

Erewash Borough Council Local Development Scheme Update (2025)

In accordance with and to fulfil Section 15 of the
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
(as Amended)

March 2025

Contents

Introduction	1
Document details – Erewash Core Strategy Review	3
Status of document	3
Geographic area to which the document relates.....	3
Prepared jointly?	3
Subject matter of the document.....	3
Timetable	3
Document details – Grey Belt Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	5
Status of document	5
Geographic area to which the document relates.....	5
Prepared jointly?	5
Subject matter of the document.....	5
Timetable	5

Introduction

1. Local Planning Authorities are required to produce a Local Development Scheme (LDS) in accordance with Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as Amended by the Localism Act 2011)
2. The Act stipulates what the LDS should identify, specifically (at Section 15, subsection (2)) -
 - (a) the documents which are to be local development documents;*
 - (b) the subject matter and geographical area to which each document is to relate;*
 - (c) which documents are to be development plan documents;*
 - (d) which documents (if any) are to be prepared jointly with one or more other local planning authorities;*
 - (e) any matter or area in respect of which the authority have agreed (or propose to agree) to the constitution of a joint committee under section 29;*
 - (f) the timetable for the preparation and revision of the documents;*
 - (g) such other matters as are prescribed.*
3. The previous LDS was produced in June 2024. This was in response to a request made by the Inspector appointed to examine the Erewash Core Strategy Review (CSR) during the opening session of the Hearing Sessions to reflect the timing of progress of that document through the examination process. In light of the Inspector's interim findings from the Examination (dated 4 September 2024), further work is required necessitating a new LDS to supersede the June 2024 version. This LDS also sets out a timetable for the production of a Grey Belt Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Further information about this SPD can be found at Paragraph 8 onwards. This LDS wholly replaces the June 2024 version and all previous versions.
4. The Erewash Core Strategy (adopted 2014) sets out in broad terms where new homes, jobs and infrastructure will go within the Borough. The National Planning Policy Framework requires Local Planning Authorities to review their Local Plans after five years. This took effect on 6 March 2019, resulting in the decision to produce a revised Core Strategy.
5. This new LDS covers the period between 2020 and 2026 to incorporate the review of the Core Strategy and the production of a Grey Belt SPD.

6. A timeline for both documents is set out later within this LDS. Whilst every effort is made to identify accurate key dates over the course of the LDS timeline, it should be noted that many of the key milestones (particularly relating to the CSR) were, and continue to be, subject to external influences. As a result, scheduled adoption dates will be heavily dependent on work and decisions carried out beyond the control of the Borough Council.
7. The geographical area for the Core Strategy Review is Erewash Borough, however some of the evidence base for the document has been developed in alignment with other Councils which form part of the wider Nottingham Core Housing Market Area and as such a wider geographical context has influenced the formulation of policy.
8. In July 2024, the current Government published proposed amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to enable an increase in housebuilding nationally. Part of those proposals introduced the classification of Grey Belt, defined as areas of previously developed land and any other areas that make a limited contribution to the five purposes of the Green Belt. The SPD will assist the Council in identifying Grey Belt across Erewash, whilst also helping to determine planning applications for development in Grey Belt locations.
9. The geographical area the Grey Belt SPD will apply to is Erewash Borough. With the Nottingham-Derby Green Belt extending beyond the Borough's boundaries, the Council will engage with neighboring councils in adjoining Housing Market Areas (HMAs) who it would normally consult over cross-boundary, strategic planning matters.

Document details – Erewash Core Strategy Review

Status of document

1. The Erewash Core Strategy Review will be a Development Plan Document.

Geographic area to which the document relates

2. The Core Strategy Review will apply to the Erewash Borough geographic area, though some of the evidence base policies will be developed in alignment with other Councils who form part of the wider Nottingham Core Housing Market Area.

Prepared jointly?

3. The Core Strategy Review will not be a joint document.

Subject matter of the document

4. The main purpose of the Core Strategy Review will be to set a vision for the future of Erewash as well as broad strategic objectives and key principles. To deliver the vision and objectives, the Core Strategy Review will contain a set of strategic policies that will cover the following key components:
 - a. Settlement hierarchy
 - b. Housing Strategy;
 - c. Employment Strategy;
 - d. Centres Strategy;
 - e. Green Infrastructure Strategy;
 - f. Transport Strategy

Timetable

5. As detailed in the LDS timetable below, the intended adoption of the Erewash Core Strategy Review is March 2026.

Timetable

Date	Stage	Details
January 2020	Options for Growth Consultation Part 1 (Regulation 18)	Sets out strategic options and consequent preferred sites.
March 2021	Options for Growth Consultation Part 2 (Regulation 18)	Revises the strategy and preferred sites as informed by previous consultation.
March 2022	Publication Consultation (Regulation 19)	Sets out the full text of the Core Strategy Review.
November 2022	Submission to Secretary of State (Regulation 22)	Submission of Publication version and responses to Regulation 19 consultation.
March 2026	Adoption (Regulation 26)	Full Council decides whether to adopt Core Strategy Review.

Document details – Grey Belt Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Status of document

1. The Erewash Grey Belt SPD will be a Supplementary Planning Document (non-DPD).

Geographic area to which the document relates

2. The Erewash Grey Belt SPD will apply only to the Erewash Borough geographic area.

Prepared jointly?

3. The Erewash Grey Belt SPD will not be a joint document.

Subject matter of the document

4. The main purpose of the Erewash Grey Belt SPD will be to a) identify locations within the current Green Belt designation that meet the definition of Grey Belt as set out by the National Planning Policy Framework, and b) assist the Council with the determination of planning applications where Grey Belt is cited as a factor for development.

Timetable

5. As detailed in the LDS timetable below, the intended adoption of the Erewash Grey Belt SPD is February 2025.

Timetable

Date	Stage	Details
December 2025	Call for sites	Request submissions of Grey Belt sites
April – May 2026	Public engagement (Regulation 13)	Six-week consultation over draft SPD.
June 2026	Adoption (Regulation 14)	Adoption of the Grey Belt SPD.