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KEY DECISION? YES

## RUSHMOOR LOCAL PLAN - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME MARCH 2024

### **SUMMARY:**

In a Written Ministerial Statement published in December 2023, the Government have requested that all local authorities publish and submit an up-to-date timetable for preparing a Local Plan, in the form of a Local Development Scheme (LDS). This report presents an updated LDS, which sets out an indicative timetable for the preparation of a new Local Plan for the Borough.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that the Cabinet approves the publication and submission of an updated Local Development Scheme for the new Local Plan to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to present an updated Local Development Scheme (LDS), which sets out an indicative timetable for the preparation of a new Local Plan for the Borough. It seeks the Cabinet's approval to publish and submit the updated LDS to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), as requested in a Written Ministerial Statement published in December 2023.
- 1.2. This is a key decision because it will be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards within the Borough, as the new Local Plan will be a Borough-wide document.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. Regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) (the Local Planning Regulations) sets out that a local planning authority must review a local plan every five years, starting from the date of adoption of the local plan, in accordance with section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (the PCPA).
- 2.2. The Rushmoor Local Plan was adopted on 21 February 2019 and it was therefore required to make an assessment on whether the Local Plan needed updating before 21 February 2024. In November 2023, the Cabinet

agreed with the conclusions of this review and decided that an update of the Local Plan policies is required and that, as this is expected to affect one or more strategic policies, a full review of the plan would be necessary. The consequence of this decision is that a new Local Plan will need to be prepared for Rushmoor.

- 2.3. The Levelling Up and Regeneration Act (LURA) 2023 paves the way for reforms to the plan-making process and the form and content of local plans. In 2023, the Government consulted on some of the detail of these reforms, but the full implications of the reforms will not be known until the secondary legislation is published, which is proposed for later this year.
- 2.4. As a result, the Council has been awaiting further clarity on this new system, prior to confirming the timetable for the preparation of the new Local Plan. However, in December 2023, a Written Ministerial Statement by Rt Hon Michael Gove MP (Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) set an expectation that all authorities have a timetable for an up-to-date plan in place within 12 weeks (i.e. by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024). The form of this timetable was not specified and the Council queried this with DLUHC given the lack of secondary regulations. DLUHC referred the Council to the advice of the Planning Advisory Service, a branch of the Local Government Association (LGA), which states that this should be in the form of an up-to-date Local Development Scheme (LDS)

### **3. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL**

#### **General**

- 3.1. This LDS updates the existing LDS published in 2016, which set out the timescales for the Rushmoor Local Plan adopted in 2019. An LDS must specify the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) (such as its Local Plan) which, when prepared, will comprise part of the development plan for the area. The LURA 2023 requires that we prepare a single Local Plan.
- 3.2. The Council intends to prepare a new Local Plan under the new plan-making system. The Government have now set deadline for Local Plan's to be prepared under the current system. On this basis we would need to submit a Plan by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and it would have to be adopted before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026. The previous Rushmoor Local Plan took nearly 5 years to prepare, and the average time taken to prepare Local Plans is understood to be around 7 years. Therefore, it is not considered achievable to produce a Plan under the current system in just 16 months.
- 3.3. The LURA 2023 does not prescribe timescales for plan making and these are to be brought forward in regulations later this year. However, in July 2023, the government consulted on the likely stages we will need to follow to prepare a new Local Plan and indicates that we will be required to prepare and adopt a plan within 30 months. Figure 1 on page 8 of the draft Local Development Scheme, summarise the stages that were proposed as part of this consultation.

- 3.4. When preparing the new Local Plan, the Council will be required to carry out certain activities, including:
- Preparing a suite of evidence to support the New Local Plan
  - Formal stages of public consultation as we prepare the draft Plan.
  - Engagement with a wide range of public bodies and infrastructure providers
  - Demonstrating that the new Local Plan is sustainable and protected species and habitats, including the TBHSPA.
  - Demonstrating we have complied with our public sector equality duty under the Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998
- 3.5. The requirements for the above activities have been changed through the LURA 2023 or are expected to change as part of the wider planning reforms, for example:
- The streamlining of the evidence requirements for new Local Plans
  - The LURA 2023 removes the current Duty to Cooperate requirement and replaces it with a new ‘alignment policy’ (more detail is expected through amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)).
  - The LURA 2023 secures powers to replace the existing system of environment assessment (including sustainability appraisals) with a new form of environment assessment known as Environment Outcome Reports (EOR). More detail is expected through regulations and guidance later this year.
  - Two formal mandatory public consultations at particular stages of the Local Plan process.
  - The introduction of mandatory gateway assessments (‘gateways’) throughout the plan preparation process. The first two gateways would be advisory, and the final gateway would be binding and determine whether a plan can be submitted for examination.
- 3.6. Therefore, we have based this Local Development Scheme on these proposals, but this will need to be reviewed once final details are set out in policy, guidance and regulations (expected in Autumn 2024).
- 3.7. Table 2 (page 10 of the draft LDS) provides an indicative timetable for the new Local Plan. This represents a best-case scenario and is subject to the required information being published. On this basis, we are expecting to prepare a new Local Plan under the following broad timescales:

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Scoping and Early Participation	Autumn - Winter 2024
Plan Visioning and Strategy Development	Winter 2024 – Summer 2025
Evidence Gathering and Drafting the Plan	Summer 2025 - Summer 2026
Engagement, proposing changes and submission	Summer 2026 – Winter 2026
Examination	Winter 2026 – Summer 2027
Adoption	Summer 2027

- 3.8. Whilst our ambition is to progress a new Local Plan under the new plan-making system, as soon as possible, the Government have suggested there would be transitional arrangements, including a 'front-runner' scheme. Other Local Planning Authorities would then be able to prepare Local Plans under the new system in 'waves'. Therefore, our ability to follow this timetable, will be subject to these potential transitional arrangements and/or our potential eligibility to become a 'front runner'. It will also be dependent on there being no further delays in the publication of policy, guidance and regulations.
- 3.9. The LURA 2023 also sets a requirement for us to prepare a borough wide Design Code. The Council intend to prepare this alongside the Local Plan, either by incorporating a 'code' within the Plan or by adopting the Design Code as a Supplementary Plan (see paragraph 1.18 of the LDS for more information on Supplementary Plans). A decision on where the design code will sit will be made once further detail on planning reforms is available.
- 3.10. Once further clarity and detail on the reforms to the plan-making system is published by the Government, a revised timetable (if required) and report setting out the potential scope of the new Local Plan will be brought to Cabinet.

### **Alternative Options**

- 3.11. The Council could delay preparing an updated Local Development Scheme until further clarity is provided by the Government on the reforms to the plan-making system. However, this would not meet the request made by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in the Written Ministerial Statement published in December 2023 to publish and submit an updated LDS.

## **4. IMPLICATIONS (of proposed course of action)**

### **Risks**

- 4.1. The Council is required by law to review its Local Plan no later than five years after adoption to decide whether an update to the policies is necessary. The conclusion of this review is that a new Local Plan is required. It is not achievable to prepare this under a current system before the government set deadline for submission by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.
- 4.2. The adopted Rushmoor Local Plan is considered to provide an up-to-date development plan for the purpose of decision-making whilst an updated Local Plan is brought forward. The Council also has a very substantial five year land supply. It is therefore considered that there are no direct risks associated with preparing a Local Plan under the new system and the recommendation to publish the proposed indicative timetable set out in the draft LDS.

### **Legal Implications**

- 4.3. There are not considered to be any legal implications arising from the recommendation to accept the conclusions of the review, as the Rushmoor Local Plan will remain the development plan for Rushmoor until such time that a new Local Plan is prepared and adopted. Further details of the proposals for a new Local Plan and any legal implications of this will be brought to the Cabinet at a future date.

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 4.4. Prior to further clarity and detail being provided on the new requirements for plan-making, including the requirements for evidence to support the new Plan, it is difficult to accurately estimate the financial and resource implications. Therefore, further details of the proposals for a new Local Plan and the financial and resource implications of this will be brought to the Cabinet at a future date.

### **Equalities Impact Implications**

- 4.5. There are no equalities impact implications arising from the recommendation to publish an updated Local Development Scheme. As part of the preparation of the new Local Plan, the Council will be required to demonstrate that we have complied with our public sector equality duty under the Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998.

### **Other**

- 4.6. There are not considered to be any other implications.

## **5. CONCLUSIONS**

- 5.1. In a Written Ministerial Statement published in December 2023, the Government have requested that all local authorities publish and submit an up-to-date timetable for preparing a Local Plan, in the form of a Local Development Scheme (LDS). This report presents an updated LDS, which sets out an indicative timetable for the preparation of a new Local Plan for the Borough. It seeks the Cabinet's approval to publish and submit the updated LDS to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).
- 5.2. The Levelling Up and Regeneration Act (LURA) 2023 paves the way for reforms to the plan-making process and the form and content of local plans. In 2023, the Government consulted on some of the detail of these reforms, but the full implications of the reforms will not be known until the secondary legislation is published, which is proposed for later this year.
- 5.3. The LDS presented alongside this report provides indicative timescales for preparing a Local Plan under the new system, based on the information and proposed reforms that is currently available. Once further clarity and detail on the reforms to the plan-making system is published by the Government (expected in Autumn 2024), a revised timetable (if required) and report

setting out the potential scope of the new Local Plan will be brought to a future Cabinet meeting.

## **APPENDICES**

- Appendix 1 – Draft Local Development Scheme March 2024

## **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

There are no background documents.

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## APPENDIX 1

# Timetable for a New Local Plan

## Local Development Scheme

March 2024

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. By law, Rushmoor Borough Council must keep under review matters that affect the development of the borough and the planning of its development.<sup>1</sup> It is also obliged to review any Local Plan that it has adopted within five years from the date of its adoption, that is, by 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024.<sup>2</sup>
- 1.2. The Council undertook a review of the adopted Local Plan in 2023 and decided that an update of the Local Plan policies is required and that this is expected to affect one or more strategic policy, which would require a full review of the Plan.<sup>3</sup> The consequence of this decision is that a new Local Plan will need to be prepared for Rushmoor.
- 1.3. The Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023<sup>4</sup> paves the way for reforms to the plan-making process and the form and content of local plans. In 2023, the Government consulted on some of the detail of these reforms, but the full implications of the reforms will not be known until the secondary legislation is published, which is proposed for later in 2024.
- 1.4. As a result, the Council is awaiting further clarity on this system prior to confirming the timetable for the preparation of the new Local Plan. However, in December 2023, a Written Ministerial Statement<sup>5</sup> by the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP (Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) set an expectation that all authorities have a timetable for an up-to-date plan in place within 12 weeks (i.e., by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024). The Planning Advisory Service, a branch of the Local Government Association (LGA), has advised that this should be in the form of an up-to-date Local Development Scheme (LDS).<sup>6</sup>
- 1.5. In his Written Ministerial Statement, Mr Gove also requested that local planning authorities provide updated timetables to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024. However, it is important to note that, as further details on the planned reforms to plan-making are published by the Government, this LDS will need be reviewed.

### What is the Local Development Scheme and what must it include?

- 1.6. An LDS must specify<sup>7</sup> the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) (such as the Local Plan) which, when prepared, will comprise part of the development plan for the area. The LURA 2023 requires that the Council prepares a single Local Plan.
- 1.7. An LDS must also set out a council's timetable for producing DPDs, including key production and public consultation stages. This enables the community, businesses, landowners/developers, service and infrastructure providers and other interested

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<sup>1</sup> s13 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

<sup>3</sup> <https://democracy.rushmoor.gov.uk/documents/s13477/Review%20of%20the%20Rushmoor%20Local%20Plan%202014-2032%20-%20Report%20No.%20PG2334.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2023/55/enacted>.

<sup>5</sup> <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2023-12-19/hcws161>

<sup>6</sup> s15 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

<sup>7</sup> s15 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

organisations to know which DPDs are to be prepared for the area and when they will be able to participate.

- 1.8. However, as noted above, the Council intends to prepare a new Local Plan under the new plan-making system. The LURA 2023 does not prescribe timescales for plan making and these are to be brought forward in regulations later this year. However, in July 2023,<sup>8</sup> the Government consulted on the likely stages that we will need to follow to prepare a new Local Plan and indicates that we will be required to prepare and adopt a plan within 30 months.
- 1.9. We have based this Local Development Scheme on these proposals, but this will need to be reviewed once final details are set out in policy, guidance and regulations (expected in Autumn 2024).
- 1.10. Councils are encouraged to include details of other documents which form (or will form) part of the development plan for the area, such as Neighbourhood Plans. The LDS must be made available publicly and kept up to date so that that local communities and interested parties can keep track of progress. The Council must publish its LDS on its website.
- 1.11. The LURA 2023 also sets a requirement for us to prepare a Borough-wide Design Code. The Council intends to prepare this alongside the Local Plan, either by incorporating a 'code' within the Plan or by adopting the Code as a Supplementary Plan (see paragraph 1.19 below for more information on Supplementary Plans). A decision on where the Design Code will sit will be made once further detail on planning reforms is available.

### **What period does this LDS cover?**

- 1.12. This LDS covers the period from 2024 to 2027. It updates the previous LDS published in 2016.

### **What is the existing development plan for Rushmoor?**

- 1.13. The Rushmoor Local Plan 2014 to 2032 (the Local Plan)<sup>9</sup> is the adopted DPD for Rushmoor Borough.
- 1.14. The Borough is also covered by the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan 2013 (HMWP)<sup>10</sup> which Hampshire County Council has produced. This also forms part of the development plan for Rushmoor. Hampshire County Council is currently preparing a Partial Update of the HMWP. A Proposed Submission Plan was published for consultation in January 2024.<sup>11</sup>
- 1.15. There are currently no Neighbourhood Plans in Rushmoor. The former South East Plan (2009) Policy NRM6 specifically covers development in the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area and is also part of the development plan for Rushmoor.

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<sup>8</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plan-making-reforms-consultation-on-implementation>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policies/the-rushmoor-local-plan/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/HampshireMineralsWastePlanADOPTED>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/strategic-planning/hampshire-minerals-waste-plan/minerals-waste-plan-partial-update-consultation/hmwp-partial-update>

## What other documents has the council produced to support decision-making?

1.16. Rushmoor Borough Council has prepared a number of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) which explain how the Council will apply Local Plan policies. At the time of drafting this LDS (March 2024), the following SPDs have been adopted. These are all available online at [www.rushmoor.gov.uk/spds](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/spds).

**Table 1 – Adopted Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)**

Title of SPD	Date adopted
<a href="#">Affordable Housing</a>	2019
<a href="#">Aldershot Town Centre Prospectus</a>	2016
<a href="#">Locally Listed Heritage Assets</a>	2020
<a href="#">Car and Cycle Parking Standards</a> (see note in paragraph 1.18_below)	2017
<a href="#">Development Affecting Public Houses</a>	2015
<a href="#">Farnborough Civic Quarter Masterplan</a>	2015
<a href="#">Farnborough Town Centre</a>	2007
<a href="#">Home Improvements and Extensions</a>	2020
<a href="#">Shop Front Design Guide</a>	2015
<a href="#">Transport Contributions</a>	2008
Biodiversity	2024

1.17. In addition, the Council has adopted the following documents:

- [First Homes Interim Policy Statement \(2022\)](#)<sup>12</sup>
- [Financial Contributions for Open Space Interim Advice Note](#)<sup>13</sup>
- [Rushmoor Green Infrastructure Strategy \(2022\)](#)<sup>14</sup>

1.18. The Council periodically reviews and updates these documents in response to changes in legislation and national policy. A review of the Car and Cycle Parking Standards SPD<sup>15</sup> is underway, and we expect to have adopted the new SPD in March 2024.

1.19. The LURA 2023 introduces a new style of plan, named Supplementary Plans, which will effectively replace SPDs and have the same weight in decision-making as Local Plans.

<sup>12</sup> [https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/media/1tznhy0/adopted\\_first\\_homes\\_interim\\_policy\\_statement\\_-\\_january\\_2022.pdf](https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/media/1tznhy0/adopted_first_homes_interim_policy_statement_-_january_2022.pdf)

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/media/lunhmbze/financial-contributions-for-open-space-interim-advice-note-accessible.pdf>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policies/green-infrastructure-strategy/>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policies/supplementary-planning-documents-and-advice-notes/car-and-cycle-parking-spd/>

However, the new Supplementary Plans will be of limited scope and not intended to be used routinely (i.e., to create area-wide design codes and/or to set out site-specific policies on affordable housing or infrastructure).

- 1.20. Our existing SPDs can remain in place until we have adopted a Local Plan under the new plan-making system. Therefore, during the preparation of the Local Plan and Design Code, we will review the content of our existing SPDs and consider whether they will be incorporated within the new Local Plan or the Design Code.

## **2. The New Local Plan for Rushmoor**

- 2.1. In accordance with the requirements set out in the LURA 2023, the Council will produce a single Local Plan for Rushmoor. This new Local Plan will cover the whole of the Borough. The LURA 2023 introduces the legislative basis for the Government to produce National Development Management Policies (NDMP) which will contain nationally set and general policies on issues that apply in most areas (such as general heritage policies). Local Plans will not be able to repeat or conflict with the NDMPs.
- 2.2. On this basis, the scope of local plans will be limited to 'locally specific' matters. The LURA 2023 sets out the following requirements for local plans. Local Plans must:
  - Be designed to secure that the use and development of land in the LPA's area contributes to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change;
  - Take account of any local nature recovery strategy;
  - Take account of an assessment of the amount, and type, of housing that is needed in the LPA's area, including affordable housing.
- 2.3. The Government may prescribe further matters for Local Plans through regulations. Therefore, until further detail on the proposed reforms is published, the Council is unable to confirm the scope and contents of the new Local Plan.
- 2.4. When preparing the new Local Plan, the Council will be required to carry out certain activities, including:
  - Preparing a suite of research and evidence to support the new Local Plan.
  - Formal stages of public consultation as we prepare the draft Plan.
  - Engagement with a wide range of public bodies and infrastructure providers.
  - Demonstrating that the new Local Plan is sustainable and protected species and habitats, including the TBHSPA.
  - Demonstrating that we have complied with our public sector equality duty under the Equality Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 2.5. The requirements for the above activities have been changed through the LURA 2023 or are expected to change as part of the wider planning reforms, for example:
  - The streamlining of the evidence requirements for new Local Plans

- The LURA removes the current Duty to Cooperate requirement<sup>16</sup> and replaces it with a new ‘alignment policy’ (more detail is expected through amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)).
- The LURA secures powers to replace the existing system of environment assessment (including sustainability appraisals) with a new form of environment assessment known as Environment Outcome Reports (EOR). More detail is expected through regulations and guidance later in 2024.
- Two formal mandatory public consultations at particular stages of the Local Plan process (see more information below).
- The introduction of mandatory gateway assessments (‘gateways’) throughout the plan-preparation process. The first two gateways would be advisory, and the final gateway would be binding (‘Stop/Go’) and determine whether a plan can be submitted for examination.

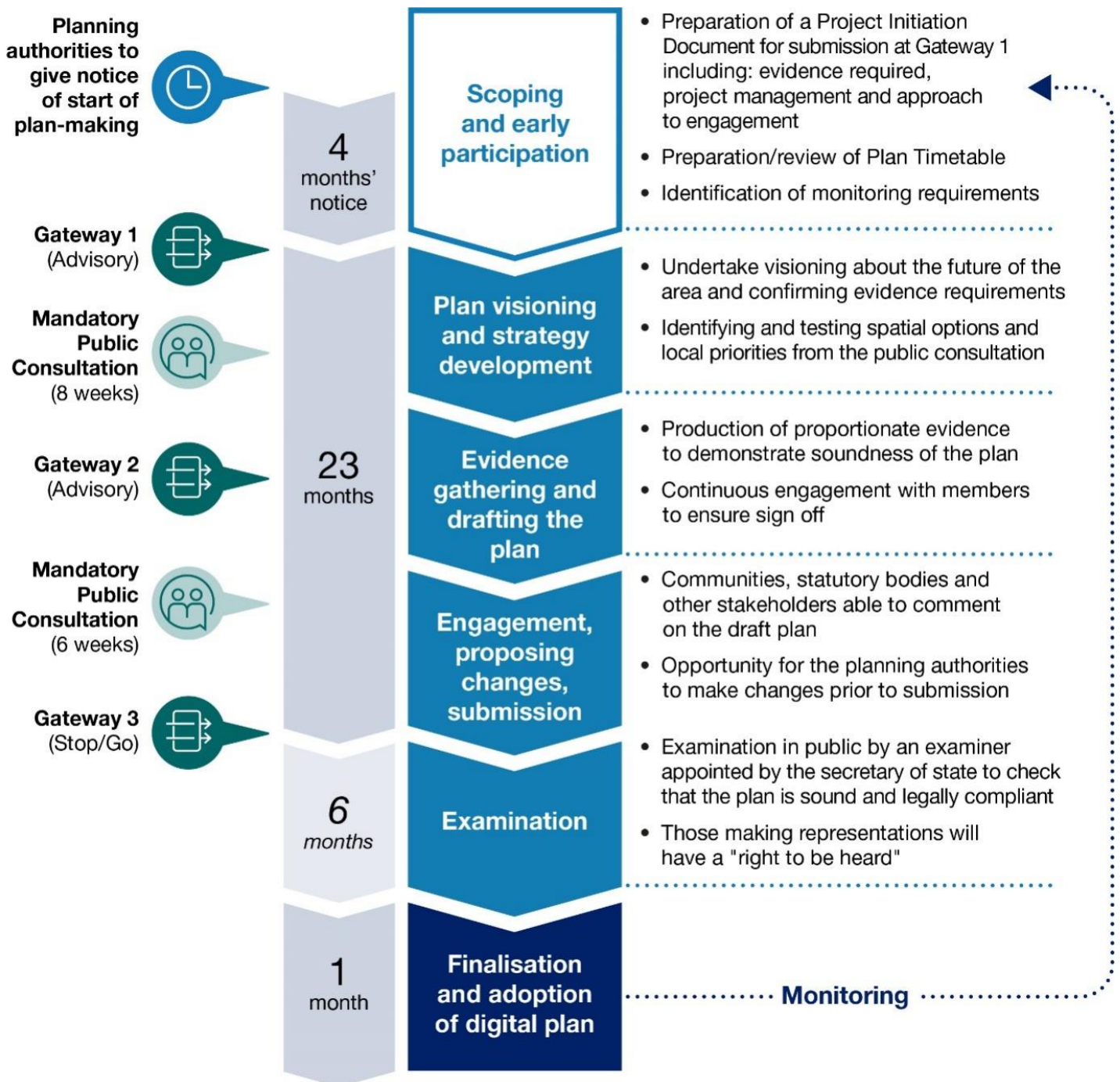
2.6. The expected procedure for developing and adopting the new Local Plan is set out below. This is based on the stages of Local Plan preparation set out in the Government’s consultation in July 2023<sup>17</sup> and is therefore subject to change. The following flow diagram (taken from the government consultation) summarises the key stages being proposed as part of the new 30-month plan timeframe.

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<sup>16</sup> Where plans are being prepared under the old system (i.e. within neighbouring local authorities), the duty to cooperate will still apply.

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plan-making-reforms-consultation-on-implementation>

**Figure 1 – The proposed 30-month plan preparation timeframe (Source: Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: consultation on implementation of plan-making reforms (July 2023)<sup>18</sup>**



<sup>18</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/plan-making-reforms-consultation-on-implementation/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-consultation-on-implementation-of-plan-making-reforms#chapter2>

### 3. Timetable for the Preparation of the New Local Plan for Rushmoor

- 3.1. We have set out an indicative timetable in order to meet the requirement to publish an up-to-date Local Plan timetable in the Written Ministerial Statement published in December 2023.<sup>19</sup> This is based on the stages of Local Plan preparation set out in the Government's consultation in July 2023 (see Figure 1 above). However, as noted in the introduction to this LDS, we require further clarity on the new plan-making system prior to confirming this timetable. This timetable reflects our ambition to prepare a new Local Plan under the new plan-making system as soon as we can. However, for reasons beyond our control (e.g., delays to the regulations), this may not be possible, and this LDS will need to be revised. As soon it becomes clear that the LDS needs to be revised, the Council will publish an amended timetable on its website at [www.rushmoor.gov.uk/lDs](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/lDs).

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<sup>19</sup> <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2023-12-19/hcws161>



**Table 2 – Indicative Timetable for preparing a new Local Plan for Rushmoor**

	2024		2025				2026				2027			
Stage	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	
Scoping and Early Participation	█													
Plan Visioning and Strategy Development			█											
Evidence Gathering and Drafting the Plan					█									
Engagement, Proposing Changes and Submission									█					
Examination											█			
Finalisation and Adoption of Plan													█	
Maximum Timescale <sup>20</sup>	4 months <sup>21</sup>		23 months									6 months		1 month
Expected Gateways			① Advisory			② Advisory				③ Stop/Go				
Consultations (Mandatory)			8-week consultation						6-week consultation					

<sup>20</sup> See Figure 1 above.

<sup>21</sup> The Council will be required to give 4 months’ notice before starting the formal 30-month plan preparation timetable.



## 4. Finding Out More

- 4.1. You can find out more about the documents we produce online at [www.rushmoor.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policies](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policies). If you have any questions or would like further information, you can contact the Council's Planning Policy team in the following ways:

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