



Plan-making Activity Schedule

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1 Introduction

1.1 This schedule covers the following documents:

- Implementation of the City of York Local Plan 2017-2033 (adopted February 2025)
- New Local Plan 2045
- The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule
- Neighbourhood Plans
- York and North Yorkshire combined authority Spatial Development Strategy
- Statement of Community Involvement

Purpose

1.2 This Activity Schedule sets out a planning policy work programme for the Council with indicative timeframes for plan production. It will be reviewed as necessary to keep it up to date.

2 The Development Plan for the City of York

Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)

2.1 Whilst the Regional Strategy for Yorkshire and Humber has otherwise been revoked, its York Green Belt policies have been saved together with the key diagram which illustrates those policies and the general extent of the Green Belt around York. Following the adoption of the City of York Local Plan these policies now carry very little weight as the Plan identifies the detailed Green belt boundaries as required by RSS policy.

Minerals and Waste Joint Plan (North Yorkshire County Council, North York Moors National Park Authority and City of York Council) (2022)

2.2 This joint plan was adopted by each authority as follows:

- City of York Council at its Full Council meeting on 27 April 2022;
- North Yorkshire County Council on 16 February 2022; and
- North York Moors National Park Authority on 21 March 2022.

City of York Local Plan (2025)

2.3 The City of York Council Local Plan was adopted by Full Council on 27 February 2025.

2.4 The Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination in 2018. Five phases of Examination in Public (EiP) took place between 2019 to 2024. Formal consultation on the proposed modifications to the Plan took place in Spring 2023 with an additional main modifications consultation for Policy H5: Gypsies and Travellers in summer 2024.

- 2.5 The Local Plan was prepared in compliance with Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2008, as amended) and the National Planning Policy Framework¹. Consultation on the proposed Main Modifications was compliant with Regulation 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004² and the adopted Statement of Community Involvement (2007).

Implementing the adopted Local Plan

- 2.6 We have supported the implementation of the adopted Local Plan with the following documents:
- *Validation Checklist*: A Validation Checklist helps people understand what information they need to include when applying for planning permission. It makes sure planning applications are complete and clear, so that decisions can be made efficiently and consistently. Public consultation was held on the list in Autumn/Winter 2025. This was subsequently published in February 2026³.
 - *Non-statutory Planning Guidance*: Non-statutory planning guidance seeks to support the implementation of the adopted policies. This follows the Town and Country Planning Regulations (Local Plan) Regulations 2026 revisions which state that after 30 June 2026 planning authorities will no longer be able to adopt Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). *Decisions on implementation of guidance is subject to an Executive Member decision.*
 - *Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)*: The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge that local authorities can set on new developments in their area. This charge makes sure certain types of new development contribute to the infrastructure needed to support growth and benefit the local community. The Council's CIL charging schedule took effect on 1 February 2026. Work is ongoing in relation to how we may spend CIL.

Neighbourhood Plans

- 2.7 Neighbourhood Plans offer local communities (via a Neighbourhood Forum or Parish Council) the opportunity to prepare locally specific policies in conformity with the Development Plan and national policy. Once it has been agreed at a referendum and is 'made' by the local planning authority (i.e. brought into legal force following an independent Examination), it becomes part of the Development Plan for the authority.
- 2.8 We have six Neighbourhood Plans in York:

¹ Under transitional arrangements against NPPF 2012 as per para 241 of the NPPF (2024).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2>

² <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/5/section/19>

³ <https://www.york.gov.uk/downloads/file/2748/validation-requirements-list>

- Earswick Neighbourhood Plan – June 2019
- Huntington Neighbourhood Plan – July 2021
- Minster Precinct Neighbourhood Plan – June 2022
- Rufforth and Knapton Neighbourhood Plan – December 2018
- Strensall with Towthorpe Neighbourhood Plan – June 2023
- Upper and Nether Poppleton Neighbourhood Plan – October 2017
- Murton Neighbourhood Plan – September 2025
- Copmanthorpe Neighbourhood Plan – December 2025

2.9 Following the release of the National Planning Policy Framework in August 2026 and the Council's notification of preparing a new plan, we will be supporting Parishes who wish to review their 'made' plans in due course.

2.10 Three neighbourhood plans are currently being actively progressed by Parish Councils:

- Dunnington Parish Council – preparing a plan
- Heslington Neighbourhood Plan – preparing for submission; anticipated late 2026
- Heworth Without Parish Council - neighbourhood area approved and are at the very early stages of preparing a neighbourhood plan.

3 Future Local Plan plan-making

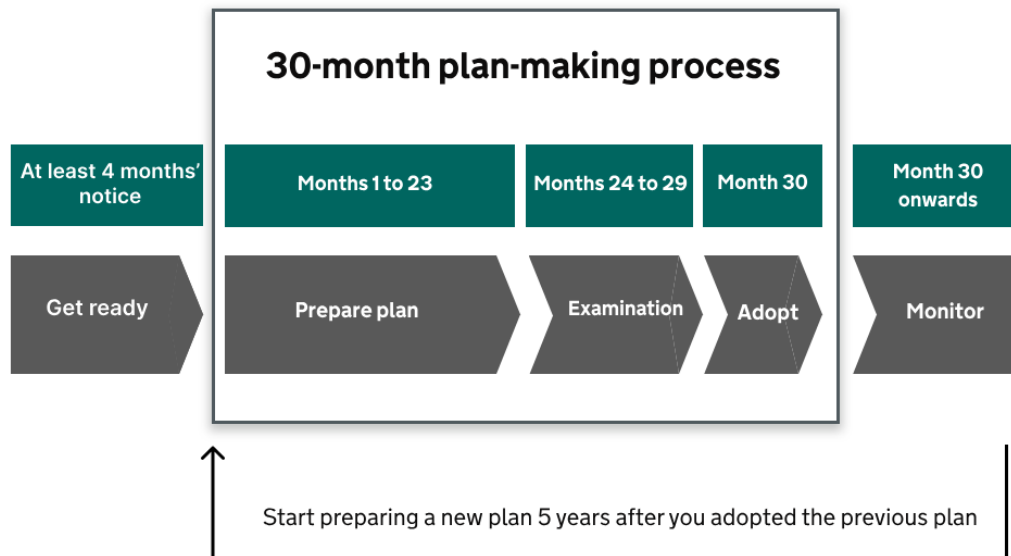
3.1 Executive agree to initiate the production of a new Local Plan and subsequently, the Council has issued a formal notice of preparation on 26 June 2026.

3.2 Following discussions in relation to the reviewing the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan, it was agreed at an Executive Member Decision Session to incorporate relevant minerals and waste policies into the new Local Plan. Consequently, a new notification for preparation of for a new Local Plan incorporating minerals and waste was published on 31 July 2026.

3.3 The plan will be prepared in accordance with the regulatory framework, including but not limited to:

- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
- Town and Country Planning (Local Plan) (England) Regulations 2026
- National Planning guidance, including specifically for plan-making:
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/create-or-update-a-local-plan-using-the-new-system>
 - [New local plan-making system roadmap](#), including:
 - [30-month local plan process: an overview](#)
 - [Getting ready to prepare a new plan](#)
 - [Give notice of your plan-making](#)
 - [Gathering baselining information to prepare your new plan](#)

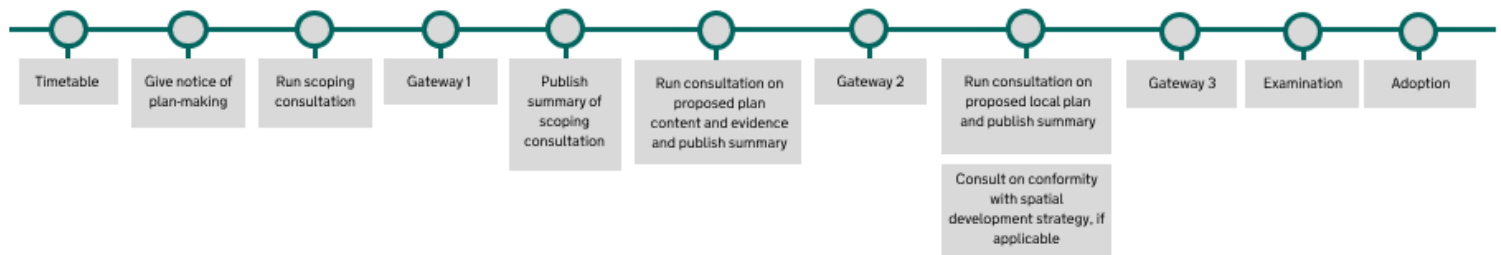
3.4 The broad timetable proposed consists of:



Local Plan Process Overview. Source: MHCLG

3.5 There are tasks where the sequence is required by law:

Tasks in local plan-making where the sequence is required by law



Tasks in sequence required by law. Source: MHCLG

3.6 The Council's timetable for preparation of the plan is set out in Table 1.

3.7 Subject to progression on the new Local Plan, development of a Supplementary Plan identifying Gypsy and Traveller site allocations may be brought forward ahead of the new Local Plan. An indicative timetable for this has been proposed at Table 2.

4 York and North Yorkshire Spatial Development Strategy

4.1 The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (YNYCA) will be responsible for producing the Spatial Development Strategies (SDSs). SDSs are high-level strategic plans that set out policies for on how places should grow, covering issues that cross local boundaries.

4.2 CYC will have a pivotal role informing the SDS and will need to ensure the regional requirements are translated into the local policy framework. Effective

collaboration across the YNYCA will be necessary and will include the co-commissioning of agreed evidence base. This will be undertaken concurrent with the production of York's Local Plan Review.

5 Statement of Community Involvement & Engagement

- 5.1 A Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out the processes by which the community will be engaged in consultation on each type of document and at every stage of its preparation. The SCI also sets out how the community will engage in the consideration of major development management decisions.
- 5.2 Executive approved an updated Statement of Community Involvement in April 2026.
- 5.3 As part of the new Local Plan making requirement, consultation on a Local Plan Engagement Strategy will be undertaken as part of the Local Plan Scoping Consultation. The outputs to this consultation will inform the final Engagement Strategy for the preparation of the Local Plan prior to Gateway 1 of the process.

Table 1a Timetable for new Local Plan

	2026												2027												2028												2029					
	New plan-making schedule												1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Overall timescale	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Local Elections																																										
Mayoral Elections																																										
Plan review scoping																																										
Notification for plan-making																																										
Plan visioning																																										
Scoping consultation																																										
Call for sites																																										
Review comments																																										
Decision to proceed																																										
Gateway 1 self assessment																																										
Evidence base																																										
Drafting Plan																																										
Engagement																																										
Review comments																																										
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Finalising plan																																										
Engagement																																										
Consultation write-up																																										
Gateway 3 Assessment																																										
Submission																																										
Examination																																										
Adoption																																										

Table 1b Dates required by Regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026

Key stages of plan-making	Relevant regulations*	Anticipated date
Notice of intention to commence local plan preparation made available	Regulation 19(1)	July 2026
Notice of scoping consultation made available	Regulation 20(1)	September 2026
Deadline for receipt of representations in response to scoping consultation	Regulation 20(4)	November 2026
GATEWAY 1: Summary of self-assessment of readiness for local plan preparation made available	Regulation 21(3)	December 2026
Notice of proposed local plan content and evidence consultation made available	Regulation 23(1)(a)	July 2027
Deadline for receipt of representations in response to proposed local plan content and evidence consultation	Regulation 23(4)	September 2027
GATEWAY 2: Observations and advice sought from the “appointed person” in relation to progress on the proposed local plan	Regulation 26	November 2027
Notice of proposed local plan consultation made available	Regulation 27(1)(a)	July 2028
Deadline for receipt of representations in response to proposed local plan consultation	Regulation 27(4)	September 2028
GATEWAY 3: Observations and advice sought from the “appointed person” on compliance of the proposed local plan with the prescribed requirements	Regulation 31	October 2028
Submission of the proposed local plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination	Section 15D(1) of the Act	January 2029
Adoption of the local plan	Section 15EA of the Act	June 2029

**from the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026, apart from the final two rows which refer to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004*

Table 2 Possible Supplementary Plan for Gypsy and Traveller site allocations

Overall timescale	2026												2027												2028	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Ma	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Ma	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Local elections																										
Decision to proceed																										
Notice of intention																										
Call for sites																										
Site assessment																										
Drafting																										
Consultation period (6 weeks)																										
Assessment & sign off																										
Submission																										
Examination																										
Adoption																										

6 Programme Management and Reporting

Programme Management

- 6.1 The overall management of the Local Plan falls under the Director of City Development with day-to-day management by the Head of Strategic Planning Policy.

Reporting

- 6.2 Matters relating to the Local Plan, CIL and Neighbourhood Plans are usually reported to Council Members via the Planning Policy Advisory Group. This is a formally constituted cross party advisory committee of the Council which meets in public and makes recommendations to the Council's Executive. The Council's Executive is responsible for making key decisions relating to the production of the Local Plan, CIL and Neighbourhood Plans. Governance arrangements to allow effective progress of the Local Plan through the production and Submission phases will be reviewed to ensure the timetable can be fully met. Full Council is responsible for agreeing the adoption of the Local Plan.

Review

- 6.3 This document will be kept under review and updated regularly to reflect changes in timescales or the production of additional documents.
- 6.4 The Local Plan timetable will be updated on a monthly basis to align with statutory requirements. Update will be published to:

7 Further Information

- 7.1 For further information regarding this document and/or the workstreams included, please contact the Strategic Planning Policy Team via the following details:

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