

Local Plan Process

Timescale	Task	Notes
Spring 2026	Update all site assessments through the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) work (including undertaking site assessments for newly submitted sites through Regulation 18)	Analyse consultation comments from all respondents, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statutory Consultees - Key Organisations - Town and Parish Councils - Public Responses
Spring 2026	Update all site assessments through the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) work (including undertaking site assessments for newly submitted sites through Regulation 18)	Assess whether key issues raised are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Absolute ('Showstopper') constraints meaning the site cannot progress; or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-absolute constraints - issues requiring further assessment, mitigation or sensitive design Undertake footnote 7 constraints assessments in relation to provisional grey belt sites
Spring 2026	Update all site assessments through the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) work (including undertaking site assessments for newly submitted sites through Regulation 18)	Feed all findings into Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) conclusions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suitable - Unsuitable - Contrary to Strategy - Discounted
Spring 2026	Prepare Development Briefs for each site. These will range in detail dependent on site size, location and number of	Utilise consultation findings to inform Development Brief work (e.g. sensitive design, addressing specific concerns such as access, open space etc.)
Spring 2026	Prepare Development Briefs for each site. These will range in detail dependent on site size, location and number of units	Using consultation findings and wider knowledge of District to determine policy priorities on each site (could refer to any emerging Local Plan policy, for example the type of housing, infrastructure or the natural environment)

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Spring 2026	Prepare Development Briefs for each site. These will range in detail dependent on site size, location and number of units	Finalise detailed Development Briefs per site
Summer 2026	Development and Infrastructure Advisory Committee	Present the Regulation 19 Publication document to Development and Infrastructure Advisory Committee, including sites findings and Development Brief work
Summer 2026	Cabinet	Present the Regulation 19 Publication document to Development and Infrastructure Advisory Committee, including sites findings and Development Brief work
Summer 2026	Regulation 19 Publication	Publish Regulation 19 Publication for comment, including evidence base, the updated Development and Infrastructure Advisory Committee and
Autumn 2026	Prepare Plan for Submission	
Winter 2026	Submit the Plan for Examination	This will include all evidence base, accompanying Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessments (SHELAA) and Development Brief for each site.
2027	Local Plan Examination	Sites will be examined alongside their Development Brief Examiner will consider Regulation 19 responses and any proposed modifications to the Plan, including supporting evidence
Early 2028	Adoption	Development Briefs adopted alongside each site allocation, holding weight in future planning application and decision making.
2028 onwards	Planning Applications	Any future planning applications on Site Allocations must align with the adopted Development Brief