

Borough Council of
**King's Lynn &
West Norfolk**



King's Lynn and West Norfolk New Local Plan (2026-2044)

Timetable

Published June 2026



Timetable for preparing the King’s Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan

Please note that where precise dates are currently unknown the 1st of the month is set out – specific dates will be added once known through future updates to the Timetable.

Date	Local Plan Stage	Description
30 th June 2026	Publish Notice of Intention to Commence and timetable	Publish Local Plan Timetable in accordance with the new plan-making regulations and Government template. The Local Plan Timetable will be reviewed once a month and updated and re published if necessary. Publication of the Notice of Intention to Commence Local Plan Preparation.
1 st -29 th September 2026	Scoping Consultation	A Local Plan Scoping Consultation will be undertaken for a period of four weeks from 1 st until the 29 th September 2026 where representations will be invited. This consultation will invite feedback on matters including how we will engage with the public and stakeholders throughout the plan-making process and what the plan should contain.
30 th October 2026	Gateway 1 Self-Assessment	Publication of a document setting out details of how we have got ready for plan making, marking formal commencement of plan-making for the purposes of the 30 month timeframe.
1 st April – 16 th May 2027	Publication of Draft Plan Consultation	Consultation for a period of at least six weeks on the proposed Local Plan content and evidence, including draft vision, any proposed aims and objectives, the proposed spatial strategy, summary of the evidence that the Council intends to gather, details of evidence already gathered and initial draft policies. Date that notice will be published.
1 st November 2027	Gateway 2 - Advice sought	Seeking observations from the Planning Inspectorate on the draft plan and supporting evidence. Gateway 2 will take between 4-6 weeks.
1 st April – 16 th May 2028	Proposed Plan Consultation	Consultation for at least eight weeks on the Proposed Local Plan and supporting documents. Date that notice will be published.
1 st September 2028	Gateway 3 - Advice sought	Testing the Local Plan has met the 'prescribed requirements' and can proceed

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		to Examination. Gateway 3 will take between 4-6 weeks.
1st November 2028	Submission of the proposed Local Plan to the Secretary of State	Submission of Local Plan for Examination.
30th November 2028 until 31st March 2028	Examination of Local Plan	Examination of the Local Plan against the tests of soundness set out in national policy.
1st May 2029	Adoption of Local Plan	Borough Council to formally Adopt the new Local Plan.

The matters that the Local Plan will deal with

The Local Plan will be a comprehensive Local Plan covering the period 2026 – 2044 replacing the existing adopted King’s Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan (2025). The Local Plan will include a vision, objectives, policies and site allocations. The Local Plan will not cover minerals and waste, as Norfolk County Council is the planning authority for these matters.

The geographical area to which the plan will relate

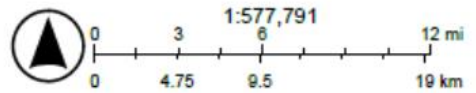
The Local Plan will cover the administrative Borough of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk. The area is shown on the map. The Local Plan is not being prepared as a joint local plan.

Borough of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Boundry



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 West Norfolk Boundary



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Any Supplementary Plans to be prepared

There are no current confirmed plans to prepare any Supplementary Plans or any joint Supplementary Plans.

