



## Local Development Scheme

September 2025

## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 A Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the Council's timetable for preparing its Local Plan.
- 1.2 The Council is preparing a new 'Hart Local Plan 2045' which will supersede the [Hart Local Plan Strategy and Sites 2032](#) adopted in April 2020 and [Saved policies from the Hart District Local Plan \(Replacement\) 1996-2006](#).
- 1.3 This LDS takes effect from 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 superseding the LDS 9th Revision published May 2019.

## 2 Subject matter and geographical area

- 2.1 The new Hart Local Plan will apply to the geographical area of Hart District.
- 2.2 It will provide a long-term planning framework from 2025 to 2045 including vision and priorities, the amount and distribution of new development, site allocations and other policies for the determination of planning applications.
- 2.3 The precise scope of the plan will be influenced by proposed National Development Management Policies expected late 2025.
- 2.4 A Policies Map will geographically illustrate the policies in the plan.

## 3 Timetable

- 3.1 The new local plan will be prepared under the new plan-making system introduced through the [Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023](#). Secondary legislation is expected in the autumn 2025. Ahead of those regulations the timetable, set out at Table 1, is **indicative**, based on draft proposals set out in a [Government's 'consultation on implementation of plan-making reforms' in 2023](#) and the [Government's response that consultation](#). Figure 1 summarises the proposed process.
- 3.3 The timetable will be regularly reviewed and, if required, updated at various points in the new plan-making process.

## 4 Local Government Re-organisation

- 4.1 In April 2028 Local Government Reorganisation will take effect. This means that progress beyond that date on the Hart Local Plan will be the responsibility of a new Unitary Authority.

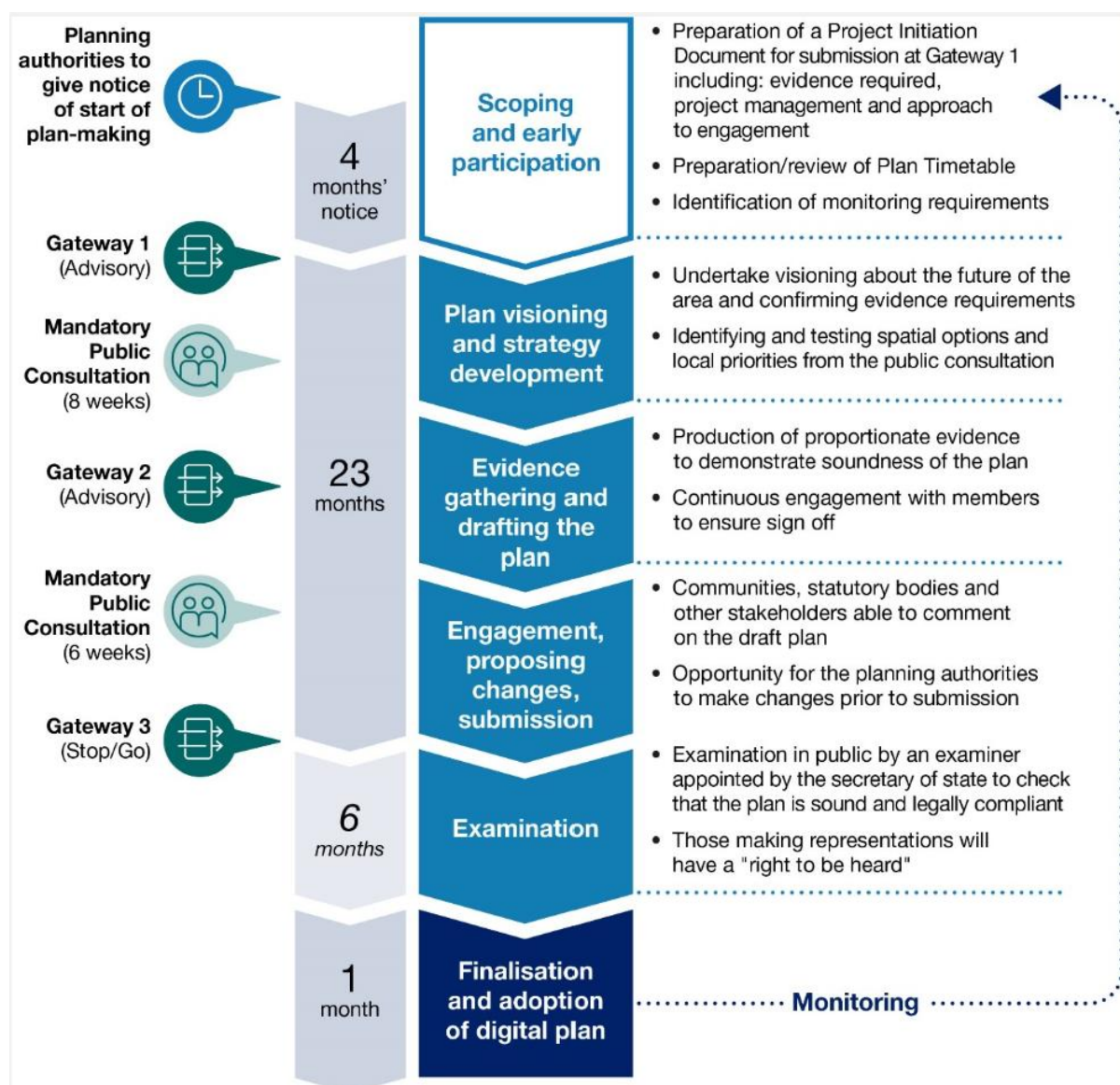
## 5 Further information

- 5.1 Further information including neighbourhood plans, supplementary planning documents and other planning policy matters is available at [Planning policy | Hart District Council](#).

Table 1: Indicative timetable for the new Hart Local Plan 2045

Key Step	Time Period
Preparatory evidence gathering and scoping	August 2025 - February 2026
Notification of the start of the Local Plan process	February 2026
Scoping and early participation	February 2026 - June 2026
Gateway 1 (advisory)	June 2026
Plan vision and strategy development	June 2026 – December 2026
First consultation	January 2027 – February 2027
Evidence gathering and drafting the plan	March 2027 – June 2027
Gateway 2 (advisory)	June 2027 – July 2027
Engagement, proposing changes and submission of the plan	July 2027 – March 2028
Second consultation	October 2027 – November 2027
Gateway 3 (stop/go)	January 2028 – February 2028
Examination	March 2028 – September 2028
Finalisation and adoption	October 2028

Figure 1: Proposed process and timeframes for local plan preparation



Source: MHCLG / DLUHC (2023) Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: consultation on implementation of plan-making reforms