

Delayed Local Plans

| Local Plans stalled, delayed, or withdrawn prior to the Written Ministerial Statement (6 th December 2022) (Please note that their positions may have since moved on) | | | |
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| | LPA | Adoption date of current Local Plan | Details / Link |
| 1 | Basildon | September 2007 | Withdrawn from examination due to concerns about level of Green Belt release and the LURB https://www.basildon.gov.uk/article/9096/In-the-news-Notice-of-withdrawal-of-Local-Plan The Council have begun preparing a new local plan. Consultation on Issues and Options ended September 5 th 2023. Second Reg 18 consultation scheduled for Q3 2024 and Reg 19 for Q4 2025. Adoption expected Q4 2027. |
| 2 | Dacorum | Core Strategy - September 2013 Site Allocations – July 2017 | Council approved a new Local Plan timetable under which the draft is not scheduled to be submitted until Autumn 2024. https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/planning-development/planning-strategic-planning/local-development-scheme |
| 3 | Hertsmere | Core Strategy – January 2013 Site Allocations and Development Management – November 2016 | There is now no agreed timetable for when the Local Plan will be in place. Cllr Cohgen said <i>“The 2023 [target] has been shelved because we have shelved the previous draft local plan. We don’t have an agreed timetable but it certainly won’t be ready for 2023 – it is more likely to be 2024 or 25... Part of the reason for this was the need to obtain clarity from government regarding the calculation of housing need and changes to national policy.”</i> (meeting November 23 rd 2022) https://www.watfordobserver.co.uk/news/23154671.hertsmeres-local-plan-likely-miss-government-deadline/ |
| 4 | Mid Sussex | March 2018 | Resolved in January to delay work on its draft plan in order to await government policy changes. Reg 18 Consultation has now taken place between November 7 th – 19 th December 2022 Publication of reg 19 is scheduled for Summer/ Autumn 2023. |

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| 5 | St. Albans | “saved” in 2007 | <p>Timetable was agreed in September that sets out a provisional date of December 2025 for adoption of the new Local Plan.</p> <p>https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/news/timetable-st-albans-districts-local-plan</p> <p>Reg 18 consultation on Draft Local Plan took place between July and September 2023 as scheduled.</p> |
| 6 | Dorset | <p>West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland – October 2015</p> <p>Purbeck – November 2012</p> <p>North Dorset – January 2016</p> <p>East Dorset & Christchurch – April 2014</p> | <p>Announced in July that adoption of its Local Plan had been put back by two years to 2026. With the update from the Portfolio Holder for Planning noting <i>“There is an opportunity for Dorset’s local plan to be at the forefront of expected changes to the planning system which have been set out in the Levelling Up and regeneration Bill.”</i></p> <p>https://moderngov.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=152&Mid=5357&Ver=4</p> |
| 7 | Ashfield | November 2002 | <p>After pausing its plan in October 2021, Ashfield announced in August 2022 that it intends to progress its local plan to the next stage of consultation but has significantly reduced the provision of new homes within this.</p> <p>https://www.ashfield.gov.uk/your-council/news/local-plan-back-in-progress/</p> |
| 8 | Arun | July 2018 | <p>Arun’s full council voted in July to overturn a decision by its planning policy committee to resume work on its emerging local plan. Arun resolved in October last year to pause work on the plan due to uncertainty over the direction of the government’s planning reforms.</p> <p>https://democracy.arun.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=141&Mid=1623</p> <p>The Council have agreed in July 2023 to recommence its local plan review</p> |
| 9 | Welwyn Hatfield | October 2023 | <p>Refused in July to accept a planning inspector's recommendation that its emerging local plan must accommodate 15,200 new homes, prompting a warning from him that they will have to withdraw the plan from examination</p> <p>Consultation on further main modifications closed on the 28th of August 2023.</p> |

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| | | | The Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan Local Plan has now been adopted - At a meeting of full Council held on 12th October 2023, Councillors voted to adopt the new Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan, following receipt of the Inspector's final report. |
| 10 | Castle Point | November 1998 | Withdrawn from examination after being found 'Sound' by the Inspector due to concerns about level of Green Belt release and the LURB. https://www.castlepoint.gov.uk/new-local-plan/ Adopted LDS indicates formal regulation 18 consultation expected June 2024 with Reg 19 in February 2025. Adoption expected March 2026. |
| 11 | Havant | Core Strategy – March 2011 Allocations Plan – July 2014 | Withdrawn its Local Plan from examination in March 2022. https://www.havant.gov.uk/previous-local-plan Reg 18 completed at start of 2023. Reg 19 expected in Q1 of 2024. |
| 12 | East Hampshire | May 2014 | Announced a second consultation on its Local Plan, which the Council said is required due to the government's "deeply flawed planning rules and brutal housing targets". The council's new local development scheme, pushes back its target adoption date by 18 months to September 2025. https://www.theplanner.co.uk/2022/06/20/hampshire-council-consult-local-plan-due-brutal-housing-targets https://www.easthants.gov.uk/planning-services/planning-policy/local-plan/local-plan-consultation New LDS published July 2023. Reg 18 consultation now expected to take place in January 2024 with Reg 19 in July 2024. |
| 13 | Uttlesford | January 2005 | In September 2022 announced a pause to the current published local plan timetable to allow more time to complete further work ahead of publishing a draft local plan for consultation. https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/4969/Local-Plan-timetable Presentation to Local Plan Leadership Group on 26 th of July indicates regulation 18 consultation on a Draft Local Plan is expected to take place in the Autumn 2023 and regulation 19 consultation in summer of 2024. |
| 14 | Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole | Bournemouth – October 2012 Christchurch – April 2014 | The recently established council's cabinet announced in July 2022 a two year delay in the adoption date for its Local Plan. https://democracy.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=285&MId=5012&Ver=4 |

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| | | Poole – November 2018 | |
| 15 | Epping Forest | March 2023 | Additional consultation on further modifications closed 9 th December 2022. https://www.efdclocalplan.org/local-plan/latest-news-and-updates/ Local Plan adopted March 2023 |
| 16 | Medway | May 2003 | Adoption of the local plan will be delayed by up to 2 years. Consultation on Development Alternatives scheduled for summer/ autumn 2023 and publication of draft plan scheduled for early 2024. Cabinet Forward Plan indicates decision on Reg 18 Local Plan to be made at 5th September 2023 meeting. |
| 17 | Slough | Core Strategy – December 2008 Site Allocations – November 2010 | Paused work on its local plan after its entire £320,000 budget was withdrawn https://www.sloughobserver.co.uk/news/20018858.sloughs-local-plan-paused-council-withdraws-funding/ https://www.planningresource.co.uk/article/1750867/local-plan-paused-councils-entire-320000-budget-%E2%80%9Ctaken-away%E2%80%9D |
| 18 | Thanet | July 2020 | Cabinet resolved in July to delay the target date for adoption of its local plan review by 14 months to May 2026. The council said that the move had been prompted by uncertainties surrounding issues including the final decision on the Development Consent Order for Manston Airport, the government’s revisions to its ‘standard method’ of assessing local housing need and planning reforms. https://www.thanet.gov.uk/cabinet-to-consider-update-to-the-local-plan-timetable/ LDS schedules a reg 18 consultation on Local Plan update for September 2023 and Reg 19 for September 2024. |
| 19 | Three Rivers | Core Strategy – October 2011 Site Allocations – November 2014 | At a Full Council meeting (18 th October 2022) the Council supported a delay in agreeing its Local Plan and resolved to push back against the government housing figures allocated to Three Rivers. https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/news/council-agrees-way-forward-on-local-plan#:~:text=At%20its%20meeting%20on%20Tuesday,up%2076%25%20of%20Three%20Rivers. Consultation on additional sites ended on the 30th of March 2023. Additional reg 18 consultations on preferred local plan and housing numbers in Sep/Oct 2023. Regulation 19 scheduled for August/ Septemeber 2024. |

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| 20 | Wealden | Core Strategy – February 2013 | <p>Delayed Reg 18 consultation on emerging Local Plan stating “There is too much uncertainty currently which would directly affect our Local Plan strategy and the content of our draft plan for us to consult on a Draft Local Plan at this time.”</p> <p>https://www.wealden.gov.uk/news/update-on-wealdens-draft-local-plan/</p> <p>Update on Local Pan following WMS – Council plans to bring an updated timetable for the Local Plan to sub committee in the new year once they have had the opportunity to consider the nature of the planning reforms.</p> <p>https://www.wealden.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/wealden-local-plan/friday-8th-july-2022-local-plan-update/</p> <p>Local Plan Update Note (March 2023) - “As matters stand, we are likely to publish our plan for consultation in late summer/early Autumn 2023... We will write again following the publication of the NPPF changes to confirm our timetable.”</p> |
| 21 | Basingstoke and Deane | May 2016 | <p>Delayed their Local Plan consultation for a year “to allow extra time for planners to identify the true level of local need for new homes... this will consequently now push back the adoption of the Local Plan until autumn 2025”.</p> <p>https://www.turley.co.uk/comment/familiar-story-basingstoke-and-deane-seeking-justify-lower-level-housing-need#:~:text=The%20consultation%20has%20now%20been,Local%20Plan%20until%20autumn%202025.</p> |
| 22 | Dudley | Black Country Core Strategy – February 2011 | <p>In October 2022 the Council announced it would be withdrawing from the Black Country Plan due to concerns about the proposed level of Green Belt release. The Plan was then abandoned by the other participating authorities.</p> <p>Local Plan Watch: Black Country councils estimate over £1.1 million extra spend to prepare new plans after joint strategy scrapped Planning Resource</p> <p>In November 2022 the Council’s Cabinet agreed to start work on a new Dudley Local Plan. Consultation on the draft plan (Reg 18) is expected autumn/winter 2023 and adoption of the plan is anticipated in Spring 2026.</p> |
| 23 | Walsall | Black Country Core Strategy – February 2011 | <p>Following the withdrawal of Dudley and the subsequent abandonment of the Black Country Plan, Walsall agreed at Cabinet in November 2022 to start work on a Walsall Local Plan.</p> <p>https://go.walsall.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/future-planning-policy</p> |

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| | | | Council's local plan website states that they will no longer be consulting on the Issues and Options in September /October 2023, as the Government are currently reviewing the NPPF, the Council wants to consider the outcomes of this review as it may affect the content of the local plan. |
| 24 | Wolverhampton | Black Country Core Strategy – February 2011 | Following the withdrawal of Dudley and the subsequent abandonment of the Black Country Plan Wolverhampton will be preparing a Local Plan for the City and the Council Leader has committed to protecting the city's Green Belt. Leader underlines commitment to protecting green belt City Of Wolverhampton Council LDS (February 2023) notes the Reg 18 consultation should take place July-Sept 2023 with adoption of the plan anticipated for late 2025. |
| 25 | Sandwell | Black Country Core Strategy – February 2011 | Following the withdrawal of Dudley and subsequent abandonment of the Black Country Plan Sandwell have started work on a new Local Plan. Planning Policy Sandwell Council Consultation on Issues and Options took place between February and March 2023, with adoption of the plan anticipated for late 2025. |
| 26 | Hinckley & Bosworth | Core Strategy – December 2009 Site Allocations & Development Management – July 2016 | The Council delayed submission of its emerging Local Plan in September 2022 Council delays local plan submission over new PM and national policy uncertainty Planning Resource The LDS (approved in December 2022) extends the plan period to 2041 and revises the timetable, with adopted of the local plan now anticipated for August 2025. |
| 27 | Nuneaton & Bedworth | June 2019 | In October 2022 the Council announced its Local Plan would be submitted for examination three months later than originally planned due to uncertainty over housing need and national policy uncertainties. Council delays local plan work over housing need and national policy uncertainties Planning Resource Consultation on the Reg 19 Plan taking place September-October 2023. |
| 28 | South Norfolk | Joint Core Strategy – March 2011 Site Allocations – October 2015 | In September 2022 the authority announced that the Greater Norwich local Plan would be delayed nearly two years due to nutrient neutrality concerns. Joint plan could be delayed by nearly two years over nutrient neutrality Planning Resource The Local Plan has recommenced following delays to consider nutrient neutrality and Gypsy and Traveller sites. |

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| 29 | Swale | July 2017 | <p>The timetable for the Local Plan set out in the LDS was updated following the need to undertake additional transport modelling work.</p> <p>https://services.swale.gov.uk/assets/Planning%20Policy%202019/LDS_JULY_22.pdf</p> <p>The Council's website states that the LDS is now out of date and that this will be revised as soon as possible after the proposed changes to the NPPF are published in Spring 2023.</p> |
| 30 | Tandridge | October 2008 | <p>In September 2022 the authority voted to pause work on its Local Plan pending clarification on future government policy.</p> <p>Agenda Document for Planning Policy Committee, 22/09/2022 (tandridge.gov.uk)</p> <p>A procedural meeting held on the 27th of July 2023 between the Inspector and Council to provide the Inspector with further information as to whether the examination can proceed. The Inspector considers the plan to be unsound and on the available evidence cannot be found sound without modifications that would make the plan fundamentally different to the one submitted. The Inspectors letter settings this out, will be discussed at the Planning Policy Committee on 21st September.</p> |

| Local Plans stalled, delayed or amended post Written Ministerial Statement (6 th December 2022) | | | |
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| | LPA | Adoption date of current Local Plan | Details / Links |
| 1 | Horsham | November 2015 | <p>Delayed the Cabinet meeting scheduled for 15th December to consider Local Plan.</p> <p>https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/local-plan</p> <p>On 9th January 2023 Councillors at a private meeting voted not to take their Reg 19 Local Plan to Cabinet and Extraordinary Council on 18th January (Cabinet and Extraordinary Council meetings scheduled for 18th January were both cancelled).</p> <p>Following the local elections on 4 May 2023 there has been a change to the majority party at Horsham District Council. Officers within the Strategic Planning Team are currently working with elected Councillors to agree a new Local Plan review timetable which will be updated in due course. LDS on Council Forward plan to be considered at September Cabinet meeting.</p> |

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| 2 | Teignbridge | May 2014 | <p>Extraordinary Council, Full Council meeting scheduled for 15th December postponed following the WMS.</p> <p>https://democracy.teignbridge.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=165&Mid=3194&Ver=4</p> <p>The Council have since voted (12th January) to proceed with the consultation.</p> <p>Consultation on the Reg 19 Local Plan took place between January and March 2023.</p> |
| 3 | Mole Valley | October 2009 | <p>In light of the WMS the Council have decided to pause before moving onto the next stage of plan preparation – They had been due to consult on modifications in January 2023.</p> <p>Pause in the Local Plan Process – Latest news from Mole Valley District Council</p> <p>Councillors have released a statement setting out their intention to propose a Main Modification to the Inspector to remove all Green Belt allocations from the Local Plan. An extraordinary council meeting was held on 16th January 2023 to discuss the proposal.</p> <p>https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/sites/default/files/home/council/committee-agendas-minutes/council-meeting/council-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/item-3-main-modifications-local-plan.pdf</p> <p>The Council has requested an extension to the pause in the local plan process beyond the 25th May due to the NPPF revisions being delayed.</p> <p>https://futuremolevalley.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ED61-Councils-Note-33-Requesting-an-Extension-to-the-Pause.pdf</p> <p>The Inspector has accepted the Council's request to extend the pause in the local plan until there is clarity on national policy.</p> |
| 4 | Gedling | Core Strategy – September 2014 Part 2 Local Plan – July 2018 | <p>Cabinet meeting (8th December) resolved to approve publication of the Strategic Plan Preferred Approach document and Sustainability Appraisal in so far as it relates to Gedling Borough with the exception of proposals to release Green Belt land at Teal Close, in light of the Ministerial Statement made on 6th December 2022...</p> <p>https://democracy.gedling.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=127&Mid=2983</p> <p>The preferred approach consultation of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan took place in January – February 2023.</p> |
| 5 | Vale of White Horse & South Oxfordshire | VoWH – Local plan part 1 – December 2016 | <p>Have announced an 11 month delay to the adoption of their emerging joint local plan. Now proposing adoption of the plan in September 2025 rather than October 2024 (It is unclear whether this delay is as a result of the LURB/WMS).</p> |

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| | | and part 2 – October 2019 South Oxfordshire – December 2020 | The updated LDS agreed in June 2023 outlines that the Preferred Option consultation will now take place in October 2023 and Reg 19 in July/ August 2024. Forward Plan indicates decision by Cabinet at its meeting on 28th of September 2023. |
| 6 | Swindon | March 2015 | Council’s Cabinet (7 th December) approved a revised timetable for the review of its 2015 local plan. Delaying the submission of the new draft plan for examination by over a year. <i>“In light of the national and local changes, the council needs to review and evaluate options for new development with updated supporting evidence to deliver homes to achieve a five-year housing supply.”</i> https://ww5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=285&MId=10694&Ver=4 According to the latest LDS the Reg 18 consultation of the new Local Plan should commence in Autumn 2023, with adoption anticipated for late 2025/early 2026. |
| 7 | Stockport | March 2011 | In addition to previous delays with the Local Plan, Stockport have now taken the decision to defer the planned consultation on the Local Plan following the WMS. Statement: Stockport Local Plan latest – December 16, 2022 – Stockport Council <i>“The Council has taken the decision to defer the planned consultation on our Local Plan following the publication of the Ministerial Statement issued on 6th December which proposes amongst other things significant changes to the way in which we need to consider housing targets for local areas and in particular protection of the green belt.”</i> At Scrutiny Committee on 15 th June it was noted under agenda item 8 that <i>“the plan had been paused in December 2022 in light of the national situation and subsequent consultation. Local authorities were awaiting news from government as to the outcome of the NPPF consultation; the council was not in a position to begin consulting on the draft plan at this stage.”</i> Agenda for Economy, Regeneration & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 15th June, 2023, 6.00 pm - Stockport Council |
| 8 | North Somerset | Core Strategy - April 2012 Site Allocations Plan – April 2018 | The Head of Planning confirmed that there will be a delay to the next stage of Local Plan consultation. <i>“Given this latest news from Government about changes to the planning system it will now take longer before we can publish our next draft Local Plan. We need to understand the implications of the reforms first. We expect the consultation on a revised National Planning Policy Framework to be launched before Christmas and will be responding to it.”</i> |

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| | | | <p>North Somerset Council – Local Plan update – Wraxall & Failand Parish Council (wraxallandfailand-pc.gov.uk)</p> <p>The LDS (August 2023) notes that the Reg 19 consultation is expected to take place November/December 2023, with adoption of the plan scheduled for December 2024.</p> |
| 9 | Gravesham | September 2014 | <p>At Cabinet meeting on 3rd January it was agreed that a new LDS could be published. The new LDS shows the Council will consult on the plan September/October 2023 and expects submission July 2024 and adoption December 2024.</p> <p>Report (gravesham.gov.uk)</p> |
| 10 | South Staffordshire | Core Strategy – December 2012 Site Allocations – September 2018 | <p>The Council have delayed submission of their Local Plan to SoS for examination whilst they assess the implications of the potential planning reforms.</p> <p><i>“We will be seeking clarity on the new national proposals and until we fully understand the potential implications, we will not be submitting the Local Plan to the Inspectorate for examination.”</i></p> <p>https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/news/news.cfm/current/1/item/136521</p> <p>A statement from July 2023 on the Council’s website states <i>“the council is revisiting the evidence that underpins the plan and is now moving forwards again, aiming to undertake a new public consultation in early 2024. We are still awaiting the outcomes of the government’s consultation on their proposed changes, but they have given no indication of when this will be or what form they will take.”</i></p> |
| 11 | Isle of Wight | March 2012 | <p>At Full Council (18th January) members voted through a motion that delayed the Local Plan. Councillor Fuller said <i>“The government is proposing to make changes to national planning policy, some of which could be in place as early as Spring 2023 and some of which could have significant impacts for the island, therefore it is imperative that the Council fully appreciates what impact these changes may have on the preparation of our Local Plan. This is why I will be asking Full Council for more time for the Draft Island Planning Strategy to come back before Full Council...”</i></p> <p>Pause for draft Island Plan (iow.gov.uk)</p> <p>Draft Island Planning Strategy was discussed at Cabinet on the 11 May 2023 and decided not to progress either of the options provided. They will not bring forward the draft local plan until full implications of the Government’s proposed changes to national planning policy.</p> |

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| | | | Updated LDS agreed in June 2023. Preferred option consultation will now take place in October 2023 and Reg 19 in July/ August 2024. Forward Plan indicates decision by Cabinet at its meeting on 28th of September 2023. |
| 12 | Cherwell | July 2015 | At a meeting of the Council Executive (19 th January) the Council decided to defer consideration of the Local Plan before proceeding to Regulation 18 public consultation. Time to consider feedback will strengthen Local Plan Cherwell District Council Executive Forward Plan indicates decision on Reg 18 local plan consultation now due in September 2023. |
| 13 | West Suffolk | Core Strategy – May 2010 Site Allocations – September 2019 | The Council are delaying consultation on the Submission Draft Local Plan, that was due to take place Spring 2023 to later in the year (Autumn/Winter 2023). https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/Planning_Policies/upload/Local-Development-Scheme-January-2023.pdf . <i>“This is so the next stage of the draft can include changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which are part of a national policy consultation announced by Government shortly before Christmas.”</i> The Council’s website notes that the Reg 19 consultation is due to take place in January 2024. |
| 14 | Central Bedfordshire | July 2021 | In a Local Plan Review update (9 th February 2023) the Council have stated that it would be premature to conclude their review of the adopted Local Plan, in the absence of key decisions on critical infrastructure including East West Rail, and future updates to national policy and plan making. 12.1 Local Plan Review update report.pdf (azeusconvene.com) |
| 15 | Surrey Heath | February 2012 | Regulation 19 consultation on Local Plan was scheduled to take place January/February 2023 however the timetable has now been delayed and will <i>“take into account recent government proposals about important changes to the national rules governing local plans.”</i> Local Plan update SURREY HEATH BOROUGH COUNCIL Regulation 19 consultation was scheduled for November 2023 to January 2024. This consultation has now been delayed to allow further work to be completed. Local Plan timetable update Surrey Heath Borough Council |
| 16 | East Devon | January 2016 | The Council have decided that no further discussions or decisions on potential sites for the Local Plan will take place until the Government makes decisions on national policy. |

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| | | | 15 February 2023 - Discussions on Local Plan sites to wait while Government clarifies flexibility of housing targets - East Devon |
| 17 | West Berkshire | Core Strategy – July 2012 Site Allocations – May 2017 | <p>An Extraordinary Meeting of West Berkshire Council is due to take place on 2nd March with a proposal to abandon the consultation on the Local Plan which commenced on 20th January and undertake a new Regulation 19 consultation in the future. Reference is made in the report to the WMS of 6th December.</p> <p>(Public Pack)Agenda Document for Council, 02/03/2023 21:00 (licdn.com)</p> <p>Local Plan Review was submitted to the Secretary of State on the 31st of March 2023. The Council have asked for an extension in order to give them time to brief new members on the local plan review. The inspector examining the West Berkshire Local Plan has given them until end of September to respond to his preliminary questions. It is now expected that the hearings will not take place until early 2024.</p> |
| 18 | Chelmsford | May 2020 | <p>The Council have confirmed that the Preferred Options consultation of the Local Plan review has been delayed by 1 year and is now scheduled to take place in early 2024.</p> <p><i>“However, in light of the delay in starting and closing the Issues and Options consultation, emerging changes in national policy and the forthcoming Council local elections, this is no longer achievable. It is considered that a more realistic timeframe, and one which continues to respond effectively to the Government’s expectations on local authorities to maintain an up-to-date local plan for the area, will be to undertake the Preferred Options consultation in early 2024.”</i></p> <p>item-5-review-of-local-plan.pdf (chelmsford.gov.uk)</p> |
| 19 | South Kesteven | January 2020 | <p>The Local Plan Review has been delayed and an updated LDS will be presented to Cabinet in June.</p> <p><i>“The Government is proposing a number of changes throughout the NPPF and there are significant amendments that relate to plan making. For the Council to fully consider the implications of these changes and incorporate amendments to ensure compliance with the proposed NPPF, the consultation that was due to take place in March will be delayed.”</i></p> <p>SKDC Local Plan Review (2021-2041) (southkesteven.gov.uk)</p> <p>The LDS (May 2023) notes that the Reg 18 consultation is scheduled for Winter 2023/24, with adoption of the plan anticipated for spring 2026.</p> |

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| 20 | Cotswold | August 2018 | <p>Cotswold District Council have said that it will submit its local plan for examination more than a year later than had been expected. https://issuesandoptions.commonplace.is/en-GB/news/update-on-progress-with-the-partial-update-of-the-local-plan</p> <p>The Council website notes that the Reg 19 consultation is scheduled for Winter 2023/24.</p> |
| 21 | Solihull | December 2013 | <p>The Council has responded to the Inspector’s latest letter and has accepted that the examination of the Solihull Local Plan should be paused to enable the finalised version of the NPPF to be published. DownloadDoc.ashx (solihull.gov.uk)</p> <p>In a report to CPH Climate Change and Planning, in July 2023, the Council provided a minor update on the Local Plan review process, which revolved around waiting for the revised NPPF to be published and then having further hearing sessions. The Council have also noted that with regards to the determination on applications on draft allocations they will take a more proactive stance. The latest update on the examination website (9th June 2023) notes that the Local Plan is still paused pending the publication of the updated NPPF.</p> |
| 22 | Buckinghamshire | <p>AVDC – September 2021</p> <p>South Bucks – Feb 2011</p> <p>Chiltern – November 2011</p> <p>Wycombe – August 2019</p> | <p>The Council note <i>“There is a limit to how much progress we can make until the government has confirmed the detail and timetable for the proposed changes.”</i></p> <p>The Local Plan for Buckinghamshire Buckinghamshire Council</p> |
| 23 | Amber Valley | April 2006 | <p>The Council have approved a revised LDS that means its Local Plan will be submitted for examination six months later than originally expected.</p> <p>Council approves policies for draft plan despite duty to co-operate warning Planning Resource</p> <p>The LDS (April 2023) schedules submission of the local plan for September 2023 and adoption for June 2024. However these dates will not be met as the Reg 19 consultation is yet to take place.</p> |
| 24 | London Borough of Waltham Forest | March 2012 | <p>The Council have confirmed that they will be undertaking an additional consultation on part two of its emerging spatial strategy to ensure that it fully aligns with the modified version of its Local Plan Part 1. This extra draft will cause a significant delay.</p> |

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| | | | New consultation delay hits troubled local plan Planning Resource |
| 25 | Epsom and Ewell | July 2007 | <p>Following public consultation on the draft Local Plan the Council have passed a motion to pause the Local Plan. Cllr Kington said <i>“a pause would acknowledge the strength of public feeling on the Plan, enable a reassessment of brownfield sites, and provide opportunity to look at options that do not use Greenbelt land at all.”</i></p> <p>Planning or pantomime? Councillors press pause on Plan. > (epsomandewelltimes.com)</p> <p>The Planning Policy Committee will consider a report on 26th September 2023, which seeks the recommendation that work on the local plan is un-paused.</p> |
| 26 | Croydon | February 2018 | <p>Croydon’s Cabinet have approved a new LDS which sets out that the Local Plan will be adopted by December 2025, this supersedes the previous LDS which had expected the Local Plan review to be adopted in late 2022.</p> <p>London borough confirms three-year delay to local plan Planning Resource</p> <p>The LDS (March 2023) suggests the submission consultation will take place January/February 2024, with submission in summer 2024 and adoption by December 2025.</p> |
| 27 | Spelthorne | Core Strategy – February 2009 Allocations DPD – December 2009 | <p>The Council has formally requested that the planning inspector pause the examination hearings for its Local Plan for 3 months. This is following the local election and is <i>“to allow time for the new council to understand and review the policies and implications of the local plan...”</i></p> <p>Surrey council that changed leadership in local elections to ask inspector for three-month pause to local plan examination Planning Resource</p> <p>In September 2023 the government has intervened in the local plan process under section 27 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to ensure that the Council do not take any steps to withdraw the plan from examination.</p> <p>https://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/article/21433/Spelthorne-to-consider-next-steps-after-government-intervenues-on-Local-Plan</p> <p>The Council have responded to the letter issued by the Housing Minister stating that <i>“Like most councils, we have been waiting on the updated NPPF since it was promised in May 2023 and there is still no definitive timeline for its publication. Your own Planning Inspectorate has already agreed to pause other examinations (e.g. Mole Valley and Solihull) for exactly this reason.”</i></p> |

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| 28 | Wokingham | Core Strategy – January 2010 Managing Development DPD – February 2014 | <p>The Council have stated <i>“It will be important for us to reflect on any changes in national policy before agreeing a revised programme for the LPU and publishing the next stage. An update to the Local development Scheme will be published in due course to replace the previous version.”</i></p> <p>Local Plan Update - Wokingham Borough Council</p> <p>The LDS (July 2023) outlines that the proposed submission consultation should take place in November 2023, with submission of the local plan update between March and June 2024.</p> |
| 29 | Sheffield | March 2009 | <p>The Council have confirmed that they are postponing submission of their Local Plan in order to ensure all feedback to the consultation on its draft Local Plan is thoroughly considered. The Council now expects to submit their Local Plan in September, which is 5 months later than set out in their LDS.</p> <p>City admits further five-month delay to local plan submission Planning Resource</p> <p>Full Council have endorsed amendments, meaning that the draft Local Plan can be submitted for examination.</p> |
| 30 | Sefton | April 2017 | <p>At a Cabinet meeting on 22nd June the decision was made that the Sefton Local Plan (2017) needed a partial update, but that this should not be progressed until full details of the Government’s changes to the planning system are published later this year.</p> <p>https://modgov.sefton.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=139&Mid=11036</p> |
| 31 | London Borough of Redbridge | March 2018 | <p>The council has confirmed that it has temporarily paused work on its local plan, as a result of the proposed changes to the plan making system. A spokesperson for the council stated that <i>“it makes sense for us to wait for the new rules to take effect before investing significant further officer time and consultancy costs on preparation work that may not all be necessary”</i></p> <p>Impending plan system reforms spark London borough to pause local plan work Planning Resource</p> |

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| 32 | Lichfield | Local Plan Strategy - February 2015 Allocations Plan – July 2019 | <p>The Council are seeking to withdraw their plan from Examination. The recommendation for withdrawal of the proposed new Local Plan will be discussed by the Cabinet before being taken before Full Council on Tuesday 17 October for discussion.</p> <p>Councillor Alex Farrell stated <i>“It’s clear that the proposed new Local Plan 2040, which was submitted for examination last year, was not appropriate given both the changes that we have seen (and continue to see take place) in government national policy in the four years since it was initiated...”</i></p> <p>https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/news/article/805/district-council-seeks-to-withdraw-new-local-plan-from-examination-</p> <p>At a meeting of full council on 17 October 2023, Lichfield District Council made the decision to withdraw its proposed local plan 2040.</p> |
| 33 | Torbay | December 2015 | <p>The Council has confirmed that it will not be publishing the next stage of the Local Plan Update before the emerging government policy has been formalised.</p> <p>The local plan update: a landscape to thrive - Torbay Council</p> |

LPAs seeking to reduce their housing requirement.

- **Basingstoke & Deane** – Proposing to use a stepped housing requirement to effectively reduce the full SM in the first 5 years of the plan, and hoping that when they need to do a review in 5 years’ time, the requirement will at that point be lower. This reduces the SM figure of 850dpa to under 700dpa for 5 years from 2025. [Stepped trajectory approach \(basingstoke.gov.uk\)](https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/news/stepped-trajectory-approach)
- **Three Rivers** - Have just issued their revised local plan. It seeks to deliver just 4,852 homes up until 2041, against the Standard Method figure of 11,466
- **Wiltshire** – The Regulation 19 consultation document reduces the overall number of houses to be delivered in Wiltshire from 45,630 to 36,740.
- **Bristol** – The Regulation 19 consultation document proposes the deliver of 1,925 dwellings per year from 2023-2040 (total 34,500). However, the SM figure is 3,380 per annum (equating to 57,460 over 17 years). This is a 22,960 shortfall over the 17 year period.
- **North Somerset** – The Regulation 19 consultation document proposes to deliver 14,902 dwellings (over the period 2024-2029). The latest SM figure is 1,347 per annum (equating to 20,202 for the plan period). This is a shortfall of 5,303 over the 15 years.



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