

Bromsgrove District Local Plan

Local Plan Scoping Consultation

Thank you for joining us on the next stage of our local plan-making journey.

Last summer we came out into our communities over a four month period to listen to you and gather your views on potential development sites and the infrastructure that needs to come hand-in-hand with development. We received thousands of useful comments from you, and we would like you to rest assured that these were invaluable and will continue to inform the Local Plan as it evolves over the next couple of years.

We are listening. We won't be able to satisfy all the views of a very diverse set of respondents, but our job is to balance as best as possible all of those competing views to produce a Local Plan for Bromsgrove which provides certainty on how the district will develop in the years up to **2044**.

What you told us last Summer

- Infrastructure Capacity & Delivery
- Transport & Highway Constraints
- Scale & Distribution of Growth
- Green Belt & Settlement Hierarchy
- Environmental & Flood Risk Constraints
- Deliverability & Evidence Gaps

...and what we are doing about it

We want to prepare a Local Plan which successfully deals with the issues you have told us about. We want to make sure that when development happens:

- New or improved schools will be provided
- Investment takes place in local healthcare
- Roads & junctions are improved
- New public transport is provided
- New or improved community facilities are provided

We will do this by progressing our Local Plan to adoption so we can use it to shape development. The next stage is to align the Local Plan's preparation with the Government's new plan-making process, the first stage of which is to consult you on the **Scoping Report**, to make sure we get the scope of the Local Plan correct.



Predominantly from **residents across the district**, the development sector, and a wide range of other public and private sector stakeholders.

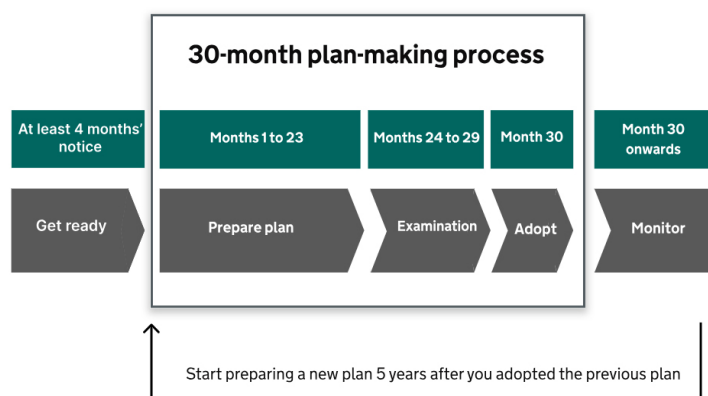


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How we now have to prepare our local plan

You may recall that we said at some point we would need to pause plan-making, take a side-step and align ourselves with the Government's new plan-making process when the Regulations were published. We've now reached that point, and we have to ask specific questions of you in order to proceed through the new system. That's what this consultation is focussed on.



Why we want you to get involved again now

When we came out for an extensive consultation period last summer, we knew that once the new plan-making process went live, opportunities to consult over an extended period of time would be challenging. We knew it was a good opportunity to bring the work we'd done to date into a consultation forum for feedback and to gather additional information to give us a firm foundation to enter the new plan-making process.

Publish local plan timetable	The timetable must be kept up-to-date and set out the anticipated and actual dates for key plan-making stages.
Publish notice of intention to commence local plan preparation	Publication of notice which commences a minimum 4-month notice period so that stakeholders are aware plan-making is beginning.
Scoping consultation	Inviting feedback from stakeholders on how to engage with them and what the plan should contain.
Gateway 1: self-assessment of readiness	Publication of a document setting out details of how you have got ready for plan-making, marking formal commencement of plan-making for the purposes of the 30-month timeframe.
Consultation: proposed local plan content and evidence	Minimum 6-week consultation on the proposed local plan content and evidence, including a draft vision.
Gateway 2	Seeking observations and advice from PINS to support the early resolution of potential soundness issues and progress towards the 'prescribed requirements'.
Consultation: proposed local plan	Minimum 8-week consultation on the proposed local plan and its supporting documents.
Gateway 3	Testing if the proposed local plan has met the 'prescribed requirements' and can proceed to examination.
Examination	Examination of the local plan against the tests of soundness, to be set out in national policy.
Adoption	Publication of the local plan and adoption statement.

Other elements of this stage

- Notice of intention to commence local plan preparation
- Publication of the local plan timetable
- Preparation for the Gateway 1 self-assessment

What the Scoping Document is focussing on

- The key priorities/challenges facing the District
- The Local Plan's vision and objectives
- Potential scope of locally specific topic-based policies
- The evidence base required to support the Local Plan
- The proposed consultation and engagement strategy

The Scoping Report explores the areas listed to the left in more detail. At the bottom of some of the sections there are questions in boxes to help shape your responses.

How you can take part

Responses, including requests to be notified at a specified time, must be submitted in writing by **5pm on 4 September 2026**.

Online

<https://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/BromsgrovePlan-scoping>

By email

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Market Street, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B61 8DA

Hard copies of the scoping document and accompanying documents are available to view at all libraries in the district.

Consultation responses received after the deadline will not be considered.

