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Former Avon						
City of Bristol	Core Strategy (2011) Site Allocations and Development Management Policies (2014) Bristol Central Area Plan (2015) West of England Joint Waste Core Strategy (2011)	Bristol Local Plan 2020-2040 (to replace the CS, SADMP & BCAP) - November 2022: consultation on the plan's policies and proposals - Late 2023: plan to be published for representations - Early 2024: examination by planning inspector - Autumn 2024: adopt the new local plan	Ongoing preparation of the emerging local plan following a further consultation in November 2022 on draft policies and allocations. As the WECA SDS is no longer being progressed, BCC are continuing to review the evidence base prepared to date for this to inform the local plan.	Updated local plan timetable to be published alongside further consultation on the emerging local plan's draft policies and proposals in November 2023.	3.7	2.24 - 2.45
Bath and North East Somerset	Core Strategy (2014) Placemaking Plan (2017) Local Plan Partial Update (2023) Joint Waste Core Strategy DPD (2011)	New Local Plan - October 2022: Launch of the Emerging Local Plan - October 2022-September 2023: Evidence Gathering, Engagement and Options Formulations - October 2023 - December 2023: Options Document Consultation - January 2024 - May 2024: Preparation of Draft Plan and Targeted Engagement - June 2024 - August 2024: Draft Plan Consultation - November 2024: Submission and Examination - January 2025: Hearings - May 2025: Inspector's Report - September 2025: Adoption	Evidence gathering, engagement and options formulation from October 2022 to September 2023. Currently, identify key issues and opportunities and reviewing evidence and helping to develop policy options.	Options document consultation. Expected late 2023. Public consultation to get feedback on the evidence gathered.	5.25	N/A
South Gloucestershire	- Core Strategy (2013) - Policies, Sites and Places Plan (2017) - Joint Waste Core Strategy (2011)	New Local Plan - October 2022: Confirmation of the intent and commitment for South Gloucestershire Council to prepare a new Local Plan - December 2023: Draft local plan consultation - May 2024: Preferred spatial strategy and supporting policy framework - August 2024: Submission of the plan to the Secretary of State - July 2025: Adoption	Commitment announced by the Council in the preparation of a new local plan (October 2022). The intention is for this document to firmly build on and incorporate the key principles, approaches, policies, sites and evidence consulted on and published in the previous informal stages of Local Plan consultation undertaken in 2020/21 and 2022 – the Phase 1 and Phase 2 documents. The feedback received from these, supporting call for sites submitted and range of other evidence prepared to date will also be utilised.	Draft local plan and update to the timetable is scheduled to be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 13 November 2023. Public consultation on the draft local plan expected to start from the beginning of December 2023 until the end of January 2024.	5.26	4.33

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North Somerset	Core Strategy (2012) Sites and Policies plan part 1 (2016) Sites and Policies plan part 2 (2018) West of England Joint Waste Core Strategy (2011)	Local Plan 2038 - Summer 2020: Challenges consultation - Autumn 2020: Choices consultation Autumn - March/April 2022: Preferred options consultation - Timeline for consultation on the pre-submission plan, submission to the Secretary of State and adoption to be agreed by the executive committee in October 2023.	Delays to the local plan timetable following the announcement of proposed national emerging planning reforms. The Council is reviewing its housing requirement for the purposes of the local plan, and the methodology in which this is calculated. The Council is reviewing moving forward with a reduced housing number to that previously included in the preferred options consultation. A revised Local Development Scheme will be published in due course with a revised timetable.	Further consultation anticipated with an update to the local plan timeline. The Council is currently aiming to approve the Reg 19 local plan for consultation by the executive committee in October 2023 and subsequent submission for examination	4.8	3.5
Gloucestershire						
Cheltenham	Joint Core Strategy (2017) The Cheltenham Plan (2020) Local Plan (2006) Saved Policies	The Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Strategic and Local Plan: - October 2023: Consultation of Spatial Options and Key Policy Areas - March 2025: Consultation on Preferred Options - January 2026: Consultation on Pre-Submission Draft - April 2026: Submission to the Secretary of State for examination - Adoption to follow examination	Work being carried out ahead of the consultation of spatial options and key policy areas commencing.	Work to commence on The Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Strategic and Local Plan with the initial spatial options and key policy areas consultation taking place in October 2023.	3.9	1.6 - 2.9
Gloucester	Joint Core Strategy (2017) Gloucester City Plan (2023) City of Gloucester Local Plan saved policies (1983)	The Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Strategic and Local Plan: - October 2023: Consultation of Spatial Options and Key Policy Areas - March 2025: Consultation on Preferred Options - January 2026: Consultation on Pre-Submission Draft - April 2026: Submission to the Secretary of State for examination - Adoption to follow examination	Work being carried out ahead of the consultation of spatial options and key policy areas commencing.	Work to commence on The Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Strategic and Local Plan with the initial spatial options and key policy areas consultation taking place in October 2023.	5.03	4.41
Tewkesbury	Joint Core Strategy (2017) Tewksbury Borough Plan 2011 to 2031 (2022)	The Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Strategic and Local Plan: - October 2023: Consultation of Spatial Options and Key Policy Areas - March 2025: Consultation on Preferred Options - January 2026: Consultation on Pre-Submission Draft - April 2026: Submission to the Secretary of State for examination - Adoption to follow examination	Work being carried out ahead of the consultation of spatial options and key policy areas commencing.	Work to commence on The Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Strategic and Local Plan with the inital spatial options and key policy areas consultation taking place in October 2023.	6.68	2.27 - 3.32

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Stroud	Local Plan 2031 (2015)	Stroud District Local Plan: - May 2021: Pre-submission draft plan - October 2021: Submission to the Secretary of State - October 2022: Additional technical evidence consultation - 2023: Continuation of Local Plan examination - Adoption to follow examination	Local Plan was submitted for examination with hearing sessions taking place in March-July 2023. Concerns have been raised by the Planning Inspectors who recommend that the plan be withdrawn. The Council has requested a pause to the local plan process to try and address the concerns raised.	Announcement expected shortly on the future of the emerging local plan and whether this will be withdrawn.	5.34	N/A
Forest of Dean	Core Strategy (2012) Allocations plan (2018) Cindeford Northern Quarter Area Action Plan (2008)	New Local Plan - 2019: Issues and options consultation - 2020: Preferred options consultation - October 2022: Second preferred options consultation - Spring 2024: Draft plan consultation - Spring 2025: Pre-submission plan consultation - Autumn/Winter 2025/2026: Plan submitted for examination - Adoption following examination	Following the consultation closing in October 2022 on the second stage preferred options the Council are reviewing the responses to inform the next stage of the emerging Local Plan.	Draft plan scheduled for consultation in Spring 2024.	3.75	Likely between 3 & 4
Cotswold	Local Plan 2011 to 2031 (2018)	Local Plan Partial Update: - Feb-March 2022: Issues & Options consultation - 2022 & 2023: Evidence gathering and policy writing - Summer 2023: Cirencester Town Centre Framework consultation - Winter 2023/early 2024: Pre-submission draft local plan consultation - 2024: Submission of the draft local plan for examination - Adoption following examination	Delays to the local plan timetable. The Council carried out consultation on the 'Issues and Options' in February-March 2022.	Revised local development scheme to be published later in 2023. Further consultation on the proposed local plan policies is scheduled to take place in late 2023 and early 2024.	6.9	N/A

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Somerset						
Somerset Council	Development Plan in line with the adopted plans for Mendip, Sedgemoor, Somerset West and Taunton and South Somerset former local planning authority areas.	A full timetable for the emerging New Somerset Local Plan is yet to be published. Upon adoption, this plan will replace all of the former District Council Local Plans. Consultation on outline placemaking and movement design principles is taking place between 4 September and 16 October 2023.	Live consultation on the outline placemaking and movement design principles is taking place between 4 September and 16 October 2023. These principles will inform the development of the new local transport plan, new local plan and overall approach to transport planning, development management and other relevant policies and plans.	Next stages to be confirmed in line with a timetable to be published by the Council	N/A	N/A
	Former Somerset West and Taunton (West) West Somerset District Local Plan saved policies (2006) Taunton Deane Core Strategy 2011 - 2028 (2012) West Somerset Local Plan to 2032 (2016) Taunton town centre area action plan (2008) Site allocations and development management plan 2028 (2016) Taunton Deane Local Plan 2004 - saved policies (2004)				SW: 7.9 T: 5.16	N/A
	Former Mendip (East) Local Plan Part I (2014) Local Plan Part II (2021)				3.76	2.84 - 2.97
	Former Sedgemoor (North) Local Plan (2011 - 2032) (2019)				6.94	N/A
	Former South Somerset (South) South Somerset 2006 - 2028 (2015)				3.7	N/A
Wiltshire						
Wiltshire	Wiltshire Core Strategy (2015) Saved Policies (2011) Chippenham Site Allocations Plan (2017) Minerals and Waste (2009) Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan (2020)	Local Plan Review - November 2017: Initial consultation on scope of the local plan - Q1 2018-Q2 2023: Plan preparation (including evidence gathering and informal consultation, with public consultation completed Qtr 1 2021) - Q3 2023-Q2 2024: Consultation on pre-submission plan - Q2 2024: Submission of draft local plan for examination - Q4 2024: Adoption of new local plan	Local Plan Review pre-submission consultation begins on 27 September until 22 November 2023.	Submission of the draft Local Plan Review for examination following the pre-submission consultation.	4.72	4.36 - 4.7

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Swindon	Swindon Local Plan 2026 (2015) Swindon Central Area Action Plan (2009)	Swindon Borough New Local Plan - Commence Autumn 2023: Public consultation on New Local Plan – Scope, Issues & Preferred Options (Regulation 18) - Commence Summer 2024: Public consultation on pre-submission draft local plan (Regulation 19) - Q4 2024: Submission to Secretary of State (Regulation 22) - Q1-Q3 2025: Local plan examination - Q4 2025: Inspector's Report (Regulation 25) - Q4 2025/Q1 2026: Adoption of new local plan	The Council is in the process of developing a new local plan, building on the work undertaken pursuant to the previously pursued local plan review. The Council has made the decision to progress with a new Local Plan rather than the continuation of the Local Plan Review. Council approved plan on 18th July.	Plan is moving to the final public pre-submission consultation. This is scheduled to be held in the Autumn of 2023	4.6	4.6
Dorset						
BCP (Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole)	Bournemouth Core Strategy (2012) Christchurch Core Strategy (2014) Poole Local Plan (2018) Joint BCP Minerals and Waste Plans	BCP Local Plan August 2022-February 2023: Ongoing community engagement and evidence gathering February 2023-August 2023: Preparation of the draft Local Plan September 2023-November 2023: Publication of the draft Local Plan February 2024: Submission of the draft Local plan to the Secretary of State March 2024-September 2024: Examination October 2024-December 2024: Adoption	Work ongoing in preparation of the Local Plan review following consultation on the issues and options in January-March 2022.	Draft Local Plan to plan to be published for consultation September-November 2023.	2.9	N/A
Dorset	Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy (2014) East Dorset Local Plan (2002): Saved policies only North Dorset Local Plan Part 1 (2016) North Dorset District-Wide Local Plan (2003): Saved policies only Purbeck Local Plan Part 1 (2012) Swanage Local Plan (2017) West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan (2015)	Dorset Council Local Plan - Q4 2019-Q3 2024: Plan preparation (including Options consultation completed January 2021) - December 2024: Publication of the draft local plan for comment - April 2025: Submission of the local plan for examination - Autumn 2025: Examination - Spring 2026: Adoption Purbeck Local Plan 2018-2034 Plan submitted for examination in January 2019. The examination process is nearing completion and adoption is expected to be in early 2023.	Ongoing work on the preparation of the local plan with the Council carrying out evidence gathering and reviews of former district/local plans. Consultation on the draft local plan took place in January-March 2021. Local plan has been delayed from original adoption target of 2024. Adoption of the Purbeck Local Plan expected in 2023.	Publication of the draft new Dorset Local Plan in December 2024 for consultation.	1) 5.34 2) 3.66 3) 4.27 4) 4.15 5) 4.77	N/A

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Devon						
Exeter	Exeter City Council Core Strategy 2026 (2012) Exeter Local Plan First Review saved policies	Exeter Plan (2020 - 2040) - September 2021: Issues consultation - September 2022: Outline draft plan consultation - October 2023: Draft Consultation - October 2024: Publication - March 2025: Submit to Inspectorate - June 2025: Examination - December 2025: Adoption	The Council is reviewing responses to the consultation on the Exeter Plan Outline Draft which closed on 05.12.2022. A summary of responses was published in March 2023.	A further public consultation on the final draft Exeter Plan is expected in October 2023.	4.33	4 - 4.1
East Devon	East Devon Local Plan 2013-2031 (2016) The Cranbrook Plan (2022) East Devon Villages Plan (2018)	East Devon Local Plan (2021 - 2040) - January 2021: Issues Consultation - Autumn 2022: Draft Plan consultation - Autumn 2023: Publication - Early 2024: Submission to the Secretary of State - 2024: Inspector's Hearings - Early 2025: Adoption	The Council is reviewing responses to the consultation on the draft local plan which closed in January 2023. The Council issued a statement in February 2023 confirming that further discussions on the emerging local plan would " <i>wait while [the] government clarifies [the] flexibility of housing targets</i> ", citing the changes to planning being consulted on by the government. The result of this is a delay to the emerging local plan timetable.		4.68	N/A
Mid Devon	Mid Devon Local Plan 2013 - 2033 (2020)	Plan Mid Devon - January - March 2022: Issues Consultation - November 2024 – January 2025: Draft Policies and Site Options Consultation - December 2025 – February 2026: Proposed submission draft plan consultation - April 2026: Submission to the Secretary of State - April 2026 – March 2027: Examination - April 2027: Adoption	Consultation on the new Local Plan Issues Paper took place from 31st January -28 March 2022. This was the first stage in preparing the new Local Plan. Work is ongoing in the preparation of the local plan in reviewing consultation responses and evidence gathering.	Consultation on draft policies and site allocation options to take place in November 2024 to January 2025.	5.44	N/A
North Devon	North Devon and Torridge Local Plan (2018)	Update / Review of the Local Plan - November 2022: Issues and preferred options consultation - November 2023: Draft Local Plan Consultation - June 2024: Publication Local Plan Consultation - November 2024: Submission to Planning Inspectorate - April 2025: Examination hearing - December 2025: Adoption	Work on the preparation of the local plan update is ongoing following early stage consultations.	Consultation on the draft Local Plan expected November 2023.	5.9	N/A
Torridge					5.9	N/A

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West Devon	Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan 2014 - 2034 (2019) The Plymouth Plan 2014-2034 (2021)	The Joint Local Plan Councils are committed to the delivery of the plan, and to keeping its policies fully up to date at all times. A review of the Joint Local Plan will take place in 2024.	A new revised Local Development Scheme setting out the detailed timetable for the review will be produced once there is clarity about changes to the planning system, including updates to the NPPF.		5.97	N/A
South Hams						
Plymouth						
Teignbridge	Local Plan 2013 - 2033 (2014)	Local Plan Review - May-July 2018: Local Plan Review Issues Paper Consultation - March-July 2020: Draft Policies Consultation - June-August 2021: Site Options Consultation - November 2021-January 2022: Renewable Energy, Gypsy & Travellers and Residential Sites Options Consultation - January 2023: Draft Plan Consultation Regulation 19 Proposed Submission - November 2023: Regulation 19 Addendum to the Proposed Submission Plan - February 2024: Regulation 22 Submission - June 2024: Regulation 23-25 Examination in Public - November 2024: Regulation 26 Adopt Plan	Consultation on the Proposed Submission Local Plan has closed, with responses being considered.	The updated Local Development Scheme suggests that a further addendum to the proposed submission plan will take place in November 2023, in response to issues raised to some specific policies/proposals.	5.22	N/A
Torbay	Local Plan 2012-2030 (2015)	Local Plan Update - January 2022: Consultation on Local Plan growth options - October-December 2022: Consultation on Local Plan housing policies - Early 2023: Consultation on Local Plan non-housing policies - Summer 2023: Preferred Options Consultation - Autumn 2023: Submission to the Secretary of State - 2024: Adoption	The Council provided an updated in August 2023 that following the most recent Local Plan consultation in October 2022, owing to the emerging changes to national planning policy which have been announced, the Council are now reviewing the implications of these for the Torbay Local Plan. The Council is currently assessing whether the findings of the review carried out in 2020 are still applicable and correct.	The Council has announced (August 2023) that it will not be publishing the next stage of the Local Plan Update before this has been given further consideration and emerging government policy has been formalised. However, the Council is continuing with preparatory work for a review/update, including further evidence base work and assessments.	2.52	N/A

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Cornwall						
Cornwall	Local Plan 2030 (2016) Former District/Borough Councils saved policies Site Allocations DPD (2019) Climate Emergency DPD (adopted February 2023)	No published timetable for a new Local Plan	<p>The Local Plan was reviewed in 2019. This concluded that the plan remains up to date and continues to carry full weight in decision-making. This was accepted by Cabinet at a meeting on 22.09.2021.</p> <p>The Council continues to review the position of the Local Plan. The Cornwall Monitoring Report will be used to determine when the Local Development Scheme should be updated and inform the extent of the Local Plan Review.</p>	No published timetable for a new Local Plan	6.6	N/A
Isles of Scilly	Local Plan (2015 - 2030) (2021)	No published timetable for a new Local Plan	The current Local Plan was formally adopted on 25 March 2021. No information is available on details for a review of the Local Plan however this will need to be carried out prior to 2026.	No published timetable for a new Local Plan	10.4	N/A