



Wiltshire Local Plan

Notice of intention to commence local plan preparation

Dated: 30 June 2026

In accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026, Wiltshire Council gives notice that it is preparing a new local plan.

Name of planning authority who have prepared the notice and are preparing the local plan

Wiltshire Council.

Title of the local plan

The local plan shall be referred to as the Wiltshire Local Plan.

Details of the local plan

The Wiltshire Local Plan will set out the long-term vision, spatial strategy and policies relating to the use and development of land which will be used to determine planning applications. Alongside matters such as social, economic and environmental policies, housing and employment targets and site allocations, the plan will also incorporate the minerals and waste plan for Wiltshire relating to the supply of minerals and provision of waste management facilities.

Geographical area the plan will cover

The Wiltshire Local Plan will cover the administrative boundary of Wiltshire Council, Office for National Statistics (ONS) code E06000054. The Local Plan area is shown on the following map.



Wiltshire Local Plan timetable

The Wiltshire Local Plan timetable is published on our website via this link <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshire-local-plan-timetable>. We expect the notice period to end and to pass through Gateway 1 (make available our self-assessment of readiness for local plan preparation) and start the 30-month plan preparation process on 30 October 2026.

You can also view the Wiltshire Local Plan timetable at the following locations:

- at our principal office (County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN) during office hours (open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.)

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Copies of the timetable will also be available on request by contacting strategic planning:

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Viewing and availability of the notice of intention to commence Local Plan preparation

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<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshire-local-plan-commencement-notice> and made available at the following locations:

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Statement that the 'Wiltshire Local Plan timetable' is to have effect

Dated: 30 June 2026

Prepared in line with section 15B (8) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended by the Levelling up and Regeneration Act 2023 and Regulation 8 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026

Notice is hereby given that the 'Wiltshire Local Plan timetable' is to have effect and becomes operative from 30 June 2026.

The Wiltshire Plan timetable has been prepared under the relevant powers in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended by the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 and in accordance with Regulation 4, 6 and 8 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026.

The timetable sets out the key stages and timescales for preparing the Wiltshire Local Plan and will be kept up to date and revised in accordance with Regulation 6 & 7 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026

In line with Regulation 88 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026, the Wiltshire Local Plan timetable and Statement that the Wiltshire Local Plan timetable is to have effect is published on the Council's website at wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshire-local-plan-timetable and made available at the following locations:

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Wiltshire Local Plan timetable

Dated: 30 June 2026

The Wiltshire Local Plan Timetable is published in accordance with Section 15B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulations 4, 6 and 8 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026.

Date timetable takes effect

This timetable was published on, and takes effect from, 30 June 2026.

Matters that the local plan will deal with

The Wiltshire Local Plan will set out the long-term vision, spatial strategy and policies relating to the use and development of land which will be used to determine planning applications. Alongside matters such as social, economic and environmental policies, housing and employment targets and site allocations, the plan will also incorporate the minerals and waste plan for Wiltshire relating to the supply of minerals and provision of waste management facilities.

The area the plan will cover

The Wiltshire Local Plan will apply to the Wiltshire Council administrative area as shown in the map below.



Timetable for the Wiltshire Local Plan

The new plan making system outlines several stages that must be undertaken when preparing a local plan and this timetable outlines the dates that these stages will occur.

Table 1: Wiltshire Local Plan timetable

Date	Stage of plan making*
30 June 2026	Give notice of intention to commence plan preparation (Regulation 19(1)) Publicises the intention to commence plan preparation and raises awareness of when plan making will take place.
2 September 2026	Scoping consultation start date (Regulation 20(1)(b)) Date scoping consultation will begin asking questions such as what the plan should contain and how to engage during its preparation.
30 September 2026	Scoping consultation end date (Regulation 20(4)) Date scoping consultation ends and comments must be received by.
30 October 2026	Pass through Gateway 1 (Regulation 21(3)) Publish a self-assessment summary of our readiness to commence plan preparation and marks start of 30-month timeframe.
N/A (Prior to next round of consultation)	Publish summary of scoping consultation (Regulation 22) Publish document setting out who was consulted, how, the main issues raised and how representations have been had regard to so far.
7 April 2027	Consultation on proposed local plan content and evidence start date (Regulation 23(1)(a)) Date consultation on proposed Local Plan content and evidence begins.
19 May 2027	Consultation on proposed Local Plan content and evidence end date (Regulation 23(4)) Date consultation on proposed Local Plan content and evidence ends and comments must be received by.
N/A (Prior to next round of consultation)	Publish summary of consultation on proposed Local Plan content and evidence (Regulation 24) Publish document setting out who was consulted, how, the main issues raised and how representations have been had regard to so far.
15 September 2027	Gateway 2: Seek observations and advice from Gateway Assessor (Regulation 26) Seek observations and advice from the Planning Inspectorate on aspects of the proposed plan at that stage.
N/A	Gateway 2: Publish observations and advice from Gateway Assessor (Regulation 26) Once received 'Gateway 2' advice and observations will be published.
15 March 2028	Consultation on proposed Local Plan start date (Regulation 27(1)(a)) Date consultation on proposed Local Plan, including policies and site allocations alongside evidence gathered, begins.
10 May 2028	Consultation on proposed Local Plan end date (Regulation 27(4)) Date consultation on proposed Local Plan ends and comments must be received by.
N/A (Prior to next round of consultation)	Publish summary of consultation on proposed local plan (Regulation 30)

	Publish document setting out who was consulted, how, the main issues raised and how representations have been had regard to so far.
1 August 2028	Gateway 3: Seek observations and advice from Gateway Assessor (Regulation 31) Seek observations and advice from the Planning Inspectorate on the version of our plan we intend to submit for examination and other supporting documents, including our completed statement of compliance. The gateway assessor will decide whether the plan is ready to be submitted for examination.
N/A	Gateway 3: Publish observations and advice from Gateway Assessor (Regulation 31) Once received 'Gateway 3' advice and observations will be published.
31 October 2028	Submit for Examination (Regulation 34) Date Local Plan and associated documents will be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
30 April 2029	Local Plan adoption (Regulation 39) Date Local Plan will be considered for adopted.

Updating the Timetable and Schedule of Amendments

In accordance with Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026 the Local Plan Timetable is reviewed monthly and updated if necessary.

These updates will include when key milestones are reached, for instance when observations or advice received from Gateways 2 and 3 are published and when the recommendations and reasons provided by an examiner when undertaking independent examination of the local plan are published.

A Schedule of Amendments will be prepared and maintained when appropriate setting out the updates made to the Local Plan Timetable since its initial publication.

Supplementary Plans

There is currently no intention to prepare any supplementary plans. If it is decided to prepare any in the future, this timetable will be updated with the details and timetable for their preparation.

Document availability and further information

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