Rushcliffe Local Plan Timetable

Version 2
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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Rushcliffe Borough Council is required to prepare a local plan timetable by Schedule 15B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Schedule 7 of the Levelling Up, and Regeneration Act 2026. The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026 also put in place further specific requirements for the form and content of a local plan timetable and when that timetable is revised.

2.0 Matters which the Rushcliffe Local Plan will deal with

2.1 The Council is preparing a new local plan which will be known as the Rushcliffe Local Plan.

2.2 The Rushcliffe Local Plan will be a plan for the future development of the Council's planning administrative area and covering matters for which the Council is the local planning authority. The Local Plan will cover a period of at least 10 years from adoption.

2.3 The Rushcliffe Local Plan will contain a vision, objectives, spatial strategy and policies and proposals to achieve sustainable development through meeting the objectively assessed development and infrastructure needs of the area (including for housing and employment land), protecting the natural and built environment and responding to climate change. The Local Plan will be informed through evidence and technical studies and will be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Equality Impact Assessment (EIA). The Local Plan will be capable of being used in the determination of planning applications for the development and use of land and buildings in Rushcliffe that are submitted to the Council for determination.

2.4 Once adopted, the new Rushcliffe Local Plan will form part of the statutory development plan for the local plan area, together with the adopted minerals and waste plans, a Spatial Development Strategy (once this has been prepared by the strategic planning authority) and neighbourhood plans in Rushcliffe that have been made'/adopted by the Borough Council.

3.0 Geographical area to which the local plan relates

3.1 The new Rushcliffe Local Plan will cover the geographic area of Rushcliffe Borough.

4.0 Supplementary Plans

4.1 No supplementary plans are proposed at this stage. However, in the event the Council may choose to prepare a supplementary plan this will be reflected in a future update to this local plan timetable.

5.0 Design Code

5.1 The Council will rely on the Rushcliffe Design Code that was adopted by the Council on 1 September 2025, relevant national planning policy and the National Design Guide and National Model Design Code and their successors to achieve good design in development. The Council may set out locally specific design policies or standards in the local plan. The Council may also consider a need to prepare a supplementary plan for design, which will be reflected in a future update to this local plan timetable.

6.0 Joint Plans

6.1 The Council is not currently proposing to prepare a joint local plan, or joint supplementary plan with one or more other local planning authorities.

7.0 Timetable for the preparation of the local plan

7.1 Table 1 below sets out the timetable for the preparation of the Rushcliffe Local Plan. The timetable will also be published in a format that meets the requirements of the Planning Data (England) Regulations 2026 and associated statutory guidance.

Table 1: Timetable for the preparation of the Rushcliffe Local Plan

Stage of plan preparation	Date
Commence Local Plan preparation Date the notice of intention to commence local plan preparation will be made available	30 June 2026
Scoping consultation • Date the notice of scoping consultation will be made available and the start of consultation • Date by which representations on the scoping consultation must be submitted to the Council	17 September 2026 23 October 2026
Gateway 1 Date on which the Gateway 1 self-assessment summary will be made available	31 October 2026
Plan content and evidence consultation • Date the notice of plan content and evidence consultation will be made available and the start of consultation • Date by which representations on the plan content and evidence consultation must be submitted to the Council	17 May 2027 28 June 2027
Gateway 2 Date on which observations and advice will be sought from a person appointed by the Secretary of State (Gateway 2)	5 September 2027
Proposed local plan consultation • Date the notice of proposed local plan consultation will be made available and the start of consultation • Date by which representations on the proposed local plan consultation must be submitted to the Council	15 May 2028 10 July 2028
Gateway 3 Date on which observations and advice will be sought from a person appointed by the Secretary of State (Gateway 3: prescribed requirements assessment)	4 September 2028
Submission for examination Date the proposed local plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination	2 October 2028
Local Plan adoption Date the Council will consider adopting the proposed local plan	By 30 April 2029

8.0 Statement that the timetable is to have effect

8.1 This local plan timetable is accompanied by a statement that the timetable is to have effect.

9.0 Keeping the local plan timetable up to date

9.1 The local plan timetable will be reviewed monthly and updated when necessary.

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Record of changes

Version 1 published 30 June 2026.

This is Version 2 of the Local Plan Timetable, published 31 October 2026.

Schedule of changes

Milestone	Version 1	Version 2
Commence Local Plan preparation	30 June 2026	30 June 2026
Scoping consultation start	14 September 2026	17 September 2026
Scoping consultation end	12 October 2026	23 October 2026
Gateway 1	31 October 2026	31 October 2026
Plan content and evidence consultation start	17 May 2027	17 May 2027
Plan content and evidence consultation end	28 June 2027	28 June 2027
Gateway 2	5 September 2027	5 September 2027
Proposed local plan consultation start	15 May 2028	15 May 2028
Proposed local plan consultation end	10 July 2028	10 July 2028
Gateway 3	4 September 2028	4 September 2028
Submission for examination	2 October 2028	2 October 2028
Local Plan adoption	30 April 2029	30 April 2029