

Fact sheet for planning levels



Facts: Area Scheme of the Former Oil Refineries of the Urban Area of Larnaca/Livadia

Legal basis

The Area Scheme was prepared according to the provisions of Part D, Articles 13 & 14-18 of the Town and Country Planning Law.

Competences

According to the Town and Country Planning Law, the Minister of the Interior is the competent authority for the preparation of the Area Schemes. However, the Minister of the Interior has entrusted the preparation of the Area Schemes to the Planning Board. The Department of Town Planning and Housing provides technical support to the Planning Board.

Binding force

The Area Scheme is binding for all planning applications. Exceptions and departures from its provisions are possible after a respective decision of the Ministerial Council.

Tasks and content

- The textual part of the Area Schemes is organised in four parts. Part A includes a general introduction; Part B lays out the vision for the area; Part C includes the policies for the development of uses as well as other policy objectives, and is by far the lengthiest part of the plan; Part D deals with the implementation of the plan. Urban design guidelines and architectural design codes are presented in a separate annex.
- The textual part of the Area Scheme is accompanied by nine maps, which show the location and the boundaries of the intervention area and present the proposed planning with regards to the planning zones and land uses, the road network, the protection of the environment, and the prevention of floods.

Process, duration, participation

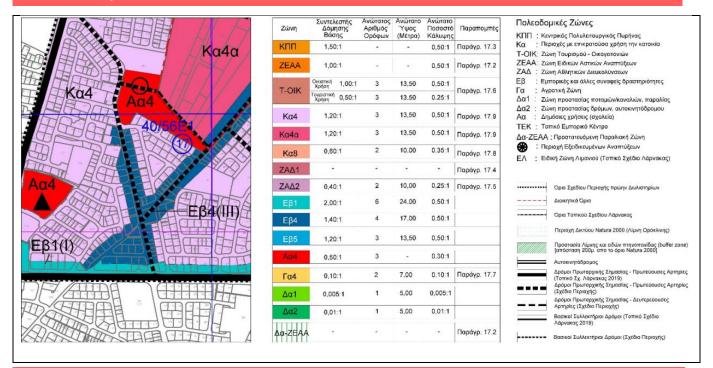
- The preparation of the specific Area Schemes became necessary due to the existence of oil and gas refineries and the associated facilities, which, for many years, prevented the rational development of the area. These uses were a source of environmental pollution and would comprise a threat to the city of Larnaca in the event of a large-scale industrial accident. The preparation of the plan was also pursued by the Municipalities of Larnaca and Livadia, which were seeking to revitalise the area.
- The plan was published by the Minister of the Interior in the Government Gazette on 14 August 2020.

Duration of validity

According to the Town and Country Planning Law, the Minister shall revise any Area Scheme within approximately five years after its publication. However, this deadline is usually not met in practice, with Area Schemes remaining binding until a revised version or amendment enters into force.



Details of the plan



Characteristics

Location of the area

The Area Scheme covers a nodal part of the city of Larnaca, since the intervention area: (a) sits between the main coastal road and the sea, (b) is in close proximity to Larnaca's city centre, (c) is next to Larnaca's port and marina, (d) is adjacent to residential areas, (e) abuts a large, undeveloped area of agricultural land, and (f) extends as far as the Oroklini Lake, which belongs to the European Natura 2000 network. The size of the intervention area is 420 ha.

Initial situation

The predecessor to the 2020 Area Scheme was the 2013 Local Plan for Larnaca. The Planning Zones Map of the 2013 Local Plan retained the industrial character of the area resulting from the presence of oil refineries and other associated facilities. The relocation of these facilities provided space for new visions, which were further explored and expressed by the 2020 Area Scheme.

Particularities of the procedure and/or contents

Due to the presence of industrial facilities, the area features large plots, which, after the relocation of the refineries and the other installations, are now empty and can serve large unified developments. The vision for this area aims at its transformation into a fresh, clean, and friendly area for residents, workers and visitors. The planning of the area aims at redefining the relationship of the whole city of Larnaca with the sea and at creating a high-quality sustainable, healthy and multifunctional urban environment that will be a destination of choice for residences, work and leisure.

Notes and links

- Link to the Planning Zones Map
- <u>Link to the set of policies (textual part) of: The Former Oil Refineries of the Urban Area of Larnaca/Livadia Area</u> Scheme