

Introduction

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended, requires local planning authorities to prepare, maintain and publish a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The purpose of this LDS is to inform the public about the current planning policies for Tameside as well as to set out timescales for preparing new policy so that people are aware of the main opportunities to be involved in the plan making process.

The Council prepared its first LDS in 2007, subsequently issuing several updates most latterly in March 2026.

This September 2026 LDS, which supersedes the most recent version, sets out a work programme for the Council over the period 2026 – 2027.

Tameside's local planning framework

Current local plan

The following documents currently form Tameside's Local Plan:

Policies

- Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document (adopted March 2024);
- The Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan Document (adopted April 2013);
- The Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document (adopted April 2012); and
- The saved policies from the Tameside Unitary Development Plan (saved from September 2007).

Plans

- The Local Plan Policies Map, which is a combined representation of each of the policies maps of the above documents.

Saved Unitary Development Plan policies

Tameside Council adopted its Unitary Development Plan (UDP) on 17 November 2004 and following approval from the Government Office for the North West on 18 September 2007,

'saved' the policies within it, securing their continued use, until such time that they are replaced.

Since then, several saved UDP policies have been replaced, firstly following adoption of the Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document, then the Greater Manchester Joint Minerals Development Plan Document and more recently the Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document. Details of the saved and replaced UDP policies can either be found within the Authority's Monitoring Report or within each of the subsequently adopted plans.

Supplementary Planning Documents

Local authorities can no longer prepare supplementary planning documents (SPDs) to add further detail to aid the interpretation of existing policy, however those which are in effect will remain valid until the policy which they relate to is superseded. They are used to provide further guidance for development on specific sites or provide guidance on issues..

However, once existing plan policies are superseded, the SPD guidance which relate to them can no longer be treated as material, as the policy basis will have been removed. Seven adopted SPD currently provide this further detail and interpretation in Tameside, these are:

1. Employment Land Supplementary Planning Document
2. Trees and Landscaping on Development Sites Supplementary Planning Document
3. Tameside Sustainable Design and Construction Guide Supplementary Planning Document
4. Ashton Town Centre Strategy Supplementary Planning Document
5. Residential Design Supplementary Planning Document
6. Haughton Green Supplementary Planning Document
7. HMO Supplementary Planning Document

Other Planning Documents

Tameside's current planning framework also includes its Statement of Community Involvement, which sets out how the Council will involve people in preparing and revising planning documents and making decisions on planning applications. The scale and nature of the participation varies according to the stage and type of document being produced, or the application being considered, more detail is given within the Statement of Community Involvement itself.

Neighbourhood Plans

Tameside currently has no adopted neighbourhood plans.

The Proposed Local Plan for Tameside

This section of the LDS sets out the timetable and intended content of emerging planning policies alongside those which are currently in use and are expected to remain. The main priority for the Council over the period of this LDS is, following the recent adoption of the jointly prepared Places for Everyone, is to review and replace any remaining UDP policy content through a new plan Homes, Spaces, Places.

In addition, an update will be progressed to the GM Waste and GM Minerals Plans because they are out of date. This will be prepared as a single Joint Minerals and Waste Plan for Greater Manchester.

Intended Local Plan

The following documents are proposed to form Tameside's Local Plan:

Policies

- Homes, Spaces, Places, Development Plan Document (in preparation);
- Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document (adopted 21 March 2024);
- Greater Manchester Joint Minerals and Waste Plan (pre-preparation)

Plans

- The Local Plan Policies Map, which is a combined representation of each of the policies maps of the above documents.

Homes, Spaces, Places

Homes, Spaces, Places, (HSP) is intended to be a plan to replace the remaining saved policies of the UDP that have not already been superseded by other Development Plan Documents.

Homes, Spaces, Places will be prepared in conformity with Places for Everyone, set out a complementary vision, strategy and range of policies, and deliver against the targets and strategy set within it. It will consider broad locations and specific allocations of land for different purposes and through designations show areas where considerations will apply.

Greater Manchester Joint Minerals and Waste Plan

On 15 July 2025, the Council agreed to let the AGMA Executive Board create a single joint development plan for managing minerals and waste development across Greater Manchester.

Currently, policies on these issues are in two separate documents. This new work will combine those documents into one, which will form part of Tameside's Development Plan.

The Government is currently changing the rules for how plans are made and the new Greater Manchester Joint Minerals and Waste Plan (GMJMWP) will need to follow these. When the new regulations are published, a detailed timetable will be presented to the AGMA Executive for approval and then added to a further update of this document. For now, the GMJMWP is included in the LDS to show the Council's commitment, but key milestone dates are not yet set.

Policies Map

The purpose of the Policies Map is to spatially reflect development plan policies across Tameside in accordance with adopted Development Plan Documents. Each planning document has its own legally definitive policy map. The current Local Plan policies map collectively comprises of those associated with the Unitary Development Plan, the Greater Manchester joint Waste Plan, the Greater Manchester joint Minerals Plan and Places for Everyone. For convenience, these are shown collectively online on the Council's interactive Local Plan map.

Supplementary Planning Guidance and Documents

While the primary focus of the Tameside's work programme is to make progress to bring forward Homes, Spaces, Places, it did also progress a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) associated with Houses in Multiple Occupancy. On the 2 October 2025 an immediate boroughwide Article 4 direction came into effect, removing permitted development rights in respect of HMOs. Further guidance has been prepared to support the consistent application of existing planning policies and their application to proposals for additional HMOs within Tameside. The HMO SPD was adopted on 29 June 2026.

Neighbourhood Plans

On the 24 August 2022 Tameside's Executive Cabinet approved an application made by Mossley Town Council, as a relevant body, to designate a Neighbourhood Plan area in Mossley for Mossley Town Council to bring forward a Neighbourhood Plan. Mossley Town Council undertook initial scoping engagement in February 2023 with the community of Mossley, future and further detail about the progression of the neighbourhood plan will be provided by the Mossley Town Council website¹ as the relevant body preparing the plan.

¹ <https://mossley-council.co.uk/>

Schedule of Proposed Local Development Documents							
Document	Status	Coverage	Preparing the draft plan – stages already undertaken	Publication	Submission	Examination ²	Adoption
Homes, Spaces, Places	Development Plan Document	Tameside	Integrated Assessment Scoping – July – August 2023 Plan scoping and issues July to September 2024 Options and Preferences April to May 2025 Preferred Option Draft Plan December 2025 – February 2026	October - November 2026	December 2026	Summer 2027	Autumn 2027
Joint Minerals and Waste	Development Plan Document	Greater Manchester	Timetable to be confirmed following publication of associated regulations and approval of milestone dates by AGMA Executive				
Policies Map	Development Plan Document	Tameside	The Policies Map will be developed in line with the timescales of other DPD. It will be amended and incorporate relevant polices as necessary upon adoption of DPD.				
The following SPD are not Development Plan Documents but are shown in this schedule for completeness and transparency							
Houses in Multiple Occupancy	Supplementary Planning Document	Tameside	Provides additional guidance about the implementation of existing UDP and PfE policies as appropriate to applications for Houses of Multiple Occupancy and make sure that new development considers potential impacts as necessary – Adopted 29 June 2026				

² Dates following submission are provided indicatively, as the timetable beyond submission is largely determined by the Planning Inspectorate.