

Kirklees the place to grow

Local Development Scheme:

The Local Development Scheme is the timetable for producing the planning documents that will make up **the Local Plan**. The Local Development Scheme (LDS) tells you when documents will be produced and when you can expect to get involved.

Some of the evidence required and the processes are subject to agreement with Leeds City Region partners. Following agreement of these issues, we may revise the timetable.

The Local Plan for an area sets the rules for how the area will develop over time. Local Plans are the key to delivering sustainable development that reflects the vision and aspirations of our area.

These documents taken together will set a clear vision for the area, together with a strategy for delivering it.



The following provides a timetable based on key stages in the process:

Stage	Period	Action
Evidence Gathering	January – December 2014	<p>During 2014, we will be updating evidence to support the Local Plan. We will be able to use much of the evidence that was collected for the previous plan subject to reassessment and updating.</p> <p>The main area of work that requires new evidence is information to support the council's housing and employment strategy. The National Planning Policy Framework is clear that plans should be prepared in the light of "objectively assessed needs".</p> <p>We are working with Leeds City Region partners to agree housing and employment targets for the region. We will then do further work to define the requirements for Kirklees.</p>
Early Engagement (I)	Spring 2014	We are planning to ask for views on what the vision, objectives and priorities for the Local Plan should be. (http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/business/regeneration/localplan/information.aspx).
Early Engagement (II)	Summer 2014	We are planning to hold a workshop with relevant organisations and groups to make sure the objectives and priorities are realistic and can be delivered.
Early Engagement (III)	Autumn 2014	We will be asking for views on the development needs identified for Kirklees and the distribution of development across the area.
Developing the Preferred Option	Early – Mid 2015	We will be putting together a draft plan for formal consultation . The plan will identify housing and employment targets and locations for development in the light of emerging evidence and early engagement.
Formal Consultation on the Preferred Option	Late Summer 2015	We will be asking for your views on the Preferred Option Plan over a 6 week period.
Responding to the Preferred Options Formal Consultation	Autumn 2015 – Spring 2016	We will be considering your comments , gathering further evidence where required and redrafting the Preferred Options Plan.
Publication	Summer 2016	We will ask for your views on whether the revised Local Plan meets the Government's tests of soundness.
Submission	Late 2016	We will be submitting the Local Plan to the Secretary of State to be examined.
Adoption	Late 2017	This is when we expect to adopt the Local Plan .