



Borough Council of  
King's Lynn & West Norfolk

# Notice of Intention to commence next Local Plan preparation

The Notice of Intention represents the formal/  
legal statement that the Council is due to start  
preparing a new local plan ([Regulation 19](#))

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as  
amended)

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)  
(England) Regulations 2026

15 June 2026



## About the Notice of Intention

Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2026](#), Regulation 19, we, the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, give notice of our intention to prepare a new Local Plan for the Borough.

In accordance with [Regulation 88](#), this "Notice of intention to commence next Local Plan preparation" and [Local Plan Timetable](#) are published on the website and are available for inspection at the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk offices, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn PE30 1EX during normal office opening hours.

The new Local Plan will look 15 years ahead from the anticipated adoption date (Summer 2029), with an expected mid-2040s end date (this will be confirmed in due course).

This, the Notice of Intention (NoI) represents the legal launch for preparation of the next Local Plan (Regulations 19(1) and 19(2)).

## Name of Local Planning Authority preparing the Plan (Regulation 19(2)(a))

Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

## Geographical area to which the plan is to relate (Regulation 19(2)(b))

The new Local Plan will cover the administrative boundary of the Borough of King's Lynn and West Norfolk (ONS E07000146), as shown on the map below.



**Title by which the Local Planning Authority will refer to the local plan (Regulation 19(2)(c))**

The next Local Plan will be referred to as the “*King’s Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan 2026-2044*”.

Provisionally, the plan period is proposed to be 2026-2044, but this will be confirmed following the preliminary scoping consultation (Regulation 20), which is anticipated to take place during September 2026.

**Details of the Local Plan timetable (Regulation 19(2)(d))**

The [Local Plan timetable is available to view](#). Key milestones are as follows:

Event	Date	Description
Scoping Consultation	September 2026	Initial scoping consultation
Gateway 1	October 2026	Formal start of plan-making process
Evidence & Content Consultation	March to April 2027	Consultation on proposed Local Plan content and supporting evidence
Gateway 2	November to December 2027	Independent preliminary assessment of the emerging draft plan
Pre-Submission Consultation	March to April 2028	Consultation on the Proposed (pre-submission draft) Local Plan
Gateway 3	September to October 2028	2028, Initial assessment of the Proposed Local Plan by the appointed Planning Inspector
Independent Examination	November 2028 to April 2029	Examination in public, including consultation on Main Modifications
Adoption	May 2029	Publication of Inspectors’ Report and formal Local Plan adoption

The above Local Plan timetable formally replaces our [Local Development Scheme](#) and maybe updated as the plan progresses.

**Date on which the notice was made available (Regulation 19(2)(e))**

This notice was published on 15 June 2026. This, together with the Local Plan Timetable, have effect from 15 June 2026.

We will be looking to commence formal preparation of the Local Plan, from after 31 October 2026. The plan-making process will take place over 30 months, with a view to adoption in May 2029.

For further information, please contact us at [local.plan@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:local.plan@west-norfolk.gov.uk).