

**ROTHERHAM LOCAL PLAN**

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

**Revised July 2024**

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# 1. Introduction

## *Background*

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) requires local planning authorities to prepare, maintain and publish a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS sets out the Council's programme to produce the planning policy documents that form the Local Plan.

The Local Plan consists of a portfolio of Development Plan Documents (DPDs) together with documents concerned with the management of the plan making process.

Rotherham Local Plan documents produced to date include:

- the Local Development Scheme
- the Statement of Community Involvement
- Annual Monitoring Reports
- the Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Core Strategy (DPD)
- the Rotherham Core Strategy (DPD)
- the Rotherham Sites and Policies Document (DPD)

The Council's first Statement of Community Involvement was adopted by the Council on 14 June 2006. It was replaced with revised versions adopted by the Council on 3 June 2015 and 30 October 2019.

The Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Core Strategy was adopted by the Council on 8 March 2012.

The Rotherham Core Strategy was adopted by the Council on 10 September 2014.

The Rotherham Sites and Policies Document was adopted by the Council on 27 June 2018.

## *Purpose of the Local Development Scheme*

This document sets out a revised project plan for the update of DPDs that comprise the Rotherham Local Plan. The LDS is intended to:

- Set out the subject matter, geographic coverage, development plan status and inter-relationships of Local Plan documents and if any are to be prepared jointly with other local planning authorities.
- Establish and reflect priorities for the Local Plan to steer associated work programming and resource allocation.

- Give a timetable and set milestones for the preparation and review of documents.

The LDS is subject to periodic review and may be amended due to legislative changes or any requirement to carry out significant additional technical work in response to consultation on draft DPDs. The LDS is available at

<http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/local-plan>

## **2. Local Plan programme**

### *Core Strategy Partial Update*

Legislation requires the Council to prepare and keep under review a Local Plan. It also requires the Council to review Local Plan documents every five years from adoption, to determine whether they require updating.

The Council has reviewed the Core Strategy (adopted in September 2014) and, at the Cabinet meeting of 8 July 2019, approved commencement of a partial update.

### *Sites and Policies Document DPD*

The Council has reviewed the Sites and Policies Document (adopted in June 2018) and determined that the document remains fit for purpose and does not require updating. The review is available on the Council's website. The Sites and Policies Document will be reviewed again by 2028.

### *South Yorkshire Joint Waste Plan*

The Council is working with the other South Yorkshire authorities of Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield on a Joint Waste Plan. A Joint Waste Needs Assessment was completed in 2022, to provide supporting evidence for a new Joint Waste Plan.

### *Statement of Community Involvement*

The Council is required by Government to review the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) every five years from adoption. The current SCI was adopted by the Council at its meeting of 30 October 2019. The next review of the SCI will be due by October 2024.

### *Neighbourhood Plans*

Local communities can prepare plans for their local areas if they wish to do so. The local planning authority does not prepare Neighbourhood Plans but has a duty to provide advice and technical assistance to community groups engaged in Neighbourhood Planning. Neighbourhood Plans form part of the statutory development plan for those areas of the borough if they have successfully passed independent examination and a local referendum.

The Council has designated the following Neighbourhood Areas:

- Dinnington St John's Parish (designated 11 July 2016)
- Maltby Parish (designated 10 April 2017)
- Wickersley Parish (designated 11 December 2017)

- Dalton Parish (designated 19 February 2018)
- Firbeck Parish (designated 7 October 2021)

The following Neighbourhood Plans have successfully completed the examination and referendum process and have been adopted by the Council:

- Dinnington St John's Neighbourhood Plan (adopted 26 May 2021)
- Wickersley Neighbourhood Plan (adopted 25 May 2022)
- Maltby Neighbourhood Plan (adopted 28 February 2024)

#### *Timetable*

The Rotherham Local Plan programme is focused on the following development plan documents (DPDs):

- Core Strategy Partial Update
- South Yorkshire Joint Waste Plan

The programme is illustrated in the timetable below and expanded in the subsequent detailed profiles.

NB The milestones for the South Yorkshire Joint Waste Plan are dependent on revised regulations confirming the stages required under the new local plan system, following the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023.

## Rotherham Local Plan Timetable

	2024												2025												2026												2027											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Core Strategy Partial Update								C						PSV			S					R					A																					
South Yorkshire Joint Waste Plan								P						C			C										PSV							S										R			A	

<b>Production &amp; Consultation</b>	<b>P</b> Notice of Plan commencement ("call for sites" if applicable)
	<b>C</b> Consultation stages
<b>Publication</b>	<b>PSV</b> Publication of Proposed Submission Version
<b>Examination</b>	<b>S</b> Submission to Secretary of State (examination period starts)
Timetable for hearings and	<b>E</b> Examination hearings (to be confirmed)
Main Modifications at	<b>MM</b> Consultation on Main Modifications (to be confirmed)
Inspector's discretion	<b>R</b> Inspector's Report
<b>Adoption</b>	<b>A</b> Adoption by the Council

<b>Core Strategy Partial Update</b>	
<b>Document details</b>	
Role and content	Partial update to focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing and employment policies</li> <li>• Flood risk and water management policies</li> <li>• Climate change – in particular low carbon and renewable energy generation, and minerals policies</li> <li>• Social Value</li> <li>• The presumption in favour of sustainable development</li> <li>• Infrastructure required to support growth</li> </ul>
Status	DPD
Chain of conformity	To conform with national planning policy
Geographic coverage	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough
<b>Timetable and milestones</b>	
Consultation with statutory bodies on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal	Completed
Public consultation on draft Plan and Sustainability Appraisal	August / September 2024
Publication of Plan for "soundness" representations and Sustainability Appraisal	February / March 2025
Submission of Plan and Sustainability Appraisal to Secretary of State	June 2025
Independent Examination by Government-appointed Planning Inspector	July / November 2025
Receipt of Inspector's Report	November 2025
Adoption of the Plan by the Council	March 2026
<b>Arrangements for production</b>	
Lead responsibility	Planning Policy Team, Rotherham MBC
Management arrangements	Production stages guided by briefing of Members. Public consultation will require approval by Cabinet. Submission of the revised plan for examination and subsequent adoption of a revised Core Strategy will require a resolution by the Council.
Resources required	Produced internally with consultant input in relation to certain evidence base studies and Sustainability Appraisal
Approach to involving the community and stakeholders	Outlined in the Statement of Community Involvement
<b>Post production</b>	
Monitoring and review mechanisms	Via the Annual Monitoring Report



<b>South Yorkshire Joint Waste Plan DPD</b>	
<b>Document details</b>	
Role and content	Allocates strategic waste management sites within the four local authorities to deliver the Plan together with supporting policies
Status	DPD
Chain of conformity	To conform with national planning policy
Geographic coverage	The Metropolitan Borough of Barnsley, the City of Doncaster, the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham, the City of Sheffield
<b>Timetable and milestones*</b>	
Notice of Plan commencement	September / October 2024
Public consultation on draft Plan and Sustainability Appraisal (Issues and Options)	February / March 2025
Public consultation on draft Plan and Sustainability Appraisal	June / July 2025
Publication of Plan for "soundness" representations and Sustainability Appraisal	April / May 2026
Submission of Plan and Sustainability Appraisal to Secretary of State	November 2026
Independent Examination by Government-appointed Planning Inspector	December 2026 / May 2027
Receipt of Inspector's Report	May 2027
Adoption of the Plan by the Council	September 2027
<b>Arrangements for production</b>	
Lead responsibility	Joint Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Councils
Management arrangements	Oversight for the Plan and joint planning work by the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority infrastructure and housing portfolio
Resources required	Combination of dedicated consultants managed by Steering Group with representation from the constituent authorities and in-house planning officers
Approach to involving the community and stakeholders	Co-ordinated approach to consultation drawing on a common specification from the adopted SCIs of the four local authorities
<b>Post production</b>	
Monitoring and review mechanisms	Via the Annual Monitoring Reports of the four local authorities
*The milestones for the South Yorkshire Joint Waste Plan are dependent on revised regulations confirming the stages required under the new local plan system, following the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023.	

### **3. Monitoring and review**

#### *Annual Monitoring Report*

Continuous monitoring and review are essential to the plan, monitor and manage process in the successful implementation of the Local Plan. The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) is published at the end of each calendar year, reporting progress made in the preceding financial year. The report:

- Provides details of how well policies are being achieved by tracking their impact on relevant targets and whether policies need adjustment in the light of changes to national policy.
- Provides an updated list of technical studies, reports and other relevant publications contributing to the evidence base supporting Local Plan preparation.
- Indicates the performance of infrastructure providers against the infrastructure delivery planning requirements set out in the Core Strategy.

Annual Monitoring Reports are available at <http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/local-plan>

#### *Risk Assessment*

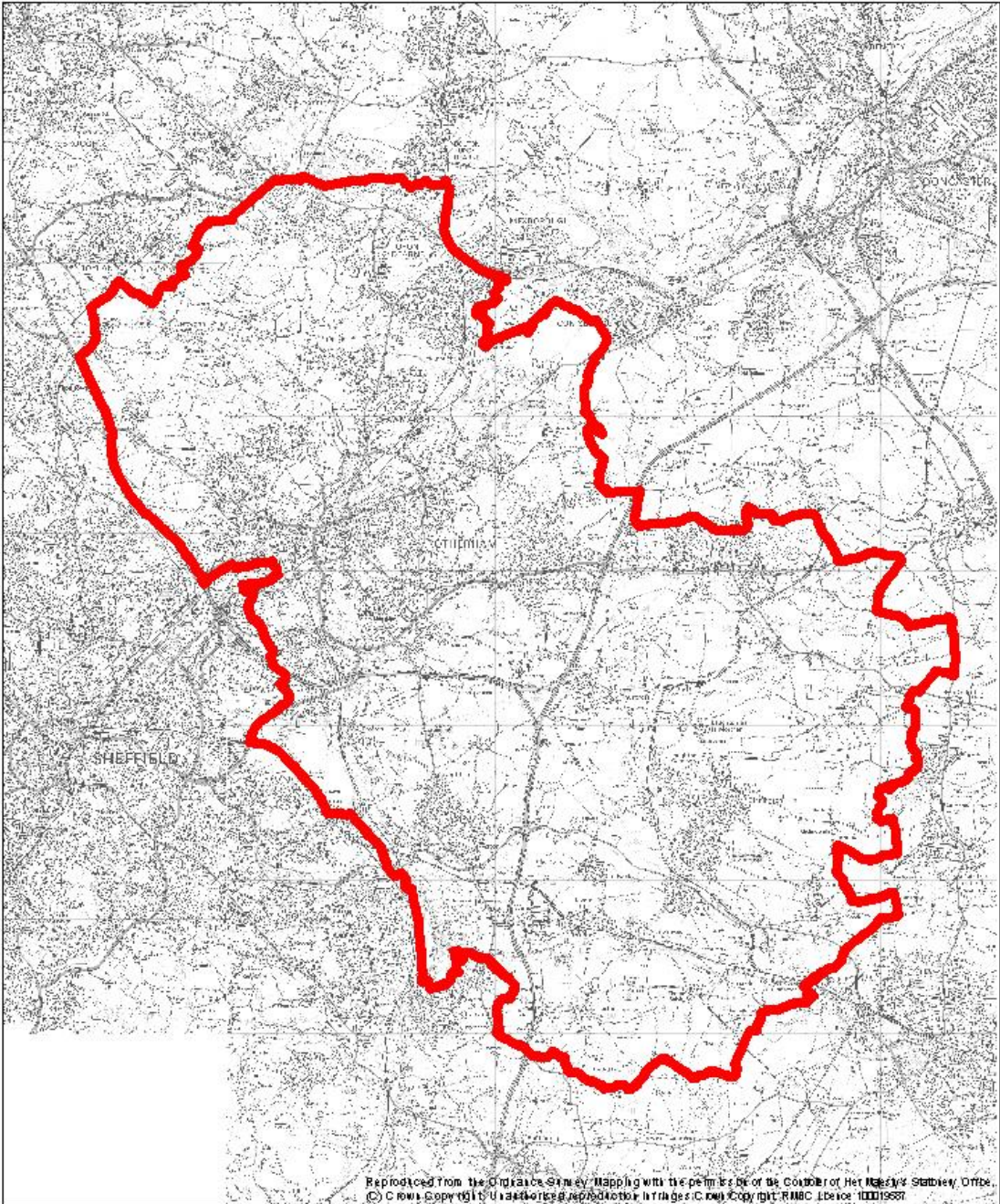
The table below identifies the risks in preparing the Core Strategy Partial Update and Joint Waste Plan, the probability and nature of any impact, and the mitigation / contingency for dealing with each risk.

## Risk assessment

Risk	Implication	Impact / Probability (low / medium / high)	Mitigation / contingency
Planning Inspectorate unable to meet timescales for examination and reporting	Programme slippage	H / M	Beyond the control of the Council; however the Council can ensure early and ongoing engagement with the Planning Inspectorate regarding timescales.
Insufficient budget	Programme slippage	H / M	Ensure scoping of the Plan identifies realistic budget requirements with appropriate flexibility.  Early internal engagement to identify and allocate appropriate budgets to support the Plan (including Examination).
Failure to meet Duty to Co-operate requirements	Further work required to resolve may result in slippage  Plan likely to be found unsound	H / L	Ongoing co-operation at regional level through SYMCA.  Ensure early and ongoing engagement on strategic, cross boundary issues with relevant Duty to Co-operate bodies, and production of Statements of Common Ground as required by national policy.
DPD found unsound at examination	DPD could not be adopted by the Council	H / L	Ensure the Plan complies with national planning policy and meets the requirements set out in legislation and regulations.  Ensure the Plan is based on up to date and robust evidence.  Access support and training, and draw on tools to support Plan preparation such as that offered by the Planning Advisory Service.
Legal challenge	All or part of the Plan may be quashed	H / L	All efforts will be taken to ensure that the Plan is found sound at examination.  Legal advice to be sought as necessary.
Changes to national policy	Further work required to comply may result in slippage	M / M	Ensure awareness of national policy position and respond to changes as soon as possible.

Risk	Implication	Impact / Probability (low / medium / high)	Mitigation / contingency
			Ensure any additional work is effectively managed to ensure quality of output to an agreed timetable.
Additional work required (for example arising from representations submitted, or need for further evidence)	Further work required to resolve may result in slippage	M / M	<p>The LDS sets out a challenging timetable. Extra resources may need to be deployed, including external consultancy support at key stages.</p> <p>Adopt effective project management approach to undertaking the Plan.</p> <p>Consider internal resources available to contribute towards the Plan, and/or appointment of specialist consultants where necessary.</p> <p>Consider and resolve budget implications arising from additional work requirements.</p> <p>Work commissioned by external consultants to be effectively managed to ensure quality of output to an agreed timetable.</p>
Planning Policy resources diverted to other work	Programme slippage	M / M	<p>Ensure corporate support for the Plan.</p> <p>Management of Planning Policy work programme to ensure priority of the Plan (including through service and team plans, and individual PDRs).</p>
Staff retention and recruitment	Programme slippage	H / H	<p>Consider internal resources available to contribute towards the Plan, and/or appointment of specialist consultants where necessary.</p> <p>Seek to fill vacancies with appropriately qualified officers as soon as possible.</p>
Political uncertainty	Programme slippage	M / M	<p>Ensure corporate support for the Plan.</p> <p>Ensure briefing of and engagement with Members throughout the Plan process.</p>
Breakdown of joint working arrangements	Programme slippage or abandonment	H / L	Ensure appropriate Memorandum of Understanding is signed and adhered to by all parties. Regular reporting to oversight groups.

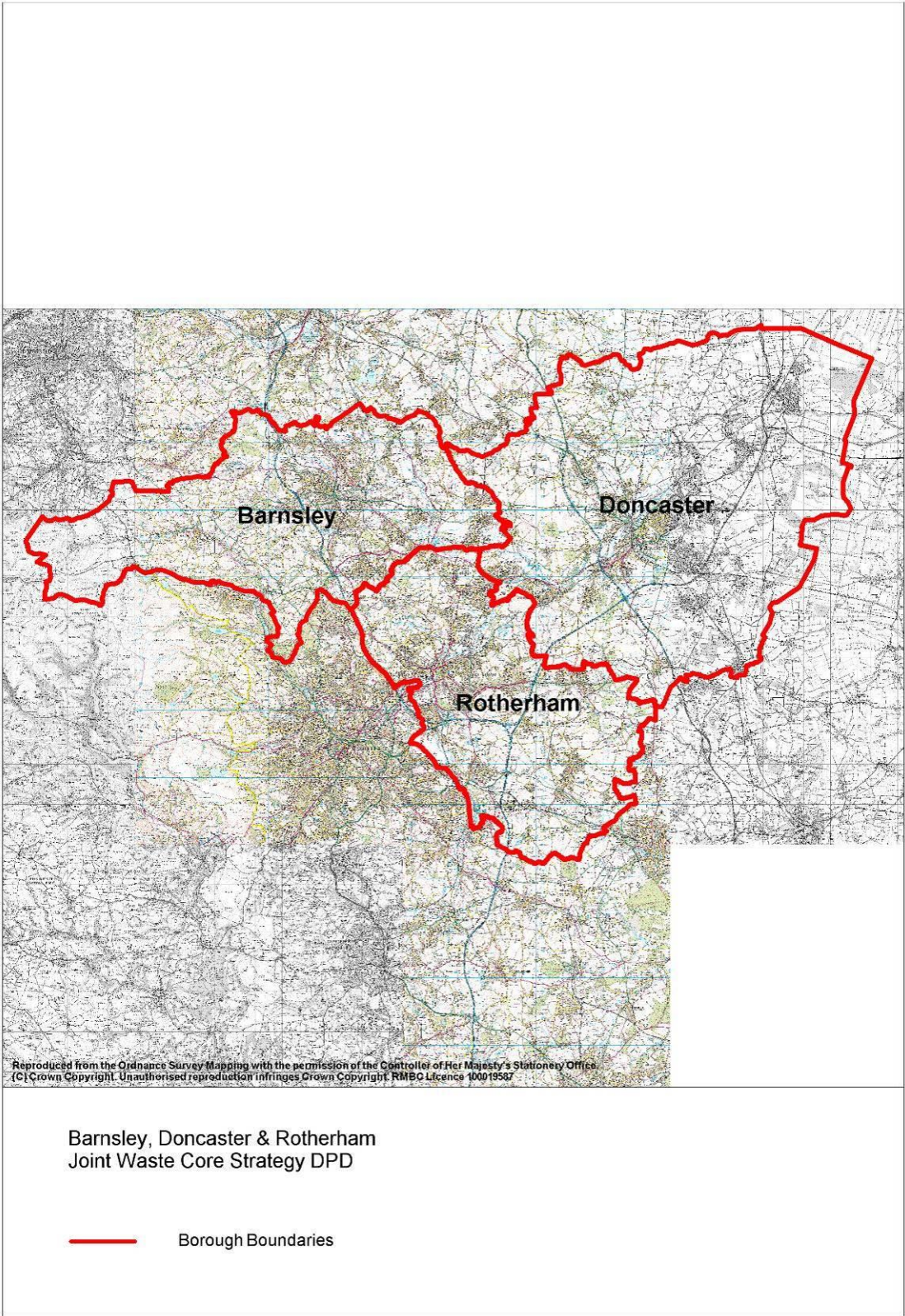
**Map 1: Rotherham DPD geographic coverage**



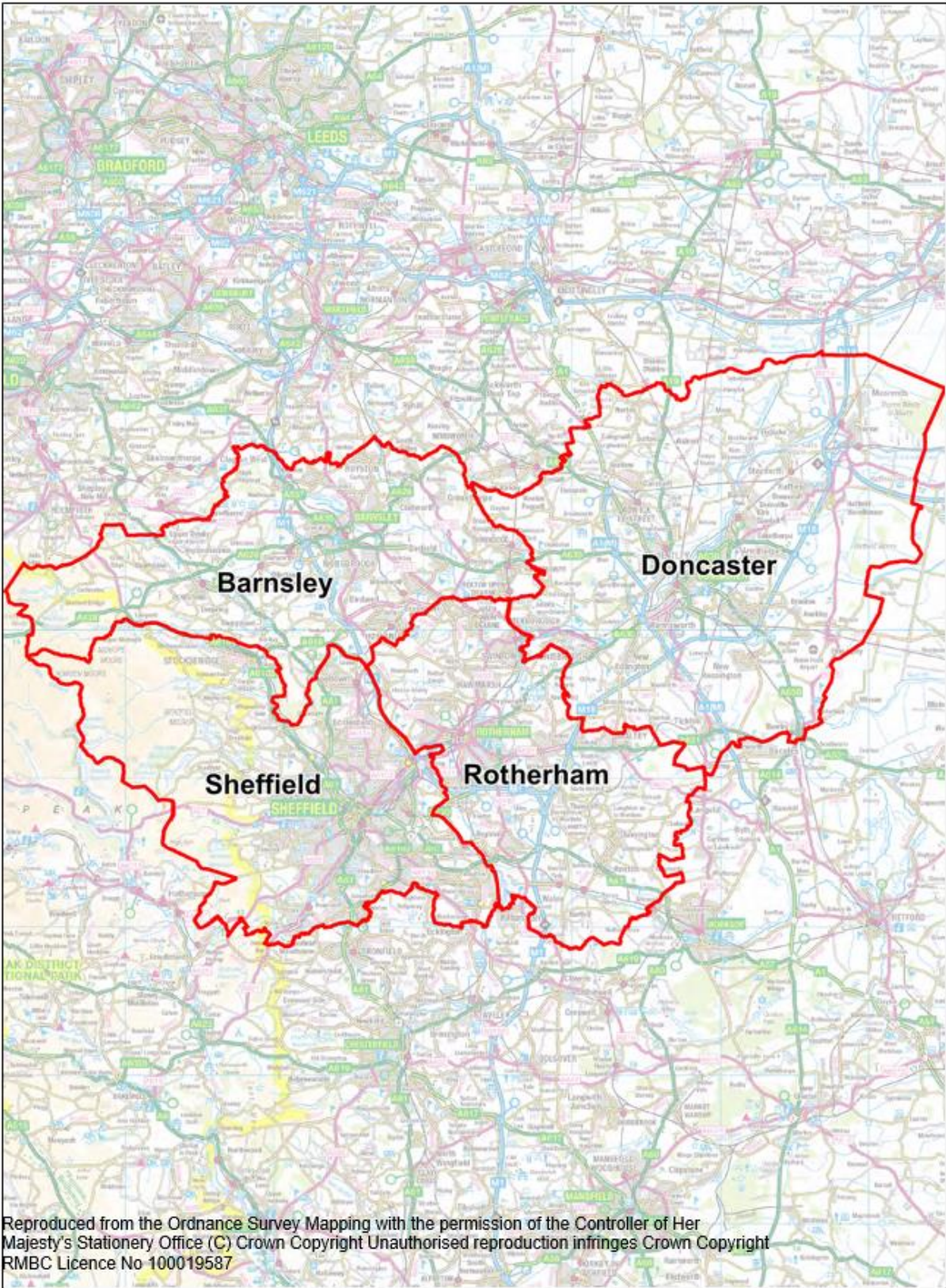
Core Strategy DPD  
Sites & Policies DPD  
Policies Map

— Rotherham Borough Boundary

**Map 2: Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Joint Waste Core Strategy DPD geographic coverage**



Map 3: South Yorkshire Joint Waste Plan DPD geographic coverage



South Yorkshire Joint Waste Plan

— Local Authority Boundaries