

North East Lincolnshire

Local Development Scheme

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Section 1 Introduction

- 1.0.1** Local planning authorities are required under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) to prepare a Local Development Scheme which sets out a Council's commitment to the production of planning policy documents and a timetable for their production. A Local Development Scheme must be made available publicly and kept up to date to ensure communities and interested parties can keep track of progress.

About this Local Development Scheme

- 1.0.2** This Local Development Scheme sets out the timetable for the production of new documents that will form the Development Plan for the whole of North East Lincolnshire. It includes a programme of activity for the preparation of the replacement Local Plan to the end of 2027 and progress against the key milestones will be monitored. Should delays be incurred the timetable will be updated and reported in the next iteration of the Local Development Scheme.

The current adopted development plan

- 1.1.1** The current adopted development plan is the North East Lincolnshire Local Plan 2013 to 2032 which was adopted in March 2018. (Find out more about the adopted Local Plan on our [Planning policy webpage](#).)

Supplementary Planning Documents

- 1.1.2** The adopted Local Plan is supported by a number of existing adopted Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) all of which were subject to public consultation.
- 1.1.3** Current adopted Supplementary Planning Documents are:
- Wind energy - adopted June 2019
 - Stallingborough Interchange employment site - adopted September 2020
- 1.1.4** Find out more about Supplementary Planning Documents and read the adopted documents on our [Supplementary planning documents webpage](#)
- 1.1.5** Additionally part of the Lincolnshire Wolds falls within the North East Lincolnshire borough boundary, and has a management plan that is adopted by all local councils within the area. It is a material consideration for planning applications and can be viewed on the [Lincolnshire Wolds National Landscape website](#).

Section 2 Preparation timetable

2.0.1 Further information and the provisional 'milestones' as part of the Local Plan review, that need to be achieved in order to progress the Plan towards adoption are set out below>

2.0.2 Table 2.1 Local Plan review project plan outlines the process, role and content of each element of the review. Table 2.2 Local Plan key stages sets out the timetable for the Local Plan review, identifying key milestones.

Subject and content	North East Lincolnshire Local Plan Matters to be reviewed include: 1. future development in the Borough to 2043 2. conformity of adopted policies with national policy 3. the natural environment 4. climate change, flooding and energy 5. design and amenity 6. employment, housing and, town and local centres 7. infrastructure and biodiversity 8. health and wellbeing 9. minerals and waste
Status	Local Plan (Development Plan Document (DPD))
Chain of conformity	To conform with the National Planning Policy Framework
Geographical coverage	Borough-wide
Lead officer	Spatial Planning Policy Manager
Management	1. Head of Development Services 2. Assistant Director Regeneration, Environment, Economy and Infrastructure
Political management	1. Local Plan Oversight Board 2. Scrutiny Panels 3. Cabinet resolution for each statutory public consultation 4. Cabinet and Full Council resolution for submission and adoption
External resources	LUC is engaged to provide Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations advice
Community engagement	Engagement with stakeholders and members of the community takes place in accordance with the requirements set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations

	2012 ¹ , as amended, and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/statement-of-community-involvement/).
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Table 2.1 Local Plan review project plan

Key stage	Timing
Local Plan review commenced	An assessment using the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) Toolkit was carried out in 2019 to identify which areas of the adopted Local Plan needed updating, if any. Initial decision to commence a review made in June 2020. However, due to the Government's proposed reforms to national planning policy this work was paused. In October 2021, the council's Cabinet agreed that work on the review should be restarted.
Identifying the scope of the review Complete	Stage 1: A Scoping and Issues Paper was prepared and published for an initial informal stage of public engagement to establish the scope of the local plan review and to identify the issues that need addressing. The engagement period ran from Monday 16 September to Monday 7 November 2022.
Sustainability Appraisal Complete	A Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report was published for consultation with prescribed statutory bodies. This consultation ran from Friday 6 February to Friday 17 March 2023.
Publication (Regulation 18) Complete Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment (Complete)	Stage 2: A Draft Local Plan with Options was published as part of the first formal consultation stage, along with a Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment. The consultation period ran for an eight week period from Monday 15 January to Friday 8 March 2024.
Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment	Relevant appraisals and assessments will be carried out throughout the Local Plan review process.
Evidence gathering	Spring / summer 2025
Publication (Regulation 18) (Complete)	Stage 3: A Draft Local Plan: Preferred housing and employment site options document was published as the second formal consultation, along with an updated Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment Report. The consultation period ran for six weeks from Monday 8 December 2025 to Sunday 1 February 2026.

¹ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/767/contents/made>

Key stage	Timing
Intervention letter	On 24 September the Council voted not to progress the Local Plan to Regulation 19 consultation. On 25 September the Council received a Local Plan Intervention Letter from the Minister of Housing and Planning setting out five directions.
Publication of a local plan (Regulation 19 and 20)	Regulation 19 consultation to run for six weeks from Wednesday 30 September to 23:59 on Thursday 12 November 2026.
Submission of plan for examination (Regulation 22)	Absolute deadline based on transitional arrangements on the Legacy system 31 December 2026
Examination (Regulation 24)	Commences at the point that the Local Plan is submitted
Main modifications consultation	To be confirmed by the Inspector
Receipt and publication of Inspector's report (Regulation 25)	Spring 2028
Adoption (Regulation 26)	Summer 2028

Table 2.2 Local Plan key stages

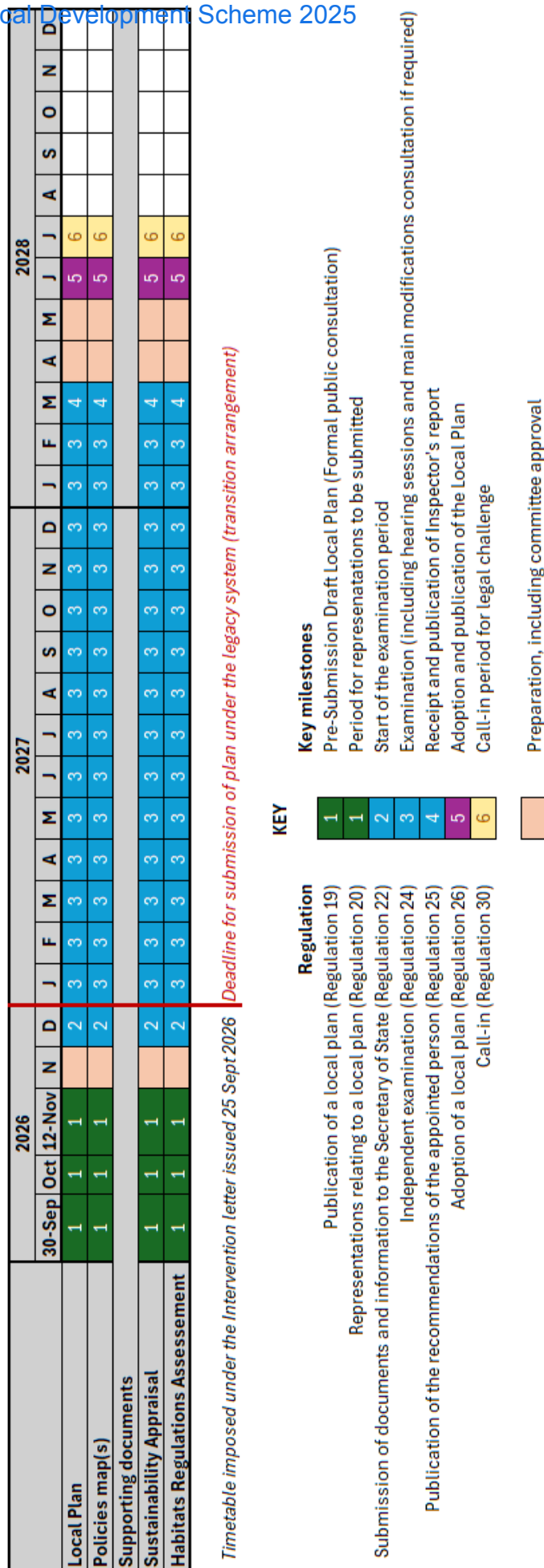


Figure 2.1 Timetable overview

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