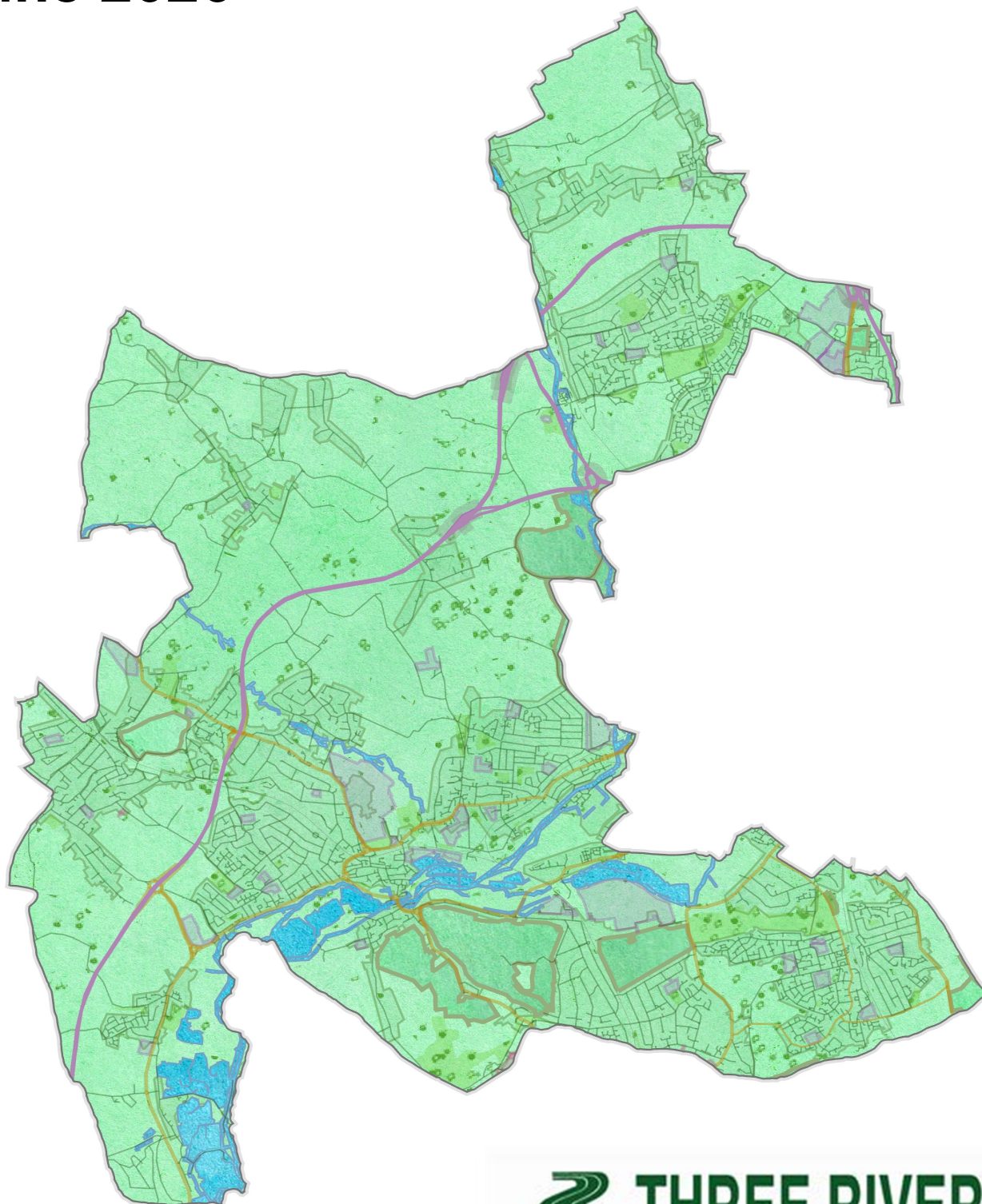


**Local Plan**

# **Local Development Scheme**

**June 2026**



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# The Local Development Scheme for Three Rivers District

## 1. Introduction

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) introduced the requirement for local planning authorities, such as Three Rivers District Council, to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS).

The LDS is a project plan that sets out the timetable for the production of new or revised Development Plan Documents which will form the Council's Local Plan. This LDS, which supersedes previous versions, sets out a planning work programme for the Council. It will be regularly reviewed to keep it up to date.

On 18 March 2026, the council was issued a Local Plan intervention letter whereby the Minister of State for Planning and Housing issued a total of 9 directions to the council, including timelines for specific actions, such as the publication of a revised LDS (by 30 June 2026), commencing the Regulation 19 consultation (by 31 July 2026) and the submission of the Plan by 30 November 2026.

### **What are the current adopted Development Plan Documents for Three Rivers?**

The current Local Plan for Three Rivers consists of the following Development Plan Documents:

- the Core Strategy (adopted October 2011)
- the Development Management Policies LDD (adopted July 2013)
- the Site Allocations LDD (adopted November 2014) and
- Croxley Green Neighbourhood Plan (2018)
- Chorleywood Neighbourhood Plan (2021)
- Batchworth Neighbourhood Plan (2025)
- Sarratt Neighbourhood Plan (2025)
- Abbots Langley Neighbourhood Plan (2026)

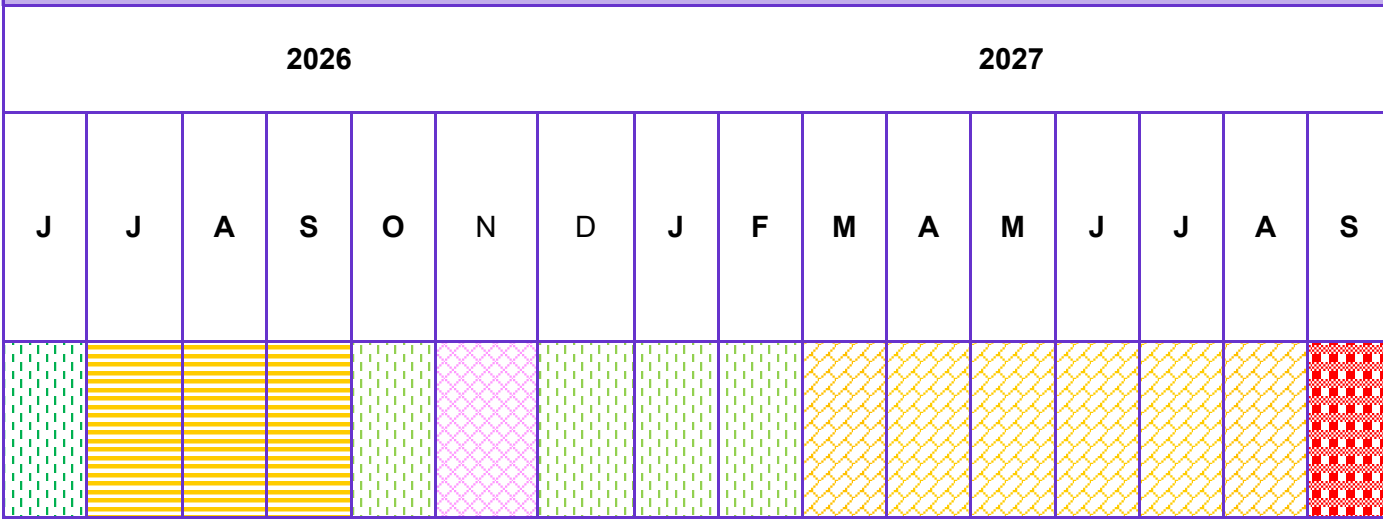
The Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents are the responsibility of Hertfordshire County Council. The Hertfordshire Minerals Local Plan was adopted in 2007, the Waste Core Strategy and Development Management Policies was adopted in 2012 and Waste Site Allocations DPD was adopted in July 2014.

### **What new Development Plan Documents are to be reviewed/prepared?**

Further information and the provisional 'milestones' for the production of the review of Local Plan that need to be achieved in order to be progressed towards adoption are set out in Appendix 1.

# APPENDIX 1

## TIMETABLE FOR THE NEW LOCAL PLAN



	<b>Preparation</b>
	<b>Publication Stage (Regulation 19)</b>
	<b>Submission Stage (Start of Examination Process)</b>
	<b>Examination</b>
	<b>Adoption</b>

Document	Local Plan	Policies Map
Description	Will update the strategic planning policies for the District, allocate land for housing and employment and update Development Management Policies	Will show policy designations and sites with specific allocations
Area	District	District
Publication Date	By 31 July 2026	Alongside Local Plan
Submission to Secretary of State	By 30 November 2026	Alongside Local Plan
Adoption	September 2027	Alongside Local Plan
Review	Annual Monitoring Report	Alongside Local Plan