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I Introduction

- 1.1 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).
- 1.2 The Planning White Paper published by the government in May 2007 made a number of proposals to streamline the preparation of Local Development Frameworks (LDFs).
- 1.3 Detailed streamlining proposals were set out in a consultation document published by Communities and Local Government in November 2007 which sought the views of the general public on proposed amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 and on a new version of Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Development Frameworks (PPS12).
- 1.4 A revised PPS12 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Development)(England) Regulations 2008 came into force on 27th June 2008. The revised regulations main purpose is to simplify the procedures to be followed by all local planning authorities throughout England in preparing or revising Development Plan Documents. Whilst the four main stages of development plan production are to remain the same, pre-production, production, examination and adoption, the sub stages within them have been subject to change. Revised PPS 12 also makes some additional requirements in terms of incorporating a Delivery Strategy into the Core Strategy. This will need to set out how much development is intended to happen, where, when and by what means it will be delivered. Additionally, the 'tests of soundness' of a Core Strategy have also been revised within PPS 12 so that the document should be justified, effective and consistent with national policy. 'Justified' means that the document must be founded on a robust and credible evidence base and be the most appropriate strategy when considered against the reasonable alternatives. 'Effective' means that the document must be deliverable, flexible and able to be monitored.
- 1.5 In addition, legislation is to be enacted in the form of a new Planning Bill (believed to be in early 2009) which is proposing the removal of the reporting of SPD progress from the LDS and removing the requirement for a sustainability appraisal in the production stages of an SPD.
- 1.6 This LDS forms the fifth LDS that has been prepared by Halton Borough Council and moves the preparation of the LDF forward for the next 3 years.
- 1.7 The LDS is a public statement of the Council's programme for the production of Local Development Documents (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.
- 1.8 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.

- 1.9 The LDS provides the work programme and timetable, and is crucial to the effective delivery and implementation of the individual LDDs.
- 1.10 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.
- 1.11 The Council have consulted with the Government Office for the North West in the development of the LDS, to ensure the timing of the examinations of the DPDs are appropriate.

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 the saved policies can be found in Section 6 on Page 22).

- 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; however the Planning

Act 2008 may remove the need for all SPDs to be subject to sustainability appraisal once enacted 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 Allocations DPD - 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
- Detailed Development 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 2007. 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. Issues and options consultation on the Core Strategy was undertaken between 27th July 2006 and 7th September 2006. However the Council were also concerned to complete the policy framework of the UDP with a number of supplementary planning documents particularly for the regeneration areas where the UDP does not provide detailed development control and land use policy. This followed closely behind the publication of the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy. In terms of the evidence base public consultation has also been undertaken, a 'Call for Sites' took place between 25th October and 6th December 2007 to inform both the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (public consultation - 10th November to 22nd December 2008), and a Joint Employment Land Study which is planned to go out to public consultation during January – March 2009.

3.3 The revised Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) upon which the Core Strategy is to be based was still in preparation up to September 2008 when the Secretary of State published the final version. The uncertainty over the final housing figures and the need to apportion the sub regional employment land allocation for Merseyside and Halton required a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment between Halton, St Helens and Warrington and an Employment, land and premises study between Halton, Sefton, Knowsley and West Lancashire Districts, to be undertaken. This work is now nearing completion and together with the recent publication of the RSS, the strategic policy context and a major part of the evidence base for the Core Strategy is now in place.

3.4 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
- A Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

- A Strategic Employment Land Availability Study and:
- A Landscape Character Assessment
- The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Halton

- 3.5 The LDF needs to be cognisant of the impact on the health needs of the local community and the proposals will consider options to improve the health needs of local people.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 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, the Affordable Housing SPD, and a Planning Obligations SPD.

Table 1: Development Plan Document Production Timetable

Title	Status	Description	Geographic Coverage	Conformity	Timetable							
					Consultation on the scope of the SA	Consultation Reg 25	Publication	Submission	Pre Hearing Meeting	Hearing Session Open	Receipt of Inspectors Report	Adoption
Core Strategy	DPD	Sets out the Vision, Sustainable Development Statement, Objectives and Strategy for the spatial development area.	Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5 Map 1)	General Conformity with the RSS and PPGs/PPSs	24th Mar – 28th April 2006	Sept - Oct 2009	Sept 2010	Dec 2010	Feb 2011	April 2011	July 2011	Oct 2011
					Dates changed from LDS 2007							
Site Allocations	DPD	To Allocate Sites for development and/or protection	Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5 Map 1)	General Conformity with the RSS and PPGs/PPSs and Core Strategy DPD	June 2010	Oct 2011	Oct 2012	Jan 2013	Mar 2013	May 2013	Aug 2013	Nov 2013
					Dates changed from LDS 2007							
Detailed Development Policy	DPD	To Provide a set of criteria based development management policies to guide development within the Borough	Whole of the Borough (See Appendix 5 Map 1)	General Conformity with RSS and PPGs/PPSs and Core Strategy DPD	June 2010	Oct 2011	Oct 2012	Jan 2013	Mar 2013	May 2013	Aug 2013	Nov 2013
					Dates changed from LDS 2007							
Joint Merseyside Waste	DPD	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 and Wirral	General Conformity with RSS and PPGs/PPSs and Core Strategy DPD	31st Dec 2006- Jan 2007	June - Jul 2009	Feb 2010	Apr 2010	Jun 2010	Aug - Sept 2010	Feb 2011	May 2011
					Dates changed from LDS 2007							
Widnes Town Centre Area Action Plan	DPD	Provides the context for the future development of Widnes Town Centre	As shown on Map 4 (See Appendix 5)	General Conformity with RSS and PPGs/PPSs. Linked to saved UDP Policy TCI TC4.	Jun 2010	Oct 2011	Oct 2012	Jan 2013	Mar 2013	May 2013	Aug 2013	Nov 2013
					Dates changed from LDS 2007							

Table 2: Supplementary Planning Development Production Timetable

Title	Status	Description	Geographic Coverage	Conformity	Timetable				
					Preparation of Draft SPD	SA Scoping Report	Public Participation of Draft SPD	Consideration of Representations	Adoption and Publication
Halebank Regeneration Area	SPD	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.	Jul 2004	17th Jun – 22nd Jul 2005	3rd Nov – 15th Dec 2005	Jan-Feb 2006	Apr 2010
					Dates changed from LDS 2007				
Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park	SPD	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	Feb 2005	17th Jun – 22nd Jul 2005	3rd Nov – 15th Dec 2005	Jan - Feb 2006	Feb 2009
					Dates changed from LDS 2007				
Provision of Open Space	SPD	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.	Jul 2005	29th Sep – 3rd Nov 2005	Mar – April 2009	May 2009	July 2009
					The dates for this document have changed from the LDS 2007 due to the need for a third Public Consultation: March – April 2009.				
Halton Lea Town Centre Strategy	SPD	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 TC1 & TC4.	Feb 07	June - July 2011	Jan – Feb 2012	Mar Jun 2012	Aug 2012
					Dates changed from LDS 2007				
Runcorn Town Centre Strategy	SPD	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 TC1, TC4 and TC10	July 2005	24th Nov – 2nd Jan 2009	Mar – Apr 2009	May20 09	Sep – Oct 2009
					Dates changed from LDS 2007				
Sandymoor	SPD	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	Jan 2006	2nd Feb- 16th Mar 2006	27th Mar-8th May 2008	June – Dec 2008	Feb 2009
					Dates changed from LDS 2007				

Title	Status	Description	Geographic Coverage	Conformity	Timetable				
					Preparation of Draft SPD	SA Scoping Report	Public Participation of Draft SPD	Consideration of Representations	Adoption and Publication
Design of New Residential Development	SPD	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.	Feb 2005	15th Feb – 22nd March 07	Mar – Apr 2009	May – Jul 2009	Sep 2009
Dates changed from LDS 2007									
Planning for Risk	SPD	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.	Jan 2005	21st Jun – 26th Jul 2007	23rd Jan – 6th Mar 2009	May – July 2009	Sept 2009
Dates changed from LDS 2007									
Southern Regeneration Area	SPD	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.	Feb 2007	12th Jul – 16th Aug 2007	Mar – April 2009	May 2009	Sep – Oct 2009
Dates changed from LDS 2007									
Transport & Accessibility	SPD	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.	Apr 2010	Aug – Sep 2010	Jan – Feb 2011	Mar – May 2011	Jul 2011
Dates changed from LDS 2007									
Daresbury Science & Innovation Campus	SPD	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.	Jan 2008	Feb – Mar 2009	Jan – Feb 2012	Mar – Jun 2012	Aug 2012
Dates changed from LDS 2007									
Runcorn & Weston Dock Regeneration Area	SPD	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.	Oct 2009	Apr 2010	Sep – Oct 2010	Nov – Dec 2010	Feb 2012

Title	Status	Description	Geographic Coverage	Conformity	Timetable				
					Preparation of Draft SPD	SA Scoping Report	Public Participation of Draft SPD	Consideration of Representations	Adoption and Publication
Greening the Legacy	SPD	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.	Sept 2011	Mar 2012	Aug – Sep 2012	Oct – Nov 2012	Jan 2013
Dates changed from LDS 2007									
Local List	SPD	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.	Oct 2011	Apr 2012	Sep – Oct 2012	Nov = Dec 2012	Feb 2013
Dates changed from LDS 2007									
Affordable Housing	SPD	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.	Oct 2009	Apr 2010	Sep – Oct 2010	Nov – Dec 2010	Nov 2011
Planning Obligations	SPD	Will define the policy for securing the necessary contributions from development.	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	Oct 2009	Apr 2010	Sep – Oct 2010	Nov – Dec 2010	Feb 2011

4 Timetable for LDD Production

- 4.1 The chart below (pages 17 – 20) 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 Allocations DPD.
- 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. As part of the old regulation 25 an issues and options consultation was undertaken between 27th July 2006 and 7th September 2006 This followed closely behind the publication of the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy. Public consultation has also taken place on the evidence base for the Core Strategy in the form of a 'Call for Sites' which took place between 25th October and 6th December 2007 and a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (10th November to 22nd December 2008). Further public consultation is planned for a Joint Employment Land Study.
- 4.5 Engagement has taken place with the general public, developers (including housebuilders as part of the SHLAA) and consultation utilising Halton's LDF consultation database and members of the Local Strategic Partnership have been regularly engaged throughout. 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. Public consultation on a preferred options document is planned for October 2009 with a series of roadshow events throughout the Borough.
- 4.6 The commencement of the Site Allocations DPD is due to commence in mid 2010. The Site Allocations DPD is programmed to be informed by the formative stages in Core Strategy preparation and consultation. The evidence base relation to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment will be updated and Issues and Options and Preferred Options consultations are planned. In relation to regulation 25 consultation the range of engagement will be of a similar order to the Core Strategy.
- 4.7 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. The following consultations have taken place in the preparation of the Waste DPD. Under old Regulation 25 there was a consultation on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for five weeks between December 2006 and January 2007. This was followed by a six week public consultation on the Issues and Options Report March to April 2007. Under new Regulation 25 there is a currently a public consultation on the Sites and Spatial Strategy Report running between 17th November 2008 and 16th January 2009.

4.8 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. Regulation 25 consultation will utilise some of the same consultation processes of the Site Allocations DPD as they are programmed to be produced at the same time. The AAP is likely to be underpinned be a master planning exercise, which will entail more geographically focussed engagement with town centre businesses, including a community engagement event at a venue within the town centre.

4.9 The Detailed Development Policy DPD will commence from the production of the Core Strategy, and commence in 2010. Engagement will take place with the general public, developers and consultants utilising Halton's LDF consultation database as well as members of the Local Strategic Partnership. Public consultation on an Issues and Preferred Options document is planned with a series of roadshow events

throughout the Borough to publicise this. It is possible that further DPDs or SPDs will follow on from the Core Strategy. These documents will be given further consideration in future LDS documents, when the Core Strategy is further progressed.

4.10 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).

4.11 Sufficient staff resources will be available to deliver the Scheme in the form of the Planning Division, officers from other Council sections and external consultants. Further details are given in Section 5.0.

4.12 The Unitary Development Plan (2005) Proposals Map will be updated and amended following the adoption of relevant DPDs, it will express geographically the DPD policies.

4.13 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.

4.14 The SA and SEA processes require the:

- Identification 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.

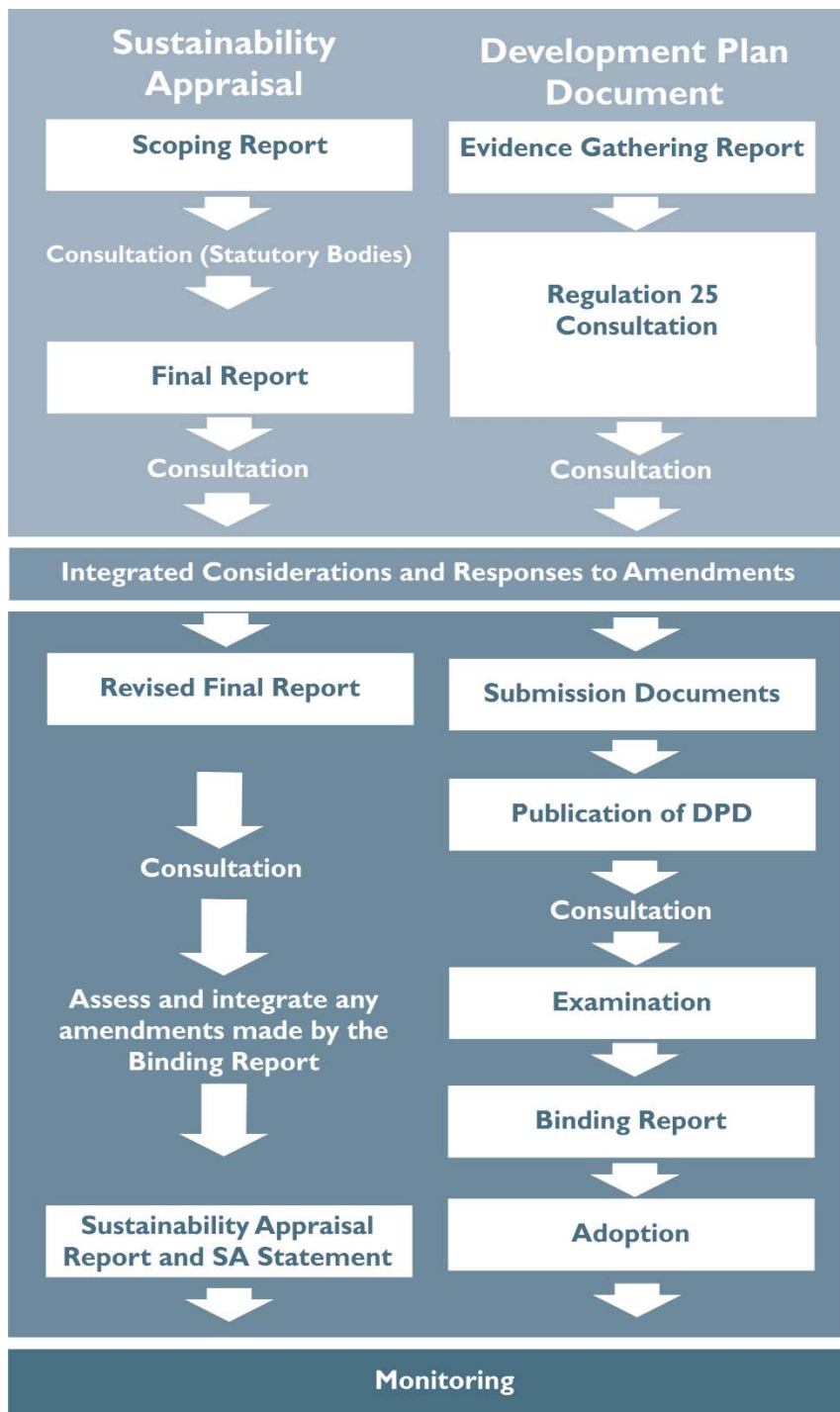
4.15 The documents within the LDF will also be subject to a Habitats Regulations Assessment and a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

4.16 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.

4.17 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 (DPD'S)

Saved Polices

Consultation on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal

Public Consultation - Regulation 25

Publication of the DPD

Submission

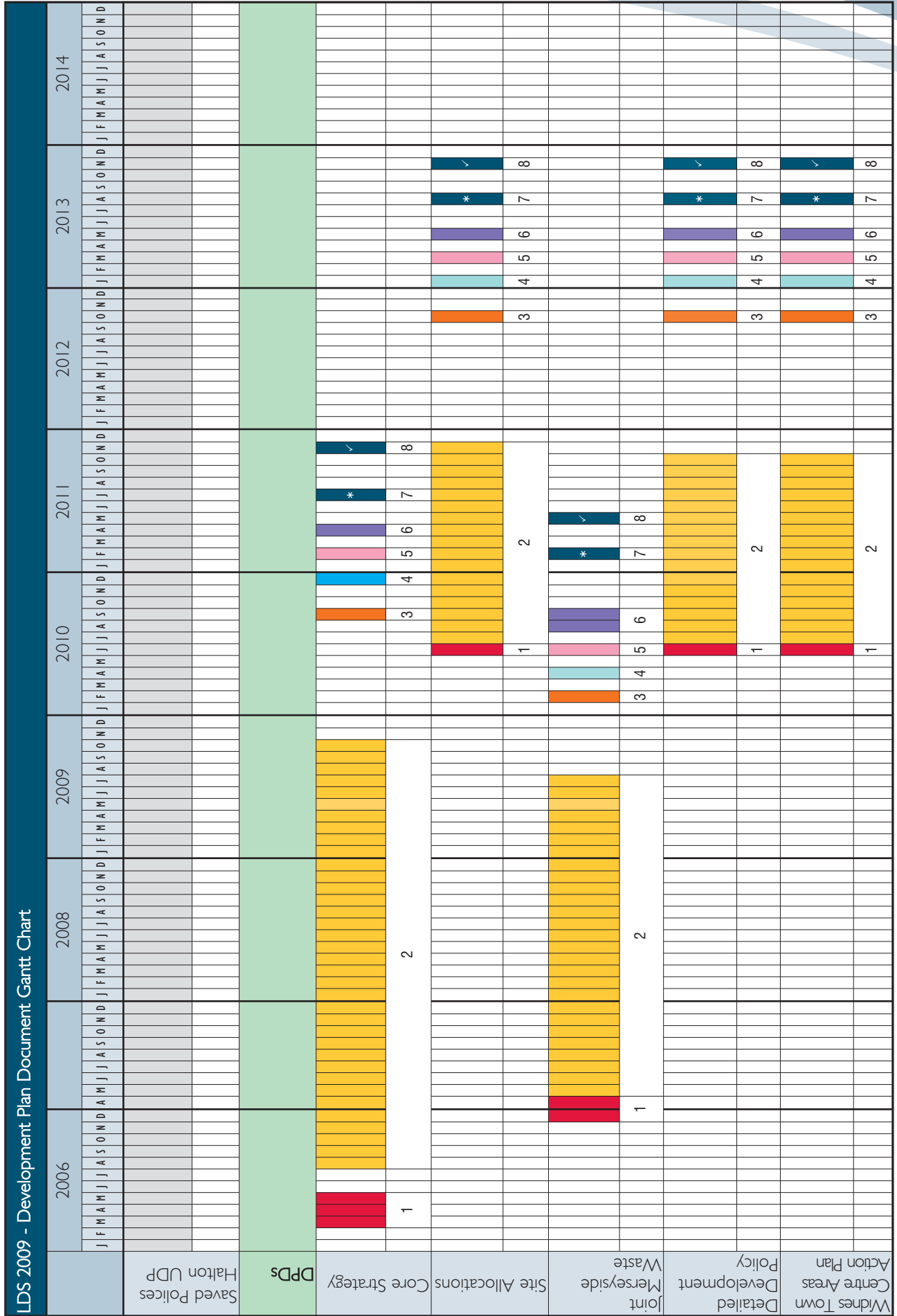
Pre Hearing Meeting

Hearing Session Open

Reciept of Inspectors report

Adoption





Key - Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD'S)

Commencement of Document preparation. 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



Preparation of draft supplementary planning document and sustainability appraisal report



Draft supplementary planning document and sustainability appraisal report issued for public participation



Consideration of consultation representations



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



5 Resources

5.1 The production of documents to form the Local Development Framework (LDF) will be lead by the Planning Division.

5.2 During 2008 delays in replacing staff due to budget saving requirements totalling 2 person years from a team of 5 Officers had led to delays in the production of the Core Strategy. A further source of delay has been staff time spent on the Housing Growth Point Bid for Halton, St.Helens and Warrington since October 2007 when an expression of interest was invited up to the submission of the Programme of Development in October 2008.

Despite these factors work has continued on the Core Strategy. A new work programme was agreed by the Council's Management Team on 7 October 2008 to set up a series of Officer Steering Group and Members' Local Development Framework Working Party meetings.

The experience of Core Strategy preparation to date has highlighted the need to set up a dedicated team, supported by Management and other expert officers and consultants, to ensure progress is maintained.

5.3 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.

5.4 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:

- Sandymoor SPD

- Planning for Risk SPD

- Southern Widnes SPD

- Runcorn Town Centre SPD

5.5 The Council is also working with the other Merseyside authorities to produce the Joint Merseyside Waste DPD. The Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service Waste Planning Team 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.

5.6 The Operational Director of Environmental & Regulatory Services has a strategic overview of the LDF production; the Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of the programme and the Principal Policy Planning Officer is responsible for the LDF project management and document production.

6 Saved Policies

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 was 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 following approval from the Secretary of State in March 2008, for longer than the three year period.'

6.3 The Secretary of State approved the schedule of saved policies found in appendix 4 on the 27th March 2008, however, as the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) are adopted, this schedule will be updated and reported in the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR).

6.4 The Council has demonstrated that the policies which are 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. The saved Policies comply with the following criteria:

(i) where appropriate, there is a clear central

- (ii) 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.

6.5 The Council's 'saved' policies are listed in the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). The AMR will continue to 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).

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, 2008)
 - Consulting the Communities of Halton 2008 (Halton Strategic Partnership, 2008)
 - Employment Baseline Data Report 2008 (Halton Borough Council, 2008)
 - Employment Baseline Monitoring Report (Halton Borough Council, 2008)
 - Employment Land Availability Register (Halton Borough Council, 2008)
 - Employment Land Availability Compendium 2008 (Halton Borough Council, 2008)
 - Halton Commercial Property Study (BE Group, 2006)
 - Halton Housing Requirements Study (The University of Manchester, 1999)
 - Halton Open Space Survey (PMP, 2005) (updated 2006)
 - Halton Retail Study (Herring Baker Harris, 1996)
 - Halton Retail Study Update (Chesterton, 2002)
 - Housing Baseline Monitoring Report (Halton Borough Council, 2008)
 - Housing Baseline Data Report 2008 (Halton Borough Council, 2008)
 - Housing Land Availability Compendium 2008 (Halton Borough Council, 2008)
 - Housing Needs Study (2006)
 - Local Centres Study (Chesterton, 1999)
 - Merseyside Urban Capacity Study (White Young Green, 2004)
 - Natural Assets Strategy (Halton Borough Council, 2007-2012)
 - NLUD Report 2008 (Halton Borough Council, 2008)
 - NLUD Compendium 2008 (Halton Borough Council, 2008)
 - Open Space Study (PMP, 2005)
 - Overall Town Centre Strategy (Halton Borough Council, 1997)
 - Quantifying Previously Developed Land in Halton (Halton Borough Council, 2008)
 - Residential Land Availability Register (Halton Borough Council, 2008)
 - State of the Borough Report (Halton Borough Council & The Local Futures Group, 2008)
 - Urban Housing Capacity Study (White Young Green & Chesterton, 2004)
 - Halton Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (Halton Borough Council, 2007)
 - Gypsy & Travellers Study 2007
 - Widnes Employment Land Assessment (Business Environment Group, 2001)
 - The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Halton
- 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 Borough wide Retail and Leisure Study
- A Landscape Character Assessment
- A Joint Employment Land and Premises
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Halton Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
- Halton Strategic Employment Land and Premises 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. The LDS is a firm commitment to producing LDDs and their timetables and will only be reviewed exceptionally. Any unforeseen changes or delays in the production timetable will be reported on the Council website <http://www2.halton.gov.uk/content/environment/planning/forwardplanning/ldf/corestrategy/?a=5441>
- 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:
- 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.
- whether Halton Borough Council is meeting, or is on track to meet, the targets

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 through the early stages of its production. Full Council will approve the 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.
- 9.5 Development Plan documents will need to consider a range of equality and diversity issues and are considered an important aspect of Council Policy.

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 may be necessary to amend 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 Consultation 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)
- Design for Residential Development (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)

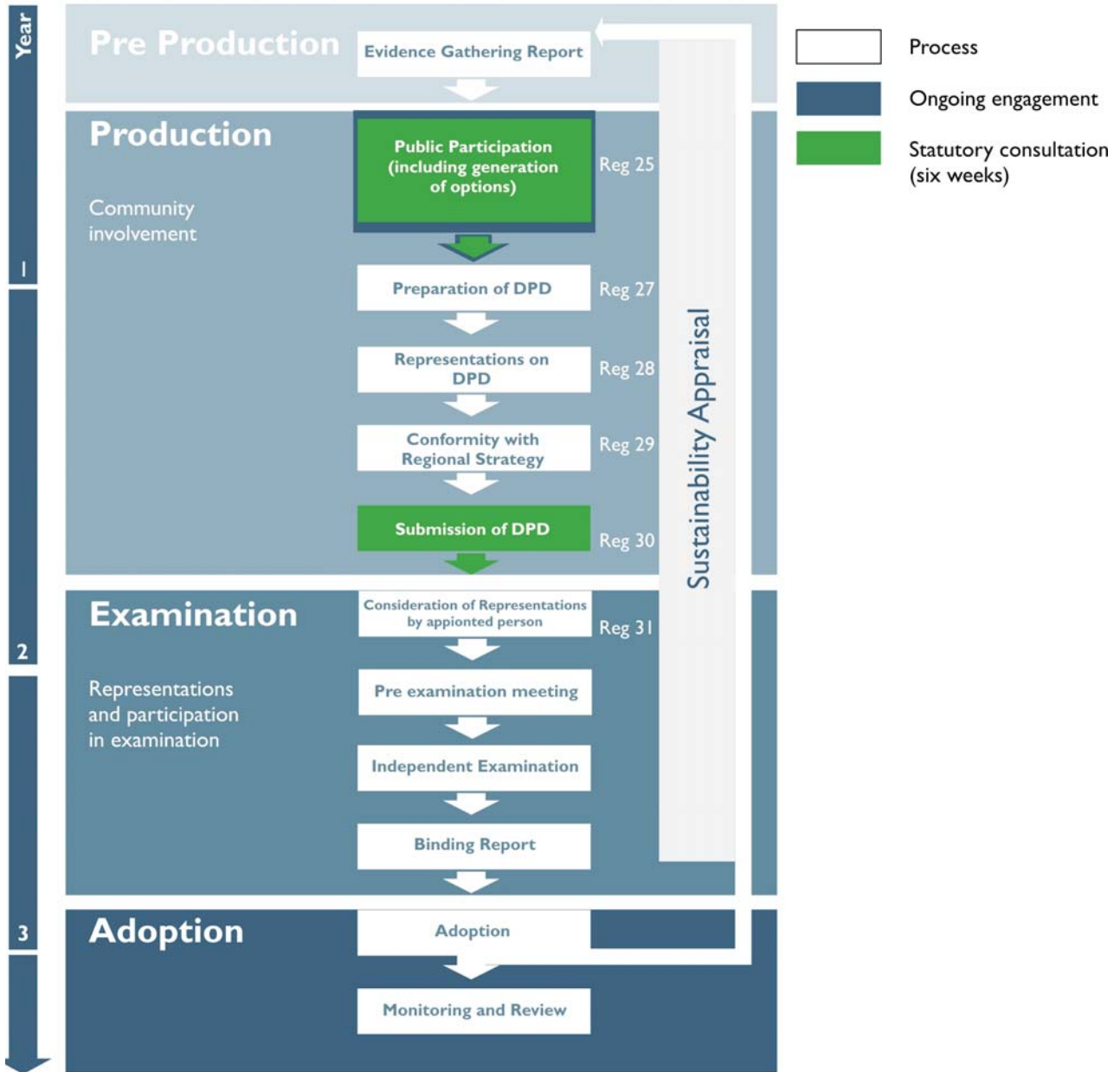
11.4 The following Supplementary Planning

Documents (SPDs) will be adopted or commenced 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 Town Centre Strategy
- Sandymoor
- South Widnes Regeneration Area
- Transport & Accessibility
- Planning Obligations SPD

Appendix I

The Development Plan Document 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)	The DPDs are to be prepared by Halton Borough Council, they must contain the following components: Core Strategy; and Site allocations; And they may contain: Area Action Plans; and General policies for the control of development. All DPDs will be subject to Sustainability Appraisal (SA) which must incorporate a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
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)	There are two types of LDD: 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.

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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. Regulations will be introduced which remove the need to list SPDs in the LDS, although Councils can still choose to list them if they wish.
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 Allocation	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.
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 throughout its early production stages. 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	Commencement Consultation with statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal :	24th March – 28th April 2006
	Public Consultation:/Regulation 25	September – October 2009
	Publication of the DPD	September 2010
	Submission of the DPD	December 2010
	Pre Hearing Meeting:	February 2011
	Hearing Session Open:	April 2011
	Inspectors Binding Report:	July 2011
	Adoption and Publication:	October 2011

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:	<p>A statement of the core sustainable waste management principles and policy including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p>
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:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Community Involvement:	<p>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.</p>
Sustainability Appraisal:	<p>Simultaneous consultation with the DPD. To be assessed through the SA, including the Strategic Environmental Assessment.</p>
Monitoring & Review:	<p>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.</p>

Timetable	Commencement Consultation with statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal :	31st December 2006 – January 2007
	Public Consultation:/Regulation 25	June – July 2009
	Publication of the DPD	February 2010
	Submission of the DPD	April 2010
	Pre Hearing Meeting:	June 2010
	Hearing Session Open:	August – September 2010
	Inspectors Binding Report:	February 2011
	Adoption and Publication:	May 2011

Title:	Site Allocations
Status:	DPD
Role:	To allocate sites for development and/or protection
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. 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.
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 site allocation document. The document will be reviewed as and when required as highlighted by the AMR.

Timetable	Commencement Consultation with statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal :	June 2010
	Public Consultation:/Regulation 25	October 2011
	Publication of the DPD	October 2012
	Submission of the DPD	January 2013
	Pre Hearing Meeting:	March 2013
	Hearing Session Open:	May 2013
	Inspectors Binding Report:	August 2013
	Adoption and Publication:	November 2013

Title:	Detailed Development Policy
Status:	DPD
Role:	To provide a set of criteria based 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. 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 when the document is submitted to the Secretary of State.
Sustainability Appraisal:	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	Commencement Consultation with statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal :	June 2010
	Public Consultation:/Regulation 25	October 2011
	Publication of the DPD	October 2012
	Submission of the DPD	January 2013
	Pre Hearing Meeting:	March 2013
	Hearing Session Open:	May 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:	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 DPD. The LDF Working Party and the Executive will consider each DPD. 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 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	Commencement Consultation with statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal :	June 2010
	Public Consultation:/Regulation 25	October 2011
	Publication of the DPD	October 2012
	Submission of the DPD	January 2013
	Pre Hearing Meeting:	March 2013
	Hearing Session Open:	May 2013
	Inspectors Binding Report:	August 2013
	Adoption and Publication:	November 2013

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:	17th June – 22nd July 2005
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	3rd November – 15th December 2005
	Consideration of Representations:	Jan / Feb 2006
	Adoption and Publication:	April 2009

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.
Community Involvement:	Community involvement will be encouraged throughout the process, with formal consultation at the draft consultation stage.
Sustainability Appraisal:	Community involvement will be encouraged throughout the process, with formal consultation at the draft consultation stage.
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:	February 2007
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	June - July 2011
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	January- February 2012
	Consideration of Representations:	March – June 2012
	Adoption and Publication:	August 2012

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.
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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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	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	March – April 2009
	Consideration of Representations:	May 2009
	Adoption and Publication:	September – October 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.
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Timetable	Preparation of Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	January 2008
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	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	January – February 2012
	Consideration of Representations:	March – June 2012
	Adoption and Publication:	August 2012

Title:	Halebank Regeneration Area
Status:	SPD
Role:	Provides the policies and proposals for the comprehensive development / redevelopment of the Halebank area.
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 Policy RG5.
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Resources:	Provided by the Planning & Policy Division & External Consultants
Management Arrangements:	Planning & Policy Manager is responsible for the management of this document.
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	Preparation of Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	July 2004
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	17th June – 22nd July 2005
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	3rd November – 15th December 2005
	Consideration of Representations:	Jan / Feb 2006
	Adoption and Publication:	April 2010

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.
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Timetable	Preparation of Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	September 2011
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	March 2012
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	August – September 2012
	Consideration of Representations:	October – November 2012
	Adoption and Publication:	January 2013

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 1)
Conformity Chain:	General conformity with the PPGs/PPSs and RSS. Linked to saved UDP Policy H3..
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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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	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	29th September – 3rd November 2005
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	March – April 2009
	Consideration of Representations:	May 2009
	Adoption and Publication:	July 2009

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.
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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.
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	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	April 2010
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	September – October 2010
	Consideration of Representations:	November – December 2010
	Adoption and Publication:	November 2011

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, PR1 I 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.
Community Involvement:	Community involvement will be encouraged throughout the process, with formal consultation at the draft consultation stage.
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Timetable	Preparation of Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	January 2005
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	21st June – 26th July 2007
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	January – March 2009
	Consideration of Representations:	May – July 2009
	Adoption and Publication:	September 2009

Title:	Runcorn 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 TCI, 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.
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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	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	March – April 2009
	Consideration of Representations:	May 2009
	Adoption and Publication:	September – October 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, TP11, TP12, TP14, TP15 and TP16.
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 2010
	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report:	August - September 2010
	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	January - February 2011
	Consideration of Representations:	March - May 2011
	Adoption and Publication:	July 2011

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.
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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	Public participation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document:	March – April 2009
	Consideration of Representations:	May – July 2009
	Adoption and Publication:	September 2009

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.
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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Index of Policies		Clear central strategy	Regard to the Community Strategy	General conformity with the RSS	General conformity with the Draft RSS	Conformity with the Adopted Core Strategy	Significant change or conservation	Necessary and does not repeat national or regional policy	Other	Comments
S4	Pollution and Health	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with RSS and builds upon national planning advice in PPS23 and PPG24.
S5	Major Accident Land Use Risk	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy deals with an important local issue, meets several of the PPS12 tests and should therefore be saved. It is in general conformity with RSS and builds upon national advice, including Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 1999 (COMAH); Planning (Control of Major Accident Hazards) Regulations 1999; Circular 04/2000 (Planning Controls for Hazardous Substances); DfT Circular 01/2002 (Control of Development in airport public safety zones). It is underpinned by European legislation in the Seveso II Directive (as amended by Directive 2003/105/EC). The policy also supports the emerging Planning for Risk SPD.
S6	Reuse and Remediation of Previously Used or Contaminated Land	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Supports regeneration	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with RSS, supplements national planning advice in PPS23 to some degree and supports regeneration. It partially repeats Draft RSS (Policy EM2) and therefore the proposal to save it needs to be reviewed once draft RSS is adopted.

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
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Index of Policies	Clear central strategy	Regard to the Community Strategy	General conformity with the RSS	General conformity with the Draft RSS	Conformity with the Adopted Core Strategy	Significant change or conservation	Necessary and does not repeat national or regional policy	Other	Comments	
S13	Transport	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes (some repetition)	Supports economic development and regeneration	Saved. This policy supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with RSS but contains some repetition of national planning advice in PPS1 and PPG13. It supports economic development and regeneration, and on balance is proposed to be saved.
S14	A New Crossing of the River Mersey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Supports economic development and regeneration	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving. It is specific to Halton and does repeat national or regional policy. It supports the development of a major transport scheme within the borough that would underpin economic development and regeneration. It also supports the emerging Southern Widnes Regeneration Area SPD.
S15	Leisure and Tourism	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with RSS and builds upon national planning advice in the Good Practice Guide on Planning for Tourism.

Title:	Planning Obligations
Status:	SPD
Role:	Will define the policy for securing the necessary contributions from development
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.
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S21	Green Belt	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Policies on Green Belt	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, conforms with RSS, provides a Halton context to national planning advice in PPG2 and indicates the extent of the green belt for Halton.
S22	Unallocated Land in Urban Areas	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy forms part of a clear central strategy and is Halton specific, being materially different to national and regional advice. Key sites are shown as unallocated land on the UDP Proposals Map and therefore the policy should be saved.
S23	Open Countryside	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, conforms with RSS and builds upon national planning advice in PPS1.
S24	Sustainable Urban Extensions	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Supports the delivery of housing	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, conforms with RSS and builds upon national planning advice in PPS1 and PPS3 and supports the delivery of housing, including the infrastructure necessary to support it.
S25	Planning Obligations	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Partially (infrastructure to support housing)	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, conforms with adopted RSS and builds upon national planning advice in PPS1 and Circular 5/2005 and may support the delivery of infrastructure necessary to support housing.

Index of Policies	Clear central strategy	Regard to the Community Strategy	General conformity with the RSS	General conformity with the Draft RSS	Conformity with the Adopted Core Strategy	Significant change or conservation	Necessary and does not repeat national or regional policy	Other	Comments
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Chapter 1 - Regeneration

RG1	Action Area 1 - Southern Widnes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes supports change in a Regeneration Action Area	Yes	Supports the delivery of housing and regeneration	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving. It forms part of a very clear central strategy which identifies areas where major regenerative change is anticipated. It supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is different to national planning advice and meets other objectives of supporting the delivery of housing and regeneration. The policy also supports the emerging draft Southern Widnes SPD, which along with the Mersey Gateway Regeneration Strategy will be of importance for identifying and justifying regeneration opportunities in connection with the planned Mersey Gateway Bridge.
RG2	Action Area 2 - Central Widnes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes supports change in a Regeneration Action Area	Yes	Supports retailing and town centres and regeneration	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving. It forms part of a very clear central strategy which identifies areas where major regenerative change is anticipated. It supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is different to national planning advice and meets other objectives of supporting retailing and town centres and regeneration. The policy would also support the emerging Widnes Town Centre Action Area Plan.
RG3	Action Area 3 - Widnes Waterfront	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes supports change in a Regeneration Action Area	Yes	Supports economic development and regeneration	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving. It forms part of a very clear central strategy which identifies areas where major regenerative change is anticipated. It supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is different to national planning advice and meets other objectives of supporting economic development and regeneration. The policy also supports the adopted Widnes Waterfront SPD.

Index of Policies		Clear central strategy	Regard to the Community Strategy	General conformity with the RSS	General conformity with the Draft RSS	Conformity with the Adopted Core Strategy	Significant change or conservation	Necessary and does not repeat national or regional policy	Other	Comments
RG4	Action Area 4 - Runcorn and Weston Docklands	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes supports change in a Regeneration Action Area	Yes	Supports economic development and regeneration	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving. It forms part of a very clear central strategy which identifies areas where major regenerative change is anticipated. It supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is different to national planning advice and meets other objectives of supporting economic development and regeneration. The policy would also support the future Runcorn and Weston Docks Regeneration Action Area SPD.
RG5	Action Area 5 - Halebank	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes supports change in a Regeneration Action Area	Yes	Supports the delivery of housing, economic development and regeneration	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving. It forms part of a very clear central strategy which identifies areas where major regenerative change is anticipated. It supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is different to national planning advice and meets other objectives of supporting the delivery of housing, economic development and regeneration. The policy also supports the draft Halebank Regeneration Action Area SPD.
RG6	Action Area 6 - Castlefields and Norton Priory	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes supports change in a Regeneration Action Area	Yes	Supports the delivery of housing and regeneration	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving. It forms part of a very clear central strategy which identifies areas where major regenerative change is anticipated. It supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is different to national planning advice and meets other objectives of supporting the delivery of housing regeneration. The policy also supports the adopted Castlefields and Norton Priory Regeneration Action Area SPD.

Index of Policies	Clear central strategy	Regard to the Community Strategy	General conformity with the RSS	General conformity with the Draft RSS	Conformity with the Adopted Core Strategy	Significant change or conservation	Necessary and does not repeat national or regional policy	Other	Comments
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Chapter 2 - Built Environment

BE1	General Requirements for Development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets the criteria for saving, in particular it supports one of the aims of the Community Strategy in relation to the urban fabric of the Borough, and provides further detail to the relevant policies within the RSS and Draft RSS, it is materially different to detailed national planning advice and provides the link to a number of SPDs.
BE2	Quality of Design	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in conformity with the RSS, in particular it provides further detail to policy DP3 of the RSS and policy DP6 of the Draft RSS (as numbered in Panel Report), does not repeat national planning advice and provides a link to a number of SPDs.
BE3	Environment Priority Areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets the criteria for saving, in particular it supports the Community Strategy, which contains an objective to 'enhance, promote and celebrate the quality of the built and natural environment in Halton.'
BE4	Scheduled Ancient Monuments	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve SAMs	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly ER3 of the RSS and EMI of the Draft RSS, is materially different to PPG 16 and provides a policy for conservation.
BE5	Other Sites of Archaeological Importance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve archaeological important sites	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly ER3 of the RSS and EMI of the Draft RSS, is materially different to PPG 16 and provides a policy for conservation.

Index of Policies		Clear central strategy	Regard to the Community Strategy	General conformity with the RSS	General conformity with the Draft RSS	Conformity with the Adopted Core Strategy	Significant change or conservation	Necessary and does not repeat national or regional policy	Other	Comments
BE6	Archaeological Evaluations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly ER3 of the RSS and EMI of the Draft RSS, is materially different to PPG 16 and provides a policy for conservation.
BE7	Demolition of Listed Buildings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve Listed Buildings	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly ER3 of the RSS and EMI of the Draft RSS, is materially different to PPG 15 and provides a policy for conservation.
BE8	Changes of Use of Listed Buildings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve Listed Buildings	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly ER3 of the RSS and EMI of the Draft RSS, is materially different to PPG 15 and provides a policy for conservation.
BE9	Alterations and Additions to Listed Buildings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve Listed Buildings	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly ER3 of the RSS and EMI of the Draft RSS, is materially different to PPG 15 and provides a policy for conservation.
BE10	Protecting the Setting of Listed Buildings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve Listed Buildings	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly ER3 of the RSS and EMI of the Draft RSS, is materially different to PPG 15 and provides a policy for conservation.

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BE11	Enabling Development and the Conservation of Heritage Assets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conservation	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, which states that 'we need to retain a clear sense of place and retain features that make Halton distinctive', is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to PPG 15 and provides a policy for conservation.
BE12	General Development Criteria - Conservation Areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve Conservation Areas	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, which states that 'we need to retain a clear sense of place and retain features that make Halton distinctive', is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to PPG 15 and provides a policy for conservation.
BE13	Demolition in Conservation Areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve Conservation Areas	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets the majority of criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, which states that 'we need to retain a clear sense of place and retain features that make Halton distinctive', and is in general conformity with the RSS. However, PPG15 does elude to the concept covered by this policy.
BE15	Local List of Buildings and Structures of Architectural and Historic Interest	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to detailed national planning advice and in particular it will add a local dimension to regional and national policy. It will also support the Local List SPD.
BE16	Alterations to and New Shop Fronts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy and is in general conformity with the RSS, It has been partially superseded by the DDA and Part M. It has links to draft Town Centre SPDs and the adopted Shop Fronts, Signage and Advertising SPD.

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BE17	Advertising and Advertisements	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to detailed national planning advice and provides a link to the adopted Shop Fronts, Signage and Advertising SPD.
BE18	Access to New Buildings Used by the Public	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy and is in general conformity with the RSS, It has been partially superseded by the DDA and Part M. It has links to draft Town Centre SPDs and the adopted Shop Fronts, Signage and Advertising SPD.
BE19	Disabled Access for Changes of Use, Alterations and Extensions	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy and is in general conformity with the RSS, It has been partially superseded by the DDA and Part M. It has links to draft Town Centre SPDs and the adopted Shop Fronts, Signage and Advertising SPD.
BE20	Disabled Access in Public Places	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy and is in general conformity with the RSS, It has been partially superseded by the DDA and Part M. It has links to draft Town Centre SPDs and the adopted Shop Fronts, Signage and Advertising SPD.
BE21	Telecommunications Apparatus	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to detailed national planning advice and provides the link to the adopted Telecommunications SPD.

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BE22	Boundary Walls and Fences	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to detailed national planning advice and provides a link to the adopted Designing for Community Safety SPD.
BE23	Temporary Buildings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS and is materially different to detailed national planning advice.
Chapter 3 - The Green Environment										
GE1	Control of Development in the Green Belt	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Green Belt	Yes but partial repetition of PPG2.	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets the criteria for saving, in particular it continues to ensure that the general extent of the Green Belt will be maintained. However, there is some repetition of PPG2.
GE2	Hale Village Green Belt	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Green Belt	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to PPG2 and it continues to ensure that the general extent of the Green Belt will be maintained.
GE3	Extensions, Alterations and Replacement of Existing Dwellings in the Green Belt	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Green Belt	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to PPG2 and it continues to ensure that the general extent of the Green Belt will be maintained.
GE4	Re-use of Buildings in the Green Belt	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Green Belt	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to PPG2, providing more detail to the criteria provided within this guidance, and it continues to ensure that the general extent of the Green Belt will be maintained.

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GE5	Outdoor Sport and Recreation Facilities in the Urban Fringe and Open Countryside	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS and is materially different to detailed national planning advice.
GE6	Protection of Designated Greenspace	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve greenspace	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets the criteria for saving, it is in conformity with EC9 of the RSS and EM3 of the Draft RSS and contributes to the objectives of the Community Strategy. It also provides for the conservation of greenspace.
GE7	Proposed Greenspace Designations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve greenspace	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets the criteria for saving it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to detailed national planning advice and is specific to Halton. It also provides for the conservation of greenspace.
GE8	Development within Designated Greenspace	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve greenspace	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS and is materially different to detailed national planning advice. It also provides for the conservation of greenspace.
GE9	Redevelopment and Changes of Use of Redundant School Buildings	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS and is materially different to detailed national planning advice.
GE10	Protection of Linkages in Greenspace Systems	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve greenspace	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, notably Policy UR3 of the RSS and EM3 of the Draft RSS, and is materially different to detailed national planning advice. It also provides for the conservation of greenspace.
GE11	Protection of Incidental Greenspaces	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, notably Policy UR10 of the RSS and EM3 of the Draft RSS, and is materially different to detailed national planning advice.

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GE12	Protection of Outdoor Playing Space for Formal Sport And Recreation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Outdoor play space	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, which states that we should 'support and sustain thriving neighbourhoods and open spaces that meet people's expectations and add to their enjoyment of life', is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to national planning advice and provides a policy for the conservation of outdoor play space.
GE13	Intensifying Use of Existing Outdoor Sports and Recreation Provision	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, which states that 'there needs to be plenty of things to do and places to go - culture, leisure, sport, community, shopping - for all members of the community, young and old alike', is in general conformity with the RSS and is materially different to national planning advice.
GE14	Noise Generating Sports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS and is materially different to both PPG17 and PPG24.
GE15	Protection of Outdoor Playing Space for Children	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Outdoor play space	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, which states that we should 'support and sustain thriving neighbourhoods and open spaces that meet people's expectations and add to their enjoyment of life', is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to national planning advice and provides a policy for the conservation of outdoor play space.
GE16	Protection of Allotments	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Allotments	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, it does not repeat national planning advice and it provides the opportunity to conserve the allotments of the Borough.
GE18	Protection of Sites of National Importance for Nature Conservation	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve nature conservation sites	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS and it meets with the requirements of PPS9, which requires SSSIs to be given a high degree of protection.

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GE19	Protection of Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve nature conservation sites	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS and it meets with the requirements of PPS9, which states that criteria-based policies should be established.
GE20	Protection and Creation of Local Nature Reserves	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve nature conservation sites	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to detailed national planning advice and it provides the opportunity to conserve site of local nature value.
GE21	Species Protection	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve protected species	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, in particular it is in conformity with ER5 of the RSS and EM1 of the Draft RSS. However part of this policy is in conflict with PPS9, which states that 'many individual wildlife species receive statutory protection under a range of legislative provisions, and specific policies in respect of these species should not be included in local development documents'.
GE22	Protection of Ancient Woodlands	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve ancient woodland	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to detailed national planning advice and it provides the opportunity to conserve ancient woodland.
GE23	Protection of Areas of Special Landscape Value	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve areas of landscape value	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly ER1 of the RSS and EM1 of the Draft RSS, it does not repeat PPS7 or other national planning advice and it provides the opportunity to conserve areas of special landscape value.
GE24	Protection of Important Landscape Features	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve important landscape features	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly ER1 of the RSS and EM1 of the Draft RSS, it does not repeat PPS7 or other national planning advice and it provides the opportunity to conserve important landscape features.

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GE25	Protection of Ponds	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly ER1 of the RSS and EMI of the Draft RSS and it does not repeat national or regional planning advice.
GE26	Protection of Hedgerows	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly ER1 of the RSS and EMI of the Draft RSS and it supplements the Hedgerow Regulations and does not repeat other national or regional planning advice.
GE27	Protection of Trees and Woodland	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly ER6 of the RSS and EMI of the Draft RSS and it does not repeat national or regional planning advice.
GE28	The Mersey Forest	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly ER6 of the RSS and EMI of the Draft RSS and it does not repeat national or regional planning advice.
GE29	Canals and Rivers	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, it does not repeat national or regional planning advice and it is specific to Halton.
GE30	The Mersey Coastal Zone	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve Mersey Coastal Zone	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly SD7 of the RSS and RD4 of the Draft RSS, it does not repeat national or regional planning advice and it provides the opportunity to conserve parts of the Mersey Coast.

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Chapter 4 - Pollution and Risk

PR1	Air Quality	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, in particular it meets with the requirements of PPS23, which states that planning policy 'should set out the criteria against which applications for potentially polluting developments will be considered'.
PR2	Noise Nuisance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets the criteria for saving, supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS and complements PPG24.
PR3	Odour Nuisance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, in particular it meets with the requirements of PPS23, which states that planning policy 'should set out the criteria against which applications for potentially polluting developments will be considered'.
PR4	Light Pollution and Nuisance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, in particular it meets with the requirements of PPS23, which states that planning policy 'should set out the criteria against which applications for potentially polluting developments will be considered'.
PR5	Water Quality	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Safeguard water resources	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, in particular EQ3 of the RSS and EM5 of the Draft RSS, it does not repeat national planning advice and it provides the opportunity to safeguard water quality.
PR6	Land Quality	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly policy EM4 of Draft RSS, and it does not repeat national planning advice.

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PR7	Development Near to Established Pollution Sources	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the community strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS and it does not repeat PPS23 or other national or regional planning advice.
PR8	Noise Sensitive Developments	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes, but partially repetition of PPG24	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, and is in general conformity with the RSS, however, there is some repetition of PPG24.
PR9	Development within the Liverpool Airport Public Safety Zone	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the community strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, in particular RT5 of the Draft RSS (Panel Report numbering), and it does not repeat national or regional planning advice, however there is some repetition of DfT Circular 1/2002.
PR10	Development within the Liverpool Airport Height Restriction Zone	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the community strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, in particular RT5 of the Draft RSS (Panel Report numbering), and it does not repeat national or regional planning advice.
PR11	Development of Sites Designated under the Control of Major Hazards (Planning) Regulations 1999 (COMAH)	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets the criteria for saving and meets the requirements of the SEVESO II Directive and Circular 04/00.
PR12	Development on Land Surrounding COMAH Sites	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets the criteria for saving and meets the requirements of the SEVESO II Directive and Circular 04/00.

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PR14	Contaminated Land	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, in particular it meets with the requirements of PPS23, which states that LPAs should have policies 'dealing with the potential for contamination and the remediation of land so that it is suitable for the proposed development/use'.
PR15	Groundwater	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Safeguard water resources	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it protects groundwater and is general conformity with the policies of the RSS.
PR16	Development and Flood Risk	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes but partial repetition of PPS25.	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, however, there is some repetition with PPS25 and the need to prepare Flood Risk Assessments.
Chapter 5 - Minerals and Waste Management										
MW1	All Minerals and Waste Management Developments	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, it does not repeat advice contained within PPS10 (including Annex E), MPS1 or other national or regional guidance and it provides policy for waste management
MW2	Requirements for all Applications	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, it does not repeat advice contained within PPS10, MPS1 or other national or regional guidance and it provides guidance in relation to waste management
MW3	Requirements for all Waste Management Applications	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, it does not repeat advice contained within PPS10 or other national or regional guidance and it provides guidance in relation to waste management

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MW4	Aggregate Minerals	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly policies ER9 of RSS and EM7 of Draft RSS, and it does not repeat advice contained within MPSI (including annex I) or other national or regional guidance. However, it should be noted that MPG6 has now been replaced by MPSI annex I.
MW5	Protection of Mineral resources	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly policies ER9 of RSS and EM7 of Draft RSS, and it does not repeat advice contained within MPSI (including annex I) or other national or regional guidance. However, it should be noted that MPG6 has now been replaced by MPSI annex I.
MW6	Aftercare	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS and it does not repeat advice contained within MPSI, MPG7, PPS10 or other national or regional guidance.
MW7	Waste Recycling and Collection Facilities	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly EQ4 of the RSS and EM10 of Draft RSS, and is materially different to PPS10 and other national and regional planning advice. It also provides policy for waste management
MW8	Aerobic Composting Facilities	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, it does not repeat advice contained within PPS10 or other national or regional guidance and it provides guidance in relation to waste management
MW9	Anaerobic Digestion Facilities	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, it does not repeat advice contained within PPS10 or other national or regional guidance and it provides guidance in relation to waste management

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MW10	Wastewater and Sewage Treatment Facilities	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS and it does not repeat national planning advice
MW11	Extensions to Wastewater Treatment Facilities	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS and it does not repeat national planning advice
MW12	Recycling and Household Waste Centres	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, it does not repeat advice contained within PPS10 or other national or regional guidance and it provides guidance in relation to waste management
MW13	Energy Recovery	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, it does not repeat advice contained within PPS10 or other national or regional guidance and it provides guidance in relation to waste management
MW14	Incineration	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, it does not repeat advice contained within PPS10 or other national or regional guidance and it provides guidance in relation to waste management
MW15	Landfill/ Landrising of Non-inert Wastes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, it does not repeat advice contained within PPS10 or other national or regional guidance and it provides guidance in relation to waste management

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MWI 6	Landfill/Landri ng of Inert Wastes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, it does not repeat advice contained within PPS10 or other national or regional guidance and it provides guidance in relation to waste management
MWI 7	Waste Recycling	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Waste Management	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, it does not repeat advice contained within PPS10 or other national or regional guidance and it provides guidance in relation to waste management
MWI 8	Energy from Non-fossil Sources	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Renew able energy	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, particularly policies ER13 of the RSS and EM17 and EM18 of the Draft RSS, is materially different to PPS22, other national and regional planning advice and promotes renewable energy.
Chapter 6 - Transport										
TP1	Public Transport Provision as Part of New Development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is general conformity with the RSS and does not repeat PPG13 or other national or regional planning advice.
TP2	Existing Public Transport Facilities	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is general conformity with the RSS, particularly policies T2 and T10 of RSS and RT3 of Draft RSS, it does not repeat PPG13 or other national or regional planning advice, it is intended to conserve the existing public transport facilities within the Borough and is specific to Halton.
TP3	Disused Public Transport Facilities	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is general conformity with the RSS, it does not repeat national or regional planning advice, it is intended to allow for the re-opening of currently dis-used transport facilities and is specific to Halton.

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TP4	New Public Transport Facilities	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, does not repeat PPG13 or other national or regional advice, it is intended to allow for new transport facilities and is specific to Halton.
TP5	Taxi Ranks and Offices	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS and does not repeat national or regional advice.
TP6	Cycle Provision as Part of New Development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, which states 'we need to further develop opportunities for walking and cycling'. It is general conformity with the RSS, notably policies UR3 of the RSS and RT8 of Draft RSS, and does not repeat PPG13 or other national or regional planning advice.
TP7	Pedestrian Provision as Part of New Development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, which states 'we need to further develop opportunities for walking and cycling'. It is general conformity with the RSS, notably policies UR3 of the RSS and RT8 of Draft RSS, and does not repeat PPG13 or other national or regional planning advice.
TP8	Pedestrian Improvement Schemes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, which states 'we need to further develop opportunities for walking and cycling'. It is general conformity with the RSS, notably policies UR3 of the RSS and RT8 of Draft RSS, and does not repeat PPG13 or other national or regional planning advice.

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TP10	The Trans-Pennine Trail and Mersey Way	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Conserve Greenway Network	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is general conformity with the RSS, does not repeat PPG13 or other national or regional planning advice and provides policy to conserve the Greenway Network.
TP11	Road Schemes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, does not repeat national or regional advice and is specific to Halton.
TP12	Car Parking	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS and does not repeat national or regional advice. It should be noted that the Council will also be looking to save Appendix 1 of the UDP to accompany this policy.
	UDP Appendix 1 Transport Parking Standards	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. Appendix relates to Policy TP12 above and is saved for the same reasons.
TP13	Freight	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, meets the requirements of PPG13 in relation to freight and does not repeat national or regional advice.
TP14	Transport Assessments	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS, notably policies DP2 of RSS and DP9 of Draft RSS and does not repeat national or regional advice.
TP15	Accessibility to New Development	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS and does not repeat national or regional advice.

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TP16	Green Travel Plans	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes, but partial repetition of PPG13.	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving and it is in general conformity with the RSS, however there is some partial repetition of PPG13.
TP17	Safe travel for All	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, notably T10 of RSS and DP6 and RT4 of Draft RSS, and does not repeat national or regional advice.
TP18	Traffic Management	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with the RSS and does not repeat national or regional advice.
TP19	Air Quality	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, notably policies EQ2 of RSS and RT4 of Draft RSS, and does not repeat national or regional advice.
TP20	Liverpool Airport	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS and does not repeat national or regional advice.
Chapter 7 - Leisure, Tourism and Community Facilities										
LTCI	Developments of Major Leisure and Community Facilities within Designated Shopping Centres	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Supports town centres	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to PPS6 and supports economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres.

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LTC2	Developments of Major Leisure and Community Facilities on the Edge of Designated Shopping Centres	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Supports town centres	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to PPS6 and supports economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres.
LTC3	Development of Major Leisure and Community Facilities in Out-of-Centre locations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes (repeats national in part)	Supports town centres	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to PPS6 and supports economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres.
LTC4	Development of Local Leisure and Community Facilities	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Infrastructure necessary to support housing and supports town centres	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to PPS6 and supports policies relating to the infrastructure necessary to support housing and economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres.
LTC5	Protection of Community Facilities	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Infrastructure necessary to support housing	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to detailed national planning advice and supports infrastructure necessary to support housing.
LTC6	Children's Day Care Provision	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS and is materially different to detailed national planning advice.
LTC8	Protection of Tourism Attractions	Yes	Partially	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS and is materially different to detailed national planning advice.

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LTC9	Tourism Development	Yes	Partially	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Supports economic development and regeneration	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to detailed national planning advice and supports economic development and regeneration.
LTC10	Water Based Recreation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Potentially	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS and is materially different to detailed national planning advice. NB it will need to be kept under review to ensure that it meets with HRA requirements.
Chapter 8 - Shopping and Town Centres										
TC1	Retail and Leisure Allocations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A (will be reviewed when more up to date evidence base available)	Yes	Yes	Infrastructure necessary to support the delivery of housing and supports retailing and town centres	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is different to national planning advice and meets other objectives of providing infrastructure necessary to support housing and supporting economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres. It also supports the draft Runcorn Old Town and Halton Lea Town centre Strategy SPDs.
TC2	Retail Development to the Edge of Designated Shopping Centres	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Supports retailing and town centres	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is materially different to detailed national planning advice in PPS6 and supports economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres.
TC3	Warrington Road/Eastern Widnes Bypass Site	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Supports retailing and town centres	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, is different to national planning advice in PPS6 and supports economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres.

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TC4	Retail Development within Designated Shopping Centres	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes. (Repeats national in part)	Supports retailing and town centres	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, has a material difference to national planning advice in PPS6 and supports economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres.
TC5	Design of Retail Development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Supports retailing and town centres	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, does not repeat national planning advice and supports economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres. It also supports the adopted Shop Fronts, Signage and Advertising SPD
TC6	Out of Centre Retail Development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes. (Albeit repeats national in part, there are important material differences).	Supports retailing and town centres	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, has material differences to national planning advice in PPS6 and supports economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres.
TC7	Existing Small Scale Local Shopping Facilities Outside Defined Shopping Centres	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS and builds upon national planning advice in PPS6.
TC8	Non-retail Uses within Primary and Secondary Shopping Areas	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Supports retailing and town centres	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, builds upon national planning advice in PPS6 and supports economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres.
TC9	Non-retail Uses within Neighbourhood Centres	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Supports retailing and town centres	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, builds upon national planning advice in PPS6 and supports economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres.

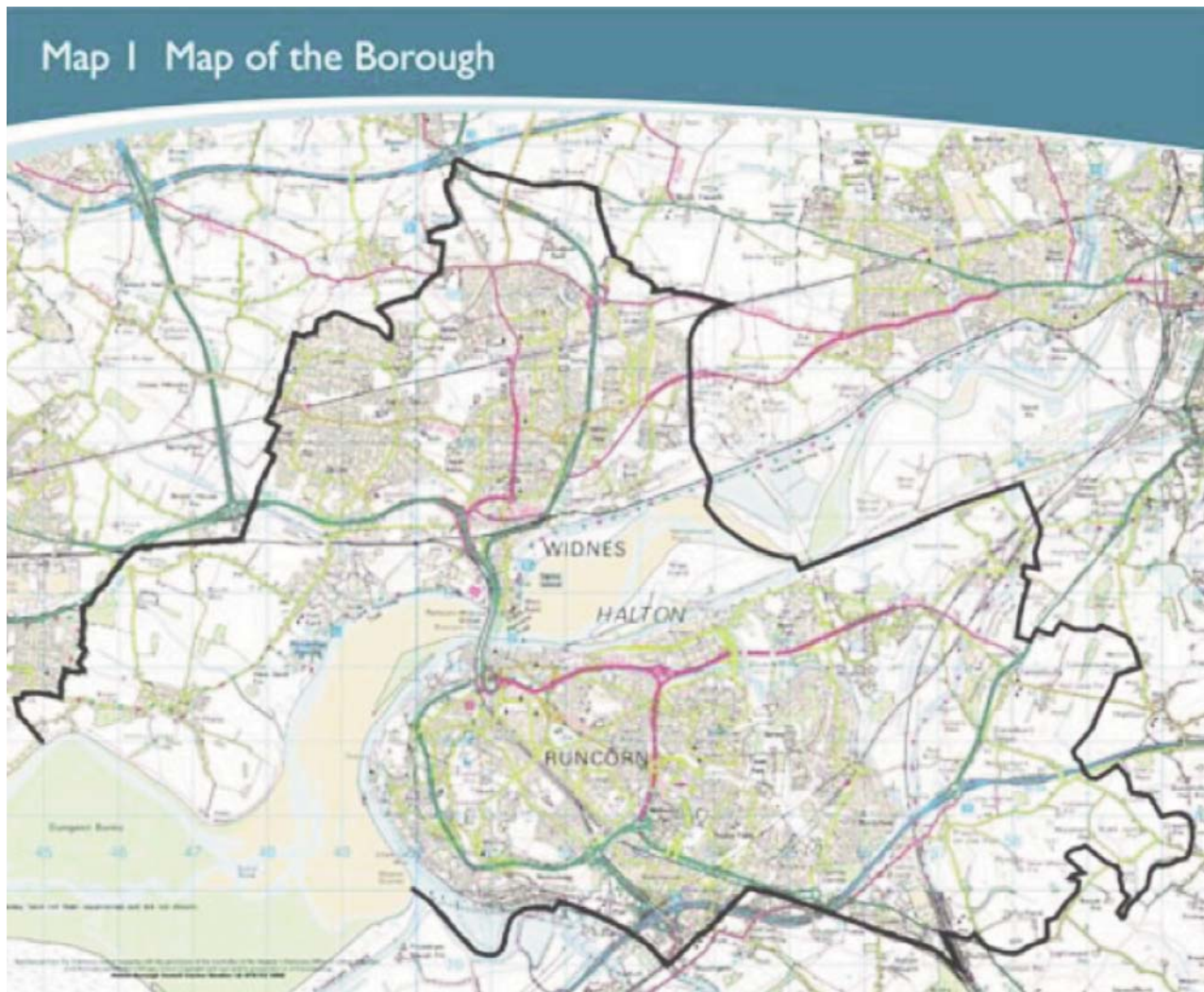
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TC10	Runcorn Mixed Town Centre Uses Area	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A (will be reviewed when more up to date evidence base available)	Yes	Yes	Supports retailing and town centres	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, builds upon national planning advice in PPS6 and supports economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres. It also supports the draft Runcorn Old Town Centre Strategy SPD.
TC11	Food and Drink Outlets	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This is a very specific policy that builds upon national planning advice in PPS6 and is part of a clear central strategy.
Chapter 9 - Housing										
H1	Provision for New Housing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes partially	N/A (will be reviewed when more up to date evidence base available)	Yes	Yes	Supports the delivery of housing	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, builds upon national planning advice in PPS3 and supports the delivery of housing.
H2	Design and Density of New Residential Development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes partially	N/A	N/A	Yes	Supports the delivery of housing	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, builds upon national planning advice in PPS3 and supports the delivery of housing. It will also support the emerging Design of New Residential Development SPD
H3	Provision of Recreational Greenspace	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Supports the delivery of housing	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, builds upon national planning advice in PPG17 and supports the delivery of housing. It will also support the draft Provision of Open Space SPD which is nearing adoption.
H4	Sheltered Housing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Supports the delivery of housing	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, builds upon national planning advice in PPS3 and supports the delivery of housing.

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H5	Gypsy Sites	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A (but to be reviewed in light of recently updated evidence base)	N/A	Yes	Supports the delivery of housing	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the emerging RSS, builds upon national planning advice in ODPM Circular 1/2006 and supports the delivery of housing.
H6	House Extensions	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Supports the delivery of housing	Saved. This is a very specific policy which has links to national advice contained in By Design, Urban Design and the Planning System: Towards Better Practice and Buildings in Context. It also supports the adopted House Extensions SPD
H7	Conversions to Flats	Yes	Partly	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Supports the delivery of housing	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy to some degree, is in general conformity with the RSS, builds upon national planning advice in PPS3 and supports the delivery of housing.
H8	Non Dwelling House Uses	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	Saved. This policy is Halton specific and is therefore materially different to the Community Strategy, RSS and national planning advice. However, it forms part of a clear central strategy in the Halton Unitary Development Plan and its predecessor, the Halton Local Plan. It should be read in context with several other UDP policies such as LTC6 (Children's Day Care Provision). As such, this policy merits saving.
Chapter 10 - Employment										
E1	Local and Regional Employment Land Allocations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes partially	N/A (will be reviewed when more up to date evidence base available)	Yes	Yes	Yes, supports economic development	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, builds upon national planning advice in PPG4 and supports economic development and regeneration.
E2	Priority Employment Redevelopment Areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A (will be reviewed when more up to date evidence base available)	N/A	Yes	Yes, supports economic development	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, builds upon national planning advice in PPG4 and supports economic development and regeneration.

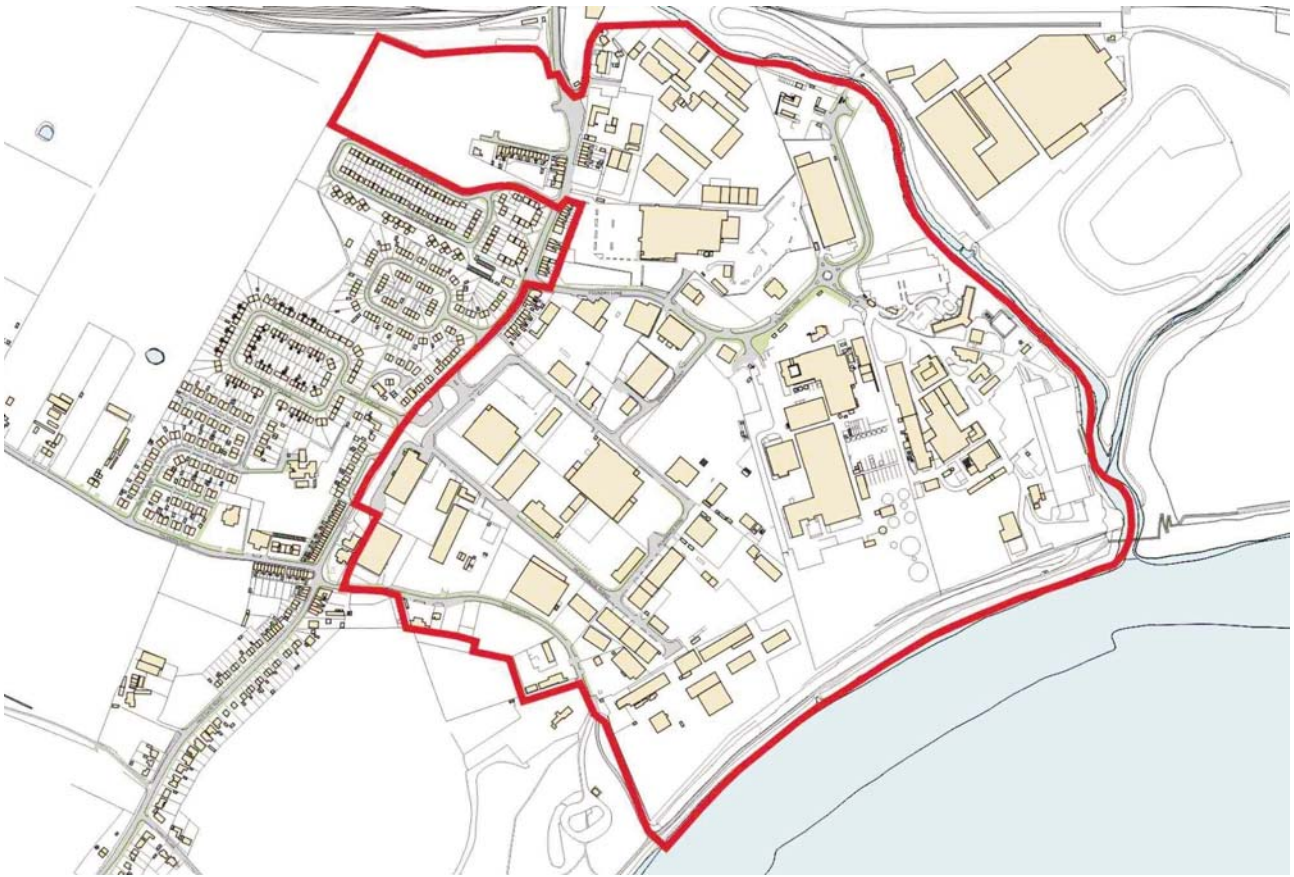
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E3	Primarily Employment Areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes, supports economic development	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, builds upon national planning advice in PPG4 and supports economic development and regeneration..
E4	Complementary Services and Facilities within Primarily Employment Areas	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes, may support the delivery of housing	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it is in general conformity with RSS, builds upon national planning advice in PPG4 and may support the delivery of housing.
E5	New Industrial and Commercial Development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes, supports economic development and regeneration	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, builds upon national planning advice in PPS1 and PPG4 and supports economic development and regeneration.. It also supports adopted Design of New Commercial and Industrial Development SPD.
E6	Daresbury Laboratories	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes, supports economic development and regeneration	Saved. This policy generally meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, builds upon national planning advice in PPG4 and supports economic development and regeneration..
E7	Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes, supports economic development and regeneration.	Saved. This policy meets with the criteria for saving, it supports the Community Strategy, is in general conformity with the RSS, builds upon national planning advice in PPG4 and supports economic development and regeneration. It also supports the draft Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park SPD.

Appendix 5

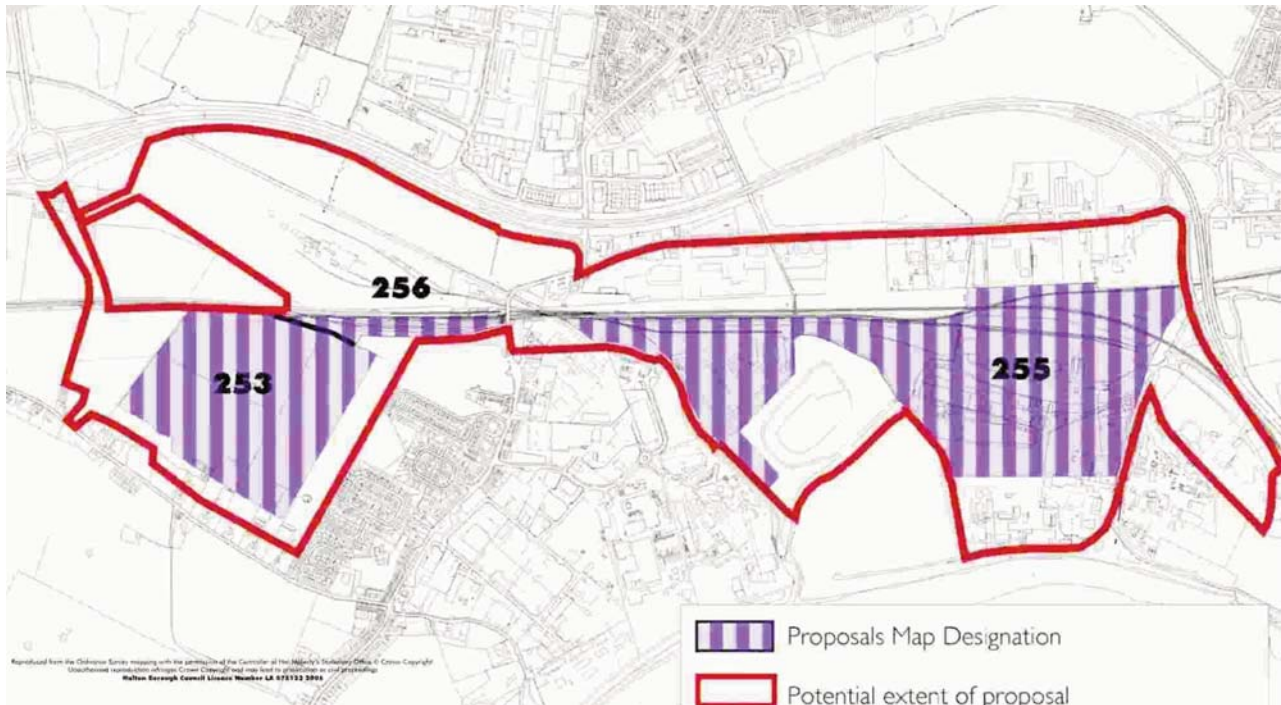
Map 1 – Map of the Borough



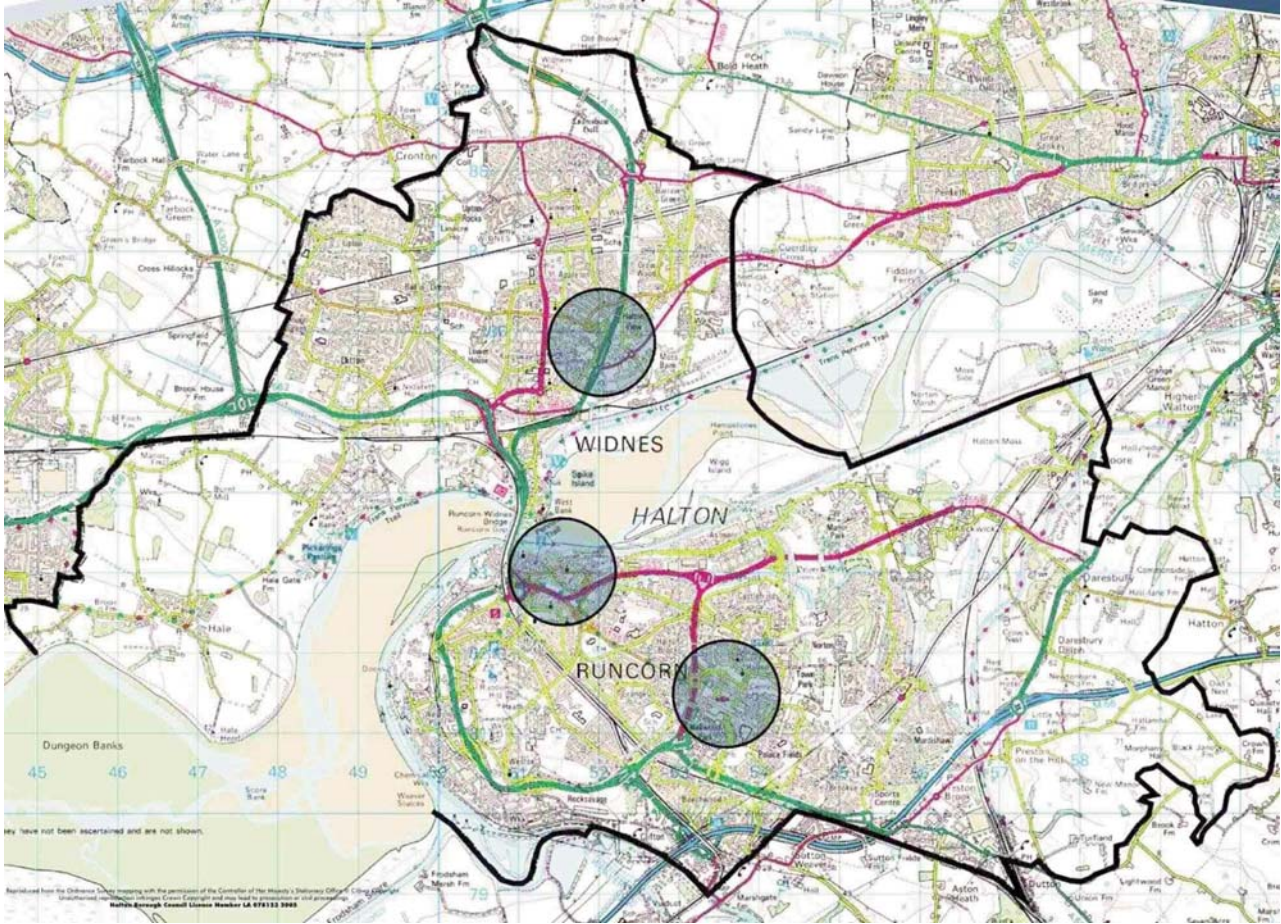
Map 2 – Indicative area for Halebank Regeneration Area



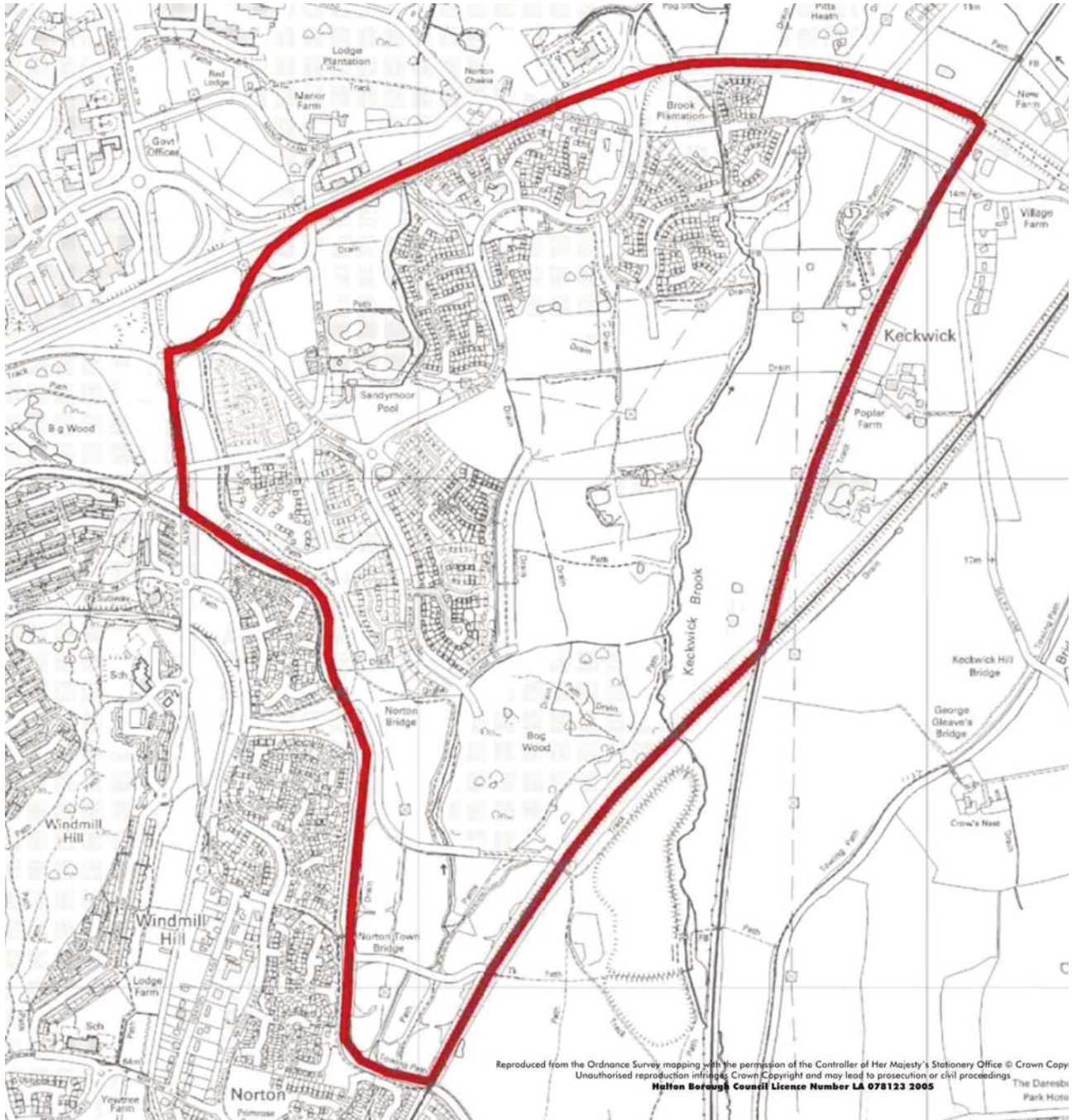
Map 3 – Indicative area for Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park



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



Map 5 – Indicative area for Sandymoor Masterplan





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