

	Activity	Indicative Start:	Indicative End:
20	<i>Cabinet decision</i>	May 2027	May 2027
21	Public consultation – content and evidence (minimum 6 weeks)	May 2027	June 2027
22	Gateway 2 – independent review (by the planning inspectorate)	July 2027	August 2027
23	Continued development of draft plan including responding to consultation and any further evidence gathering	September 2027	March 2028
24	Finalisation of site assessment process	September 2027	March 2028
25	Finalisation of local policy development	September 2027	March 2028
26	Councillor and key internal and external stakeholder briefings / early engagement about next stage of plan production	September 2027	March 2028
27	(Statutory) Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment	September 2027	March 2028
28	(Statutory) Habitats Regulations Assessment	September 2027	March 2028
29	Equality Social Inclusion and Health Impact Assessment	November 2027	March 2028
30	<i>Cabinet decision</i>	March 2028	March 2028
31	<i>Full Council decision</i>	March 2028	March 2028
32	Public consultation – proposed Local Plan (minimum 8 weeks)	April 2028	June 2028
33	Gateway 3 – stop or go (by the planning inspectorate)	July 2028	August 2028
34	Plan Submission	August 2028	August 2028
35	Independent Examination (indicative – specific timescales determined by the planning inspectorate)	August 2028	February 2029
36	<i>Full Council decision</i>	March 2029	March 2029
37	Plan adoption (indicative)	March 2029	March 2029