

Stroud District Council

Local Plan Timetable (2026–Adoption)

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This timetable sets out the key stages and milestones for the preparation of the Stroud District Local Plan, in accordance with the **Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026**.

The timetable will be kept under review and updated where necessary.

Timetable of Key Stages

Stage	Activity	Timing
Commencement	Notice of intention to commence plan preparation and declaration published	29 June 2026
	Call for Sites	From 1 June 2026 to 29 June 2026
Stage 1: Early Engagement (Scoping)	Public consultation on issues, priorities, vision, and high-level spatial options	29 June – 9 August 2026
	Stakeholder workshops (Members, Town and Parish Councils, partners)	July 2026
Gateway 1	Initial self-assessment and process check	By 31 October 2026
Evidence Base and Initial Plan Development	Evidence gathering, site assessment, and early policy development	November 2026 – March 2027
Stage 2: Options Development and Testing	Development of spatial strategy and reasonable alternatives, including sustainability appraisal	April 2027 – July 2027
	Public consultation on emerging options (including spatial approaches and site options)	June – July 2027

Gateway 2	Preferred strategy confirmed	September – October 2027
Draft Plan Preparation	Preparation of draft policies, site allocations, and supporting evidence (including environmental assessment)	November 2027 – May 2028
Stage 3: Draft Plan Consultation	Consultation on the draft Local Plan (policies, proposals and supporting evidence)	June – July 2028
Gateway 3	Pre-submission readiness check	August – September 2028
Submission	Submission of the Local Plan for independent examination	October – December 2028
Examination	Independent Examination in Public (EiP)	January – September 2029
Inspector	Receipt of Inspector’s Report	October – November 2029
Adoption	Formal adoption of the Local Plan	December 2029 – January 2030

Notes

- This timetable reflects the Government’s expectation that Local Plans are prepared within an **approximate 30-month timeframe**, where possible.
- The programme includes key statutory stages and Gateway checks required under the new plan-making system.
- All dates are indicative and may be subject to change as plan preparation progresses.
- Any updates to the timetable will be published on the Council’s website.