

‘Live’ Timetable for Production of the Fenland Local Plan (March 2024)

The Covid-19 pandemic and second call for sites exercise has resulted in some delay to the timetable. A revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) was approved by Cabinet on 3rd February 2022 with target dates set out below.

No.	Stage	Description	LDS Target Date	Actual & Scheduled Dates
1	Consult on a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) scoping report	The SA scoping report sets out the sustainability objectives proposed to be used to appraise the economic, social and environmental effects of the emerging Local Plan policies. The SA scoping report is subject to consultation.	N/a	SA Consultation - 11 th October to 21 st November 2019
2	Public participation (Regulation 18)	Opportunities for interested parties and statutory consultees to consider the options for the plan before the final document is produced. This stage may involve one or more public consultation rounds. We intend two rounds for the new Local Plan: an Issues and Options Consultation and a Draft Local Plan Consultation.	October 2019 June/July 2022	Issues and Options Consultation - 11 th October to 21 st November 2019 Draft Local Plan approved for consultation by Cabinet (with amendments) on 13 June 2022. Consultation - 25 th August to 19 th October 2022
3	Pre-Submission Publication (Regulation 19)	The Council publishes the Local Plan which is followed by a 6-week period when formal representations can be made on the Local Plan.	January 2023	Unknown at present but to be confirmed in due course
4	Submission (Regulation 22)	The Council submits the Local Plan to the Secretary of State together with the representations received at Regulation 19 stage.	April 2023	
5	Independent Examination Hearing	Held by a Planning Inspector into objections raised on the Local Plan.	From the day it is ‘submitted’	
6	Inspector’s Report	This will report whether if the Plan is ‘Sound’ or ‘Not Sound’. The Inspector may make recommendations to make the plan ‘Sound’.	January 2024 (estimate – could be earlier or later, and subject to the examination)	
7	Adoption of	Final stage, the Council will formally need to adopt the Local Plan	March 2024 (estimate -	

	DPD (Local Plan)	and it will then be used in making planning decisions.	could be earlier or later, and subject to the examination)	
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