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Local Plan Timetable

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The Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Local Plan will focus on providing a clear vision and strategy for growth, identifying land for development where appropriate, and include locally specific planning policies.

The [Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2026](#) came into effect in March 2026. One requirement of this new legislation is that local authorities must publish a Local Plan Timetable defining key plan-making milestones. The timetable must be available before or alongside the publication of the Notice of Intention to Commence; updated at least once per month; and updated on the same day that the following stages are reached:

- Publication of Gateway 1 self-assessment summary
- Publication of Gateway 2 observations and advice
- Publication of Gateway 3 observations and advice
- Publication of the examiner's recommendations and reasons following the examination

If a pause in the examination of the plan occurs, if the Council repeats Gateway 3 or if the plan is withdrawn or revoked, the Local Plan Timetable will also be updated on the same day.

If the Council decides to hold further, optional consultations, this Local Plan Timetable will be updated as soon as is reasonably practicable to set out the consultation start and end dates.

To maintain a record of the Council's plan-making progress, a schedule of amendments will be published on our website from when the first update occurs.

The Local Plan Timetable replaces the previous requirement to adopt a Local Development Scheme.

The table below outlines the Local Plan Timetable for the preparation of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Local Plan which will cover the administrative area of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (ONS code E07000219).

This timetable takes effect from 29 June 2026.

Stage	Anticipated Date
Date on which Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council will make its notice of intention to commence local plan preparation available	29 June 2026
Date on which Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council will make a notice of scoping consultation available (consultation period starts)	29 June 2026
Date on or before which representations will have to be received by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council in relation to the scoping consultation (consultation period ends)	10 August 2026
Date on which Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council will make its self-assessment summary available (Gateway 1)	30 October 2026
Date on which Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council will make a notice of plan content and evidence consultation available (consultation period starts)	28 June 2027
Date on or before which representations will have to be received by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council to the consultation on proposed local plan content and evidence (consultation period ends)	9 August 2027
Date on which observations and advice will be sought (Gateway 2)	29 November 2027

Date on which Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council will make a notice of proposed local plan consultation available (consultation period starts)	3 April 2028
Date on or before which representations will have to be received by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council to the consultation on the proposed local plan (consultation period ends)	29 May 2028
Date on which observations and advice will be sought (Gateway 3: Prescribed requirements assessment)	04 September 2028
Date on which Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council will submit its proposed local plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination	30 October 2028
Date on which Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council will consider adopting the proposed local plan	30 April 2029