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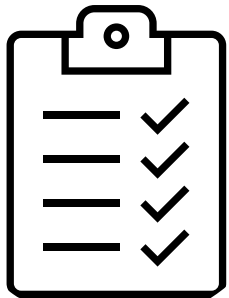
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# LCR Spatial Development Strategy Climate Partnership Update 11.01.2024

## What is a Spatial Development Strategy ('SDS')?

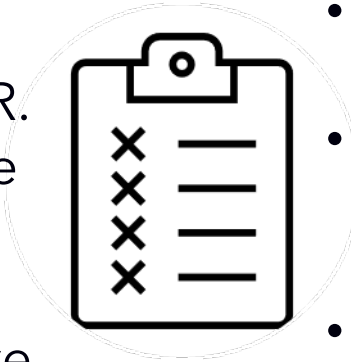
- Statutory land-use planning document, setting out an overarching policy framework for building and development in the Liverpool City Region (LCR) to 2040.
- Part of the LCR Devolution Deal.
- Responds to the strategic planning issues and opportunities relevant to the LCR such as housing and regeneration, economy and jobs, towns centres, infrastructure and natural environment.
- Helps tackle wider issues of climate change, health inequality and deprivation.
- Will be first of its kind for the LCR (and only one currently being prepared outside London).

## How will it work?



It will:

- Become a consideration in planning decisions across LCR.
- Provide a framework for future Local Plans (prepared by the LCR local authorities).
- Complement and help achieve land-use aspects of other LCRCAs strategies, policies and priorities.



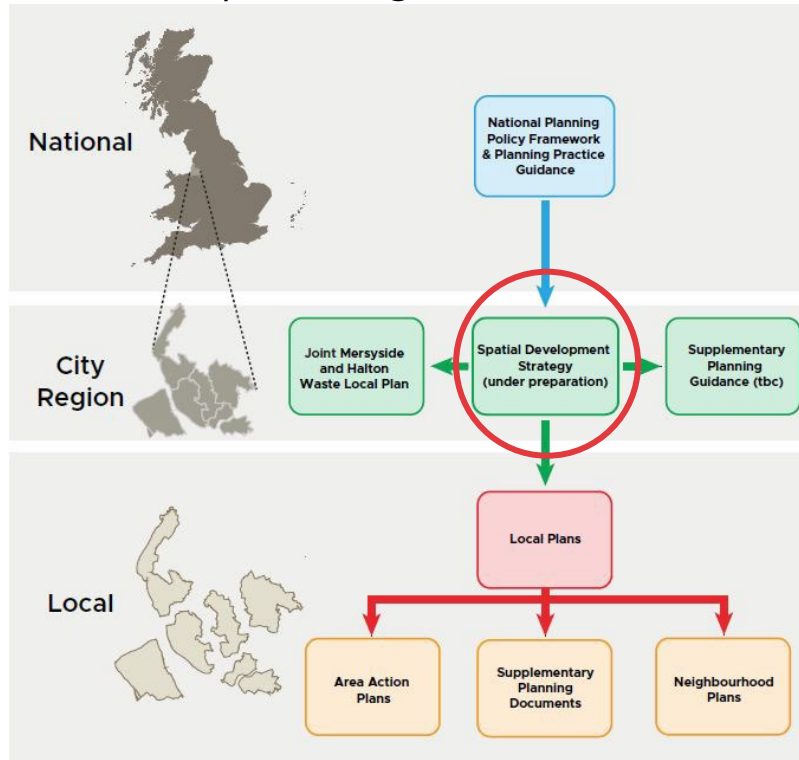
It will not:

- Replace Local Plans or need for local authorities to prepare them.
- Deal with locally specific/non-strategic matters or set detailed requirements (for local authorities to do).
- Deal with matters covered under Building Control Regs or other regulatory regimes.

Local authorities will continue to act as the 'Local Planning Authority' and be responsible for dealing with planning applications (although may be circumstances where the CA can step in)

## How does it fit in with other policy?

### Land-use planning



### LCR Combined Authority (with land-use aspect):

- Plan for Prosperity
- 5-year Climate Action Plan (2023)
- Housing Statement
- Digital Strategy and Action Plan
- Skills Action Plan
- Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
- Local Transport Plan (under preparation)
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) (emerging)



## What is the 'Towards a Spatial Development Strategy Engagement'?



- Full public engagement exercise.
- Opportunity to comment on whole suite of proposed policies and supporting evidence.
- Nothing is final or decided at this stage.
- Allow CA to obtain and understand a wide range of views and inputs to enhance and improve proposed policies ahead of next stage.
- Supported by 'Integrated Impact Assessment' (including Sustainability Appraisal) and Habitats Regs. Assessment.
- Engagement live until **16th February 2024**. See: [www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/sdsengagement](http://www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/sdsengagement)

## SDS Stages of Preparation (Indicative)





## Strategic Objectives





Climate Change  
and  
Environment

## **Objective 1 - Tackling climate change and creating a cleaner, greener city region will be achieved by:**

- Securing opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and capture carbon, helping to meet the Liverpool City Region's target of carbon net zero by 2040;
- Increasing resilience to the effects of climate change, and ensuring its impacts do not lead to social and economic inequalities;
- Making the most effective use of land, and maximising the potential to utilise brownfield land;
- Securing measured and lasting environmental improvements from new development to deliver benefits for biodiversity and climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- Protecting, improving and expanding valued green and blue spaces, landscapes and the natural environment for the long-term benefit of all;
- Managing and utilising resources, including minerals and waste, in a sustainable, efficient and responsible way as part of a circular economy;
- Increasing clean and renewable energy generation, and greater energy conservation and efficiency in buildings;
- Facilitating the transition to cleaner, greener transport, and promoting a shift to public transport.



## Overview

SDS contains:

- Vision and 5 Strategic Objectives.
- Spatial Strategy for the LCR.
- 10 Spatial Priorities – addressing key LCR strategic planning matters with spatial/locational component.
- 16 Development Principles – strategic matters applying to development across LCR.
- Draft Monitoring Framework.

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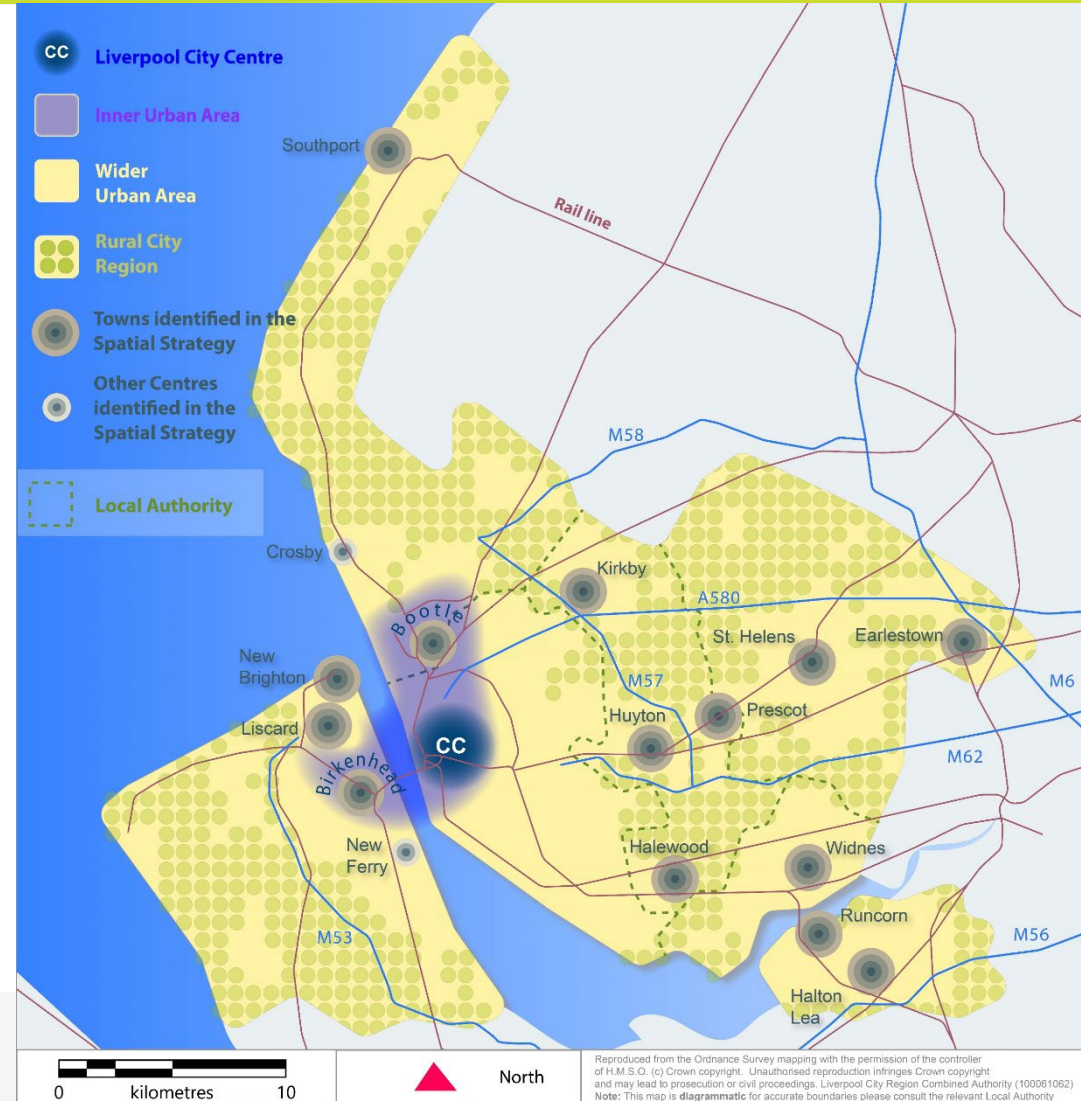
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## Spatial Strategy

A Spatial Strategy setting out policy priorities for:

- Liverpool City Centre
- Inner Urban Area
- Wider Urban Area and Towns
- Rural City Region

Approach to development in each spatial area set out in policy.



## Policy LCR DP1 - Planning for Climate Change

Sets out expectation that development plans and proposals should be making the fullest possible contribution towards the mitigation of climate change and adaptation to its effects through:

- Promoting modal shift, reducing car dependency and transport decarbonisation (Active Travel, Public Transport).
- Supporting development of Green Industries/Green Economy, decarbonisation of existing industries.
- Supporting decarbonisation of energy supply and renewable provision.
- Maximising energy efficiency in new and existing buildings, minimising Whole Life-Cycle Carbon.
- Supporting carbon storage and sequestration opportunities (Nature-based Solutions).
- Ensuring flood defence integrity and directing development away for areas of flood risk/coastal change.
- Incorporation of Green and Blue Infrastructure in new development (e.g. SuDS, Urban Cooling).
- Design measures ensuring resource efficiency (water, heating, cooling) and resilience (flooding and overheating).

## Other Policies

- **LCR DP3 - Economic Prosperity** - Recognition and support for growth of Green Industries and R&D sectors.
- **LCR DP5 - Impacts on Health** - Ensuring health risks of flood and coastal erosion are avoided
- **LCR DP6 - High Quality Design** - Integrating design measures to mitigate and adapt to climate change, allow for Active Travel, minimise waste.
- **LCR DP7 - The Natural Environment and Nature Recovery** - Requirements to protect, enhance, provide GI; approach to provision of Biodiversity Net Gain; alignment with Local Nature Recovery Strategy.
- **LCR DP10 - Sustainable Transport and Travel** - Promoting modal shift, reducing carbon emissions from transport.
- **LCR DP11 - Energy** - Supporting provision of renewable or low carbon energy and associated infrastructure.
- **LCR DP12 - Resources** - Promotion of Waste Hierarchy and Circular Economy; re-use of construction materials, protection of soil resources.

## Other Policies

- **LCR DP13 - Water Management and Flood Risk** - Directing development away flood risk areas; assessing the impacts of climate change on the water environment mitigate the effects.
- **LCR DP14 - The Historic Environment** - Supporting the historic environment to mitigate and adapt to climate change;
- **LCR SP4 - Strategic Infrastructure** - Support for key infrastructure inc. renewable & low carbon energy (battery storage, network capacity, hydrogen power); cycling and walking; public transport.
- **LCR SP6 - Green and Blue Infrastructure (GBI)** - provision of multifunctional GBI, promotion of 'Natural Capital' approach, support for urban greening and tree planting initiatives (Northern Forest).
- **LCR SP7 - International Connectivity** - Ensuring sustainable growth/operation of airport/ports.
- **LCR SP8 - River Mersey and the Coast** - Support for marine tidal energy generation, facilitation of low carbon modes of transport goods and freight; managing tidal flood risk, flood defences and coastal change
- **LCR SP10 - Rural City Region** - Improving public transport service provision; preventing the loss of BMV agricultural land; support the provision of renewable energy.



## Potential Areas for Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)

- Good Homes Standards
- Health Impact Assessment
- Carbon/Energy Statements
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy
- Natural Capital Approach





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# Policy Coverage

## Key Evidence

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### THE NATURAL CAPITAL APPROACH: A BACKGROUND

Prepared for the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority in support of the Spatial Development Strategy  
November 2023

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### Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

Part A  
Revision 5.0  
November 2023

Prepared for:  
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority  
[www.jbaconsulting.com](http://www.jbaconsulting.com)

### State of Nature Report

for the  
Liverpool City Region

#### Part I: Nature Baseline and Indicators

January 2022

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### Liverpool City Region Spatial Development Strategy

#### Integrated Impact Assessment (Interim Report)

#### Non-technical Summary

October 2023

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# Next Steps

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| Page   | Response                  |
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| <a href="#">Vision and Objectives</a>  | 0 of 2 questions answered |
| <a href="#">Policy LCR SS1 - Liverpool City Region Spatial Strategy</a>          | 0 of 3 questions answered |
| <a href="#">Policy LCR SP1 - Strategic Housing Need and Distribution</a>         | 0 of 2 questions answered |
| <a href="#">Policy LCR SP2 - Strategic Employment Land Need and Distribution</a> | 0 of 2 questions answered |
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The detailed view shows question 15: "To what extent do you agree with this policy approach?" with radio button options: Strongly disagree, Somewhat disagree, Neutral, Somewhat agree, and Strongly agree. Question 16 asks "How could this policy be improved?" with a text input field. Navigation buttons include "Save and come back later..." and "Continue".

- Engagement runs to **Friday 16th February 2024.**
- Respond via online platform: [www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/sdsengagement](http://www.liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/sdsengagement)
- All comments welcomed - **please encourage wider participation.**
- Post engagement, all feedback to be reviewed and considered by Spatial Planning Team.
- Further evidence prepared.
- Production of 'Draft SDS' as part of regulatory 'Public Participation' stage (towards end 2024\*)

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