Frequently asked questions:

1. What is the adopted development plan for Westminster?
The UDP Homepage (www.westminster.gov.uk/udp) contains the latest ‘Unitary Development Plan’ (UDP) document for Westminster, which was adopted in January 2007. It sets out our planning policies for developing land, improving transport and protecting the environment in Westminster for 10-15 years.

2. What is the Local Development Framework (LDF)?
The Government introduced new arrangements in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 for the reform of the planning system. The Unitary Development Plan (UDP) is being replaced with a portfolio of Local Development Documents called the ‘Local Development Framework’ (LDF) (www.westminster.gov.uk/ldf).

3. When will the Local Development Framework (LDF) replace the Unitary Development Plan (UDP)?
The Local Development Framework (LDF) policies will be prepared over a number of years and will gradually replace UDP policies and supplementary planning guidance. For further information see the Local Development Scheme LDS. The LDS was published in March 2007 (www.westminster.gov.uk/ldf/local-development-scheme.cfm).

4. How can I get involved in the development of Westminster’s Local Development Framework?
Contact us! You can find out how the Council will consult on its LDF publications, planning publications and other documents via our Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (www.westminster.gov.uk/ldf/statement-of-community-involvement.cfm). Visit www.westminster.gov.uk/planning/contact.cfm to contact the council and find out more.

5. How are the policies monitored?

6. How does Westminster's LDF relate to the Mayor's London Plan?
The Council's Local Development Framework and the Mayor's London Plan, the Spatial Development Strategy for Greater London (consolidated with alterations 2008), will comprise the statutory development plan for Westminster. The LDF must be in general conformity with the London Plan. Any changes emerging from the reviews of the London Plan will be a material consideration.