

## A timetable of updates to the Local Development Scheme since of the start of the Joint Local Plan

This document responds to the Inspectors' request at the first stage of hearings. It provides a timetable of updates to the Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the key stages of the Joint Local Plan (JLP) since March 2021.

Local Development Scheme version	Key Stages						
	Public Consultation on Issues and Scope (Regulation 18)	Public Consultation on Preferred Options (Regulation 18)	Publication of Pre-Submission for representation to be made (Regulation 19)	Submission to Secretary of State (Regulation 22)	Expected Hearings of Examination in Public (Regulation 24)*	Inspector's report (Regulation 25)*	Adoption (Regulation 26)*
<b>March 2021</b>	July / August 2022**		July / August 2023	January 2024	June 2024	September 2024	October 2024
<b>February 2022 &amp; May 2022</b>	May / June 2022	January / February 2023	July / August 2023	January 2024	June 2024	September 2024	October 2024
<b>December 2022</b>	May / June 2022 (Complete)	August / September 2023	July / August 2024	January 2025	May 2025	August 2025	September 2025
<b>June 2023</b>	May / June 2022 (Complete)	October/ November 2023	July / August 2024	January 2025	May 2025	August 2025	September 2025
<b>September 2023</b>	May / June 2022 (Complete)	January / February 2024 (Complete)	October / November 2024	April 2025	August 2025	November 2025	December 2025
<b>August 2024</b>	May / June 2022 (Complete)	January / February 2024 (Complete)	October / November 2024	December 2024	April 2025	October 2025	December 2025

\*Timings and requirements post submission to the Secretary of State will be determined by the appointed Inspector. Subject to progression of the examination process, there may be subsequent changes to the published dates through to adoption.

\*\* March 2021 LDS planned for a single Regulation 18 Public Consultation, to be held on a Preferred Options / Draft Plan.

Figure 1: Production timetable from the LDS

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<b>Key</b>	
Preparation, analysis and/or plan development	
Public Consultation on Issues & Scope (Regulation 18 part 1)	P
Public Consultation on Preferred Options (Regulation 18 part 2)	P*
Publication of Pre-Submission for representations to be made (Regulation 19)	P
Submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination (Regulation 22)	S
Examination in public hearings on the plan by an independent Planning Inspector	E
Inspector's Report (Regulation 25)	R
Adoption of the Plan (Regulation 26)	A

## Commentary

The comparison of the versions of the LDS shows that there was slippage of the timetable between the versions of the LDS.

The main changes were:

1. The first change in February 2022 added in an extra stage of Regulation 18 consultation (originally we had planned for a single Regulation 18 stage).
2. The December 2022 LDS reprogrammed the JLP after the cessation of work on the Oxfordshire Plan, to build in the additional time needed to commission additional evidence studies to reflect the new scope of the local plan.
3. The third significant change to the programme was in August 2024, to respond to the transitional arrangements proposed in the draft NPPF (July 2024). The change was to compress the period between the publication stage and submission. There was no change to the timing or length of the Regulation 19 publication phase which was already planned for October - November 2024. Officers met with the Planning Advisory Service on 21 August 2024 to seek advice on best practice between these stages, and implemented programme management techniques to achieve the submission to timetable in December 2024.