

## **Local Development Scheme Summary for Exec Board 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

This is the fifth LDS to be prepared by the Council and it sets out the 3 year work programme for the Planning Division. The LDS provides a timetable for each of the 22 planning policy documents programmed still to be produced (7 documents have already been adopted). These planning policy documents will steadily take over the present role of the Unitary Development Plan. Together they will be called the 'Local Development Framework'.

There have been a few changes since the last LDS these include the inclusion of 3 new SPDs:

- **Daresbury Science and Innovation Campus**  
which will provide the framework to facilitate the continued development of the campus at Daresbury and to fulfil its potential as a 'knowledge nuclei site' as proposed by the Regional Spatial Strategy.
- **Local List**  
which will 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 designation. This SPD will fulfil a commitment in Policy BE15 of the UDP.
- **Affordable Housing**  
Following on from the Housing Needs Study, which identified a need for affordable housing in Halton, this SPD will define the policy for securing the necessary contributions from suitable residential developments towards meeting the identified unmet affordable housing needs in the Borough. The policy will first need to be put in place by the Core Strategy and this SPD will follow.

There has been changes to the timetabling of several documents within the LDS as highlighted in section 3 of the LDS. The main reasons are:

- The time needed to prepare a robust evidence base to support the planning policies such as a strategic housing land availability assessment and joint employment land study.
- To ensure 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 LDF.

This now means that the Core Strategy will be adopted in late 2011, with other more detailed site allocation documents being adopted in 2013.