, which is integral to the review the Local Plan. The findings of the review will determine if all or part of the Local Plan will need replacing. The results of the review will be published prior to April 2023. If this review identifies a need to update all or part of the Local Plan this will result in an update to this Local Development Scheme. If the review concludes that the Local Plan remains up-to-date then the Council will publish a statement to that effect but with a commitment to review this conclusion each year.

Council undertake review of Local Plan	October 2022 – February 2023
Council publish findings of review of Local Plan	March 2023

Bootle Area Action Plan

Sefton Council is developing a Bootle Action Area Plan (AAP) Development Plan Document to guide the development and investment strategy for the wider Bootle area (see proposed area at **Annex 1**). Once adopted it will form part of the Development Plan for Sefton alongside the Local Plan. It is likely to cover a range of issues that have a land use component but can also look to address wider factors that influence the quality of place in which people live, work, shop, socialise, undertake leisure activities and visit.

The table below sets out the key stages in the preparation of the Bootle AAP when engagement will occur. These timescales have slipped a little since the previously published Local Development Scheme to reflect the delay in commencing with Issues and Options and the need to commission studies to look at Employment Land in Bootle.

Issues and Options consultation	November 2021 – January 2022 (completed)
Preferred Option Consultation	May – July 2023
AAP Publication - Comments sought	November 2023 – January 2024
AAP Examination	March 2024

Supplementary Planning Documents

The Council has a range of existing Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and Information Notes. These set out how policies in the Local Plan will be applied. The SPDs and Information Notes with an (*) will be replaced or updated by the forthcoming SPDs below.

The current SPDs and Information Notes that have been approved by the Council are:

- Affordable Housing and Special Needs Housing and Housing Mix SPD*
- Control of Hot Food Takeaways and Betting Shops SPD
- Crosby Centre SPD
- Design SPD
- Flats and HMOs SPD*
- House Extensions SPD*
- Landscape Character SPD
- Land East of Maghull SPD
- Nature Conservation SPD and Information Note
- New Housing SPD*
- Open Space SPD
- Shopfronts, Security and Signage SPD
- Southport Seafront SPG*
- Sustainable Travel and Development SPD
- Contributions to Education Provision Information Note*
- Development in Mineral Safeguarding Areas Information Note
- Sustainable Drainage System and Flood Risk Information Note

These can be viewed at <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/planning-building-control/planning-policy-including-local-plan-and-neighbourhood-planning/adopted-supplementary-planning-documentsguidance/>

The Council are in the process of producing a number of new or replacement SPD/information notes in the period 2022-23. These are:

- Affordable and Special Needs Housing SPD
- Conversions to Flats and HMOs SPD
- House Extensions SPD
- New Housing SPD
- Social Value SPD
- Contributions to Education Provision Information Note

Neighbourhood Plans

There are currently three made (i.e. adopted) Neighbourhood Plans in Sefton: Maghull; Lydiate; and Formby and Little Altcar. A map showing the areas the Neighbourhood Plans cover is in **Annex 2**.

Melling Parish Council had their parish area designated as a neighbourhood planning area but have not progressed a Neighbourhood Plan to date.

There are no current plans for any other Neighbourhood Plans in Sefton. However, Maghull are considering a review of their current Neighbourhood Plan. If a review is proposed, the timetable of that review will be published and reflected in an update to this Local Development Scheme.

Spatial Development Strategy

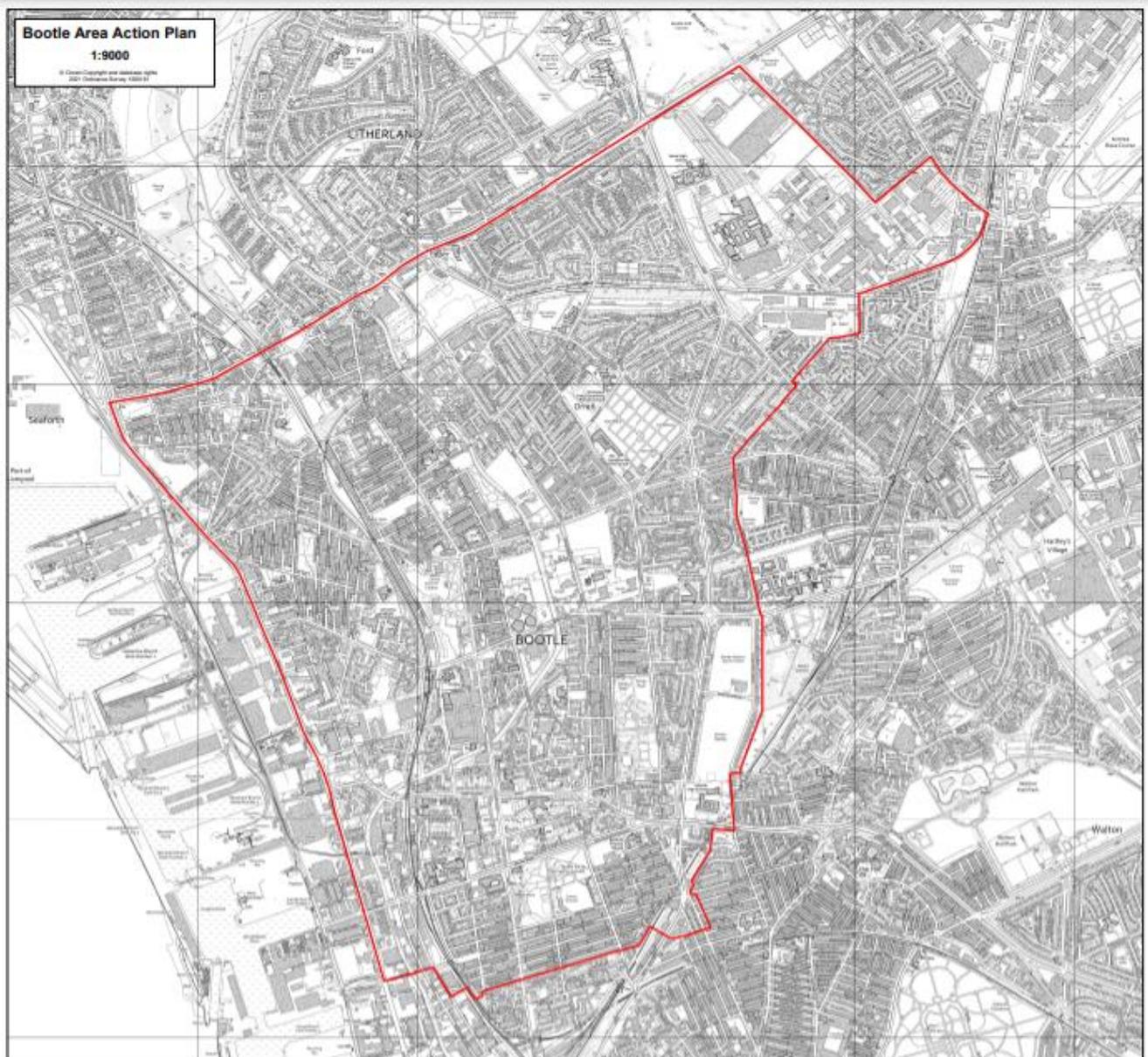
The Combined Authority of the Liverpool City is working on a Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) in partnership with each of the constituent Local Authorities. These are Knowsley, Halton, Liverpool, Wirral, St Helens and Sefton.

Early engagement has been undertaken in the SDS and it is expected further engagement will be undertaken later this year (2022-3).

Once adopted the SDS will form part of the development plan for each of the constituent authorities, including Sefton. Further information can be found at

<https://www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/housing-and-spatial-planning/>

Annex 1 Bootle Area Action Plan Area (in Issues and Options)



Annex 2 Made Neighbourhood Plan areas

