

Kirklees Local Plan Timetable

24th March 2026

1 Kirklees Council Local Plan Timetable

Work on the Kirklees Local Plan update commenced in November 2023 following a review of the Kirklees Local Plan adopted 2019.

On 25th March 2026, new plan-making regulations were brought into effect which introduced new requirements to commence preparation of a Local Plan: The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026

Under the new plan-making system, we are required to publish a notice of intention to commence Local Plan preparation and a Local Plan Timetable.

On 24th March, Cabinet resolved to formally commence a local plan under the new plan-making system and the publication of a notice of its intention to commence preparation of a new local plan and a Local Plan Timetable to replace the Local Development Scheme July 2025.

This document sets out our Local Plan Timetable. The purpose of the Local Plan Timetable is to set out key milestones for the preparation of the Local Plan, development plan documents and supplementary plans. It provides a clear, transparent programme for plan preparation and opportunities for communities, stakeholders and decision-makers to get involved and monitor progress.

Commencing on the new plan-making system does not mean that we are starting the Local Plan again. Work is well underway and significant progress has been made particularly on scoping and the production of evidence to justify a new plan and early engagement. Some of our work, however, must be reviewed to ensure compliance with the new regulations.

A Local Plan Timetable has been set out at 1.1 of this document for the Kirklees Local Plan update.

A timetable for a Joint Development Plan Document (DPD) to provide a framework for Mass Transit and aligned growth objectives is outlined at 1.2.

Currently, the council does not intend to prepare any supplementary plans. However, this will be kept under review as the update of Kirklees Local Plan progresses.

This timetable comes into effect on 24th March 2026

1.1 Local Plan Timetable

The Kirklees Local Plan will set out a spatial planning and policy framework for the whole of Kirklees (excluding the area within the Peak District National Park) up to 2043. It will include a long-term vision and strategic objectives, a spatial strategy, policy framework and a monitoring and implementation framework to deliver the strategy. The Kirklees Local Plan will incorporate all the Kirklees Minerals and Waste Plan.

Ref	Activity	Indicative Start: Month/Year	Indicative End: Month/Year
Get ready	Developing project management process and structure, governance risk register and ensuring resources are in place to begin the project (including completion of this PID)	Nov 2023 V1. Nov 2024 V2. Sept 2025 v3 Feb 2026	March 2026
Get ready	Scoping, collating and procuring early evidence and scoping strategic environmental assessment	Nov 2023	To date
Get ready	(Statutory) Notice of intention to start plan making (Reg 4 (a))	24 th March 2026 Cabinet to agree	April 2026
Get ready	Scoping and production of an engagement strategy/Councillor and key internal and external stakeholder briefings/ early engagement about forthcoming plan production (Reg 4 (b and c))	July 2026 Scoping consultation for 6 weeks July 2026 Member briefings	Aug 2026 Sept 2026
	Call for sites and initial site assessment process	Feb 2020 Call for sites Aug 2025 Site assessments	Aug 2025 July 2026
Get ready	Procuring Strategic Environmental Assessment	Aug 2024	Oct 2024
Get ready	Gateway 1 (Self-Assessment)/Commencement of plan-making (Reg 4 (d))	Oct 2026	Oct 2026
Months 1 -23			
Prepare the Plan	Prepare Vision and Strategy for consultation feeding in emerging evidence	Oct 2026	May 2027
Prepare the Plan	Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Consultation (note statutory minimums)	March 2025	April 2025

Ref	Activity	Indicative Start: Month/Year	Indicative End: Month/Year
Prepare the Plan	Public consultation on Vision and Strategy (Reg 4 (e) and (f))	June 2027	July 2027
Prepare the Plan	Development of draft plan including responding to consultation and any further evidence gathering	July 2027	April 2028
Prepare the Plan	Councillor and key internal and external stakeholder briefings/ early engagement about next stage of plan production	Sept 2027	March 2028
Prepare the Plan	Gateway 2 (PINS) (Reg 4 (g))	Nov 2027	Dec 2027
Prepare the Plan	Deadline for submission of plan and supporting documents for approval	March 2028	March 2028
Prepare the Plan	Public consultation (8 weeks) on Local Plan (Reg 4 (h) and (i))	April 2028	May 2028
Prepare the Plan	Gateway 3 (PINS) (Reg 4 (j))	Aug 2028	Sept 2028
Months 24-29			
Examination	Plan Submission (Reg 4 (k))	Sept 2028	Sept 2028
Examination	Independent Examination (Indicative)	Oct 2028	March 2029
Month 30			
Adoption	Plan adoption (Indicative) (Reg 4 (l))	April 2029	April 2029

1.2 West Yorkshire Joint Mass Transit Spatial Development Framework Development Plan Document (DPD)

Kirklees Council, in collaboration with Bradford Council, Calderdale Council, Leeds City Council and Wakefield Council and West Yorkshire Combined Authority, will draft and adopt a Joint DPD to provide a framework for Mass Transit and aligned growth objectives.

The Joint DPD will be a network-wide, strategic spatial planning policy document for the delivery of current planned and future phases of Mass Transit and recognition of the wider benefits to arise from evolution of transit corridors to economic growth corridors.

Mass Transit Spatial Development Framework Timetable and milestones
Consultation (Regulation 18) February 2026
Consultation on Publication Draft (Regulation 19) August 2026
Submission of DPD October 2026
Examination of DPD Winter 2026/2027
Adoption of DPD Spring 2027