



**LIVERPOOL  
CITY REGION**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

# **LCR Spatial Development Strategy**

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## Purpose of this presentation

- Provide an introduction to the Spatial Development Strategy (statutory requirements)
- Consider where to begin
- Consider potential timeline
- Explore potential high level policy topics

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## Devolution Deal (2015)

Para 22(a) - Development of a Spatial Development Strategy

“Development of a **Single Statutory City Region Framework (i.e. Spatial Development Strategy)** supporting the delivery of strategic employment and housing sites throughout the City Region. Such a Strategy would require approval by **a unanimous vote** of Members appointed to the Combined Authority by the constituent Councils. This approach **must not delay** the development of local plans....”

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## Key Statutory Requirements

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## The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (Functions and Amendments) Order 2017

### PART 2 Planning Spatial Development Strategy, Section 3(1)

The Combined Authority shall have, in relation to the Area, functions corresponding to the following functions in the 1999 Act that the Mayor of London has in relation to Greater London, which are specified in the following provisions in the 1999 Act—

*(a) section 334 (the spatial development strategy) as modified:*

- (1) The Combined Authority shall prepare and publish a document to be known as the “**spatial development strategy**”.
- (2) The spatial development strategy must include a statement formulating the Combined Authority’s strategy for spatial development in the Liverpool City Region.
- (3) For the purposes of this Part, the Combined Authority’s strategy for spatial development includes its general policies in respect of **the development and use of land** in the Liverpool City Region.
- (4) The spatial development strategy must include statements dealing with the general spatial development aspects of such of the Combined Authority’s **other policies or proposals** as involve considerations of spatial development
- (5) The spatial development strategy must deal only with matters which are **of strategic importance to the Liverpool City Region**.
- (7) The spatial development strategy must contain such **diagrams, illustrations or other descriptive or explanatory matter** relating to its contents.

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## The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (Functions and Amendments) Order 2017

### PART 2 Planning - Spatial Development Strategy, Section 3(i)

*(i) section 342 (matters to which the Combined Authority is to have regard) as modified;*

In exercising its functions .... The Combined Authority shall have regard to—

- (a) the **National Planning Policy Framework**;
- (b) the effect that the proposed spatial development strategy or revision would have on —
  - (i) the health of persons in the Liverpool City Region;
  - (ii) health inequalities between persons living in the Liverpool City Region;
  - (iii) the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom;
  - (iv) climate change and the consequences of climate change;
  - (v) the need to ensure that the strategy is consistent with national policies and the EU obligations of the United Kingdom; and
- (c) such other matters as the Secretary of State may prescribe.

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## The Combined Authorities (Spatial Development Strategy) Regulations 2018

### PART 1 - FORM AND CONTENT OF THE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

4.—(1) The spatial development strategy shall contain **a reasoned justification of the combined authority's strategy for spatial development** in the combined authority area.

5. —(4) **No** key diagram or inset diagram contained in the spatial development strategy **shall be on a map base**.

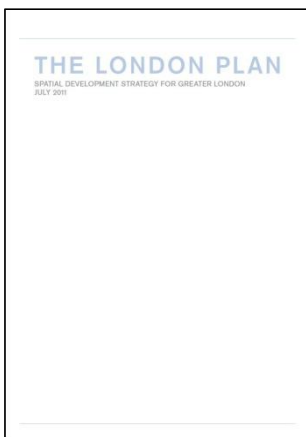
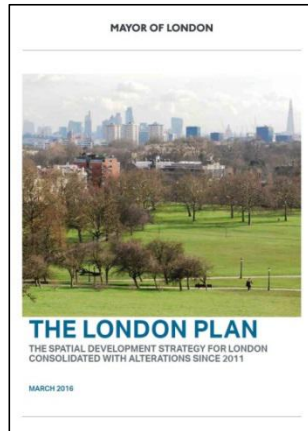
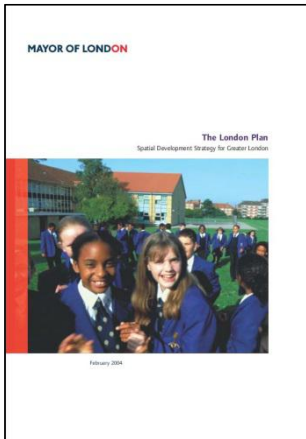
(6) The spatial development strategy may include diagrams in addition to the key diagram and the inset diagram, which identify **strategic allocations**; such diagrams **may be on a map base**.

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Where to begin?



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## The London Plan (SDS)

- 18 years experience
- Now on their third plan (plus several interim alterations)
- Established team and resources
- Latest version 108 policies 529 pages

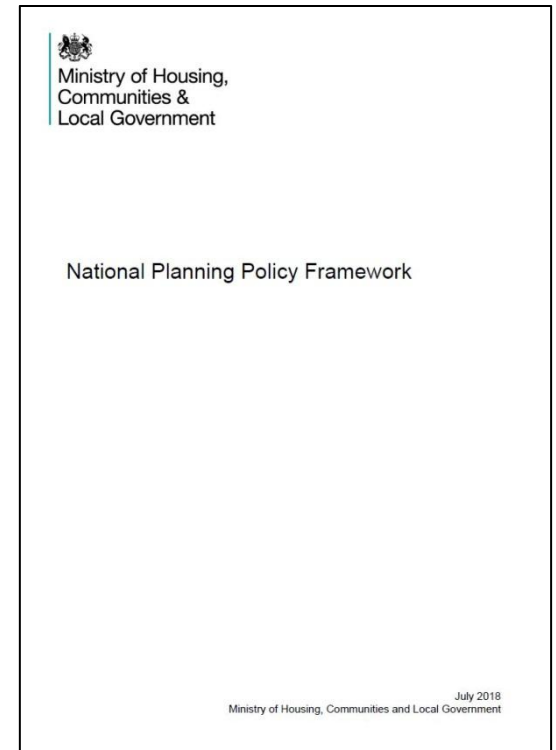
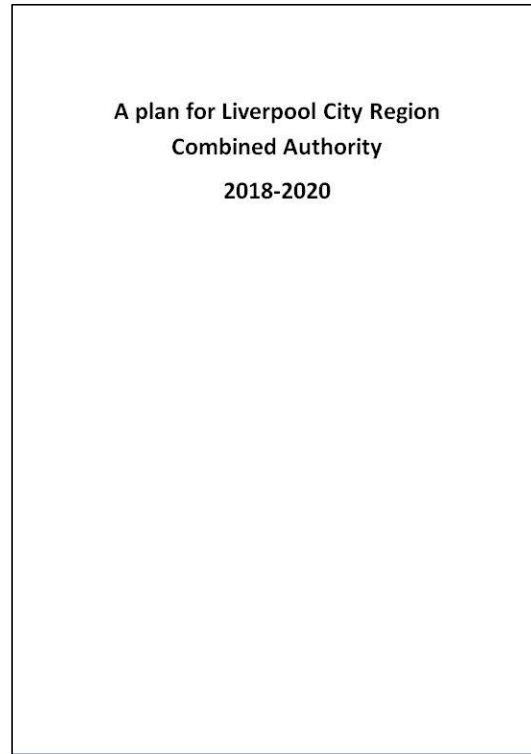
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## Gtr Manchester Spatial Framework

- Initial consultation 2015 (work began prior to this)
- Established joint working (AGMA)
- Not an SDS (as proposes de-designation of GB land)
- Last consultation attracted 27,000 responses

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Plus emerging LCR CA Strategies (including Local Industrial Strategy)

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## Strategic Policy Coverage

The NPPF (para 20) requires we include:-

- Provision for housing, employment, retail & leisure, commercial
- Infrastructure
- Community facilities (e.g. health, education, culture)
- Natural, built and historic environment (inc. climate change)

The rest is up to the Combined Authority

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## Additional Supporting Assessments

- Sustainability Appraisal
- Health Impact Assessment
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Viability Assessment
- Social Evaluation Assessment