

What is a Local Plan?

A strategic document produced by local planning authorities , (eg Winchester City Council) that sets out the long-term strategy for the development and use of land within their jurisdiction over a specific period usually 15-20 years.

It provides a framework for guiding decisions on planning applications and managing growth and is a framework for making planning decisions that meet the needs of the area while protecting its character and environment.

Stages in the Local Plan Process

- Preliminary work;
 - Call for sites SHELAAs
 - evidence gathering
 - sustainability appraisal.
 - Issues reviewed and options considered.
 - Regulation 18 draft plan prepared
 - Public consultation and review
 - Regulation 19
 - Site allocations confirmed
 - Consultation
 - Approval for submission
 - Local plan examined by an independent planning inspector
 - Is it sound?
 - Is it legally compliant?
 - Any modifications required?
 - Changes incorporated and the Local Plan is formally adopted
 - Process starts again!
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