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## Local Plans - what's happening in 2019

If 2018 is anything to go by, 2019 is set to be a busy year in the planning world. 2018 saw the adoption of a number of Local Plans (as well as some rejections), and the introduction of the much-anticipated new National Planning Policy Framework (or NPPF2). Despite much fanfare, the general consensus of opinion agreed that it did not fully address the most pressing need: the lack of new housing supply.

Nevertheless, NPPF2 is here and all new and upcoming Local Plans will need to take it into consideration (the most recent amendment to NPPF2 was made in February 2019).

At Fusion 13, we regularly monitor local planning authorities - their progress towards new local plan adoptions and their latest figures for five-year housing land supply. This allows us to identify where there may be potential development opportunities.

When submitting a planning application for approval, it is vital to understand the intricacies

of the district's local plan. We can help you to understand the implications of a local plan on your project, whilst working to ensure your plans are aligned with local district requirements; our extensive experience helps us to maximise the opportunity for a successful outcome.

Here, we look at the current state of Local Plans in each district (East of the UK), and reveal what we expect will happen in 2019.

### Norfolk

#### Breckland District Council

Public hearing sessions into the new Local Plan closed on 20 September 2018; a six-week consultation period on proposed main modifications is due in early 2019. Subject to the representations received during this period, the Inspectors Report is expected in late Spring of 2019, with formal adoption due in early Summer.

## **Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) – covering Broadland, South Norfolk and Norwich City Council**

The Regulation 18 consultation on new, revised and small sites ended on 14 December 2018. A Draft Plan Consultation is due on this regulation in September – October 2019; this will look at the preferred sites for development. Adoption is due in 2021.

## **Great Yarmouth Borough Council**

The council are currently considering responses received from the consultation on the First Draft Local Plan Part 2 which took place in August/September 2018. They will then be preparing the Proposed Draft Local Plan Part 2 (Regulation 19) for public consultation, currently expected to be in early summer 2019. Submission of the Plan to the Secretary of State is anticipated in autumn 2019, with examination hearings later in the year and adoption in Spring 2020.

## **Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk**

A review of the Local Plan is currently being undertaken. A Call for Sites consultation was held in 2016-2017, but there will be an

opportunity to submit further sites during the Regulation 18 consultation, currently scheduled for the first half of 2019. Further consultations will occur in the run-up to formal adoption of the revised Local Plan, currently anticipated for early 2021.

## **North Norfolk District Council**

The current Core Strategy is to be replaced by a new Local Plan, due for adoption in late 2020. For various reasons, key dates have been pushed back during 2018; this has resulted in the Regulation 18 consultation on site allocations and policies now being due between January and March. The publication of the Plan is scheduled for late summer and submission of the Plan to the Secretary of State in December.

## **Suffolk**

### **Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council's Joint Local Plan**

Due to local elections, the new joint local plan process has been delayed until after May 2019. Although no date has yet been set for the beginning of the process, local elections are to take place on Thursday 2 May. Therefore, the next consultation on the Regulation 18 preferred options will now take place over the summer.

## **Ipswich Borough Council**

The Local Plan was adopted in 2017 with a Local Plan Review commencing in October 2018. Issues and Options consultation took place between August and October, with the next stage planned for early 2019.

## **Suffolk Coastal District Council**

The council are now in the final stages of completing their new Local Plan. A six-week consultation regarding the soundness of the plan prior to submission to the Planning Inspectorate ended on Monday 25th February. Examination hearings are to be held over the summer, with final adoption anticipated in November/December.

## **Waveney District Council**

The examination hearings for the new Local Plan were held in the autumn of 2018, with adoption anticipated in March 2019.

In addition, from 1 April 2019, Waveney and Suffolk Coastal are joining forces to form a “super district” which will be known as East Suffolk District Council. The Local Plans referred to above will still be relevant.



## Yorkshire

### City of York Council

The new Local Plan is currently being examined by the Planning Inspector to determine whether it is sound. If it is, the new Local Plan should be formally adopted later in 2019.

### East Riding of Yorkshire Council

The Local Plan that was adopted in 2016 is currently under review to take into account updated evidence work and recent changes to the NPPF. A Call for Sites consultation closed in December 2018 and responses received are currently being reviewed.

### Hambleton District Council

Publication of the new Local Plan (Regulation 19) is due in June 2019. The statutory representations period due to run June to July 2019 with submission to the Secretary of State scheduled for November 2019. The estimated examination period is likely to run until October 2020 and the planned adoption date is December 2020.

### Harrogate Borough Council

HBC submitted the Submission Draft Harrogate Local Plan for independent

examination in August 2018. An Inspector has been appointed and further details regarding the examination will be published in due course.

### Hull City Council

In November 2017 the Hull Local Plan 2016-2032 was adopted. At the time of writing, there are no upcoming consultations or planned reviews of the document.

### Leeds City Council

The Council are currently undertaking their Core Strategy Selective Review following on from the 2014 formal adoption. The Examination hearings are taking place in February and March 2019 with formal adoption due to take place later in 2019.

### North Yorkshire Moors National Park

Work is continuing on a new Local Plan, which will cover the period 2016-2035. The preferred options consultation ended in October 2018 with the publication version of the final draft Local Plan due in February 2019. Comments from this consultation is likely to be submitted to the planning inspector for independent examination, with public examination due in July 2019 and final adoption by February 2020.



### Ryedale District Council

The new Ryedale Local Plan had been submitted and examined through public examinations throughout 2018. As a result of this, the Inspector identified concerns with certain aspects of the Plan and these are currently being consulted on until March 2019. Once the consultation has closed, further examinations will take place although timescales of these and when the plan will be adopted are not known at this stage.

### Scarborough Borough Council

The present Local Plan was adopted in July 2017 and guides the future development within the borough up to 2032. As the plan is in accordance with the NPPF, there are no planned upcoming consultations.

### Selby District Council

PLAN Selby is the Site and Policies Local Plan which is being developed to deliver the Core Strategy adopted in 2013. Progress on the Site Allocations Local Plan has been delayed pending further technical work on the potential development options for Tadcaster and the implications of the revised NPPF. A revised timetable will be published shortly to outline the next stages and timescale.

### Wakefield Council

The Initial Draft Plan Consultation closed on 20 February 2019 and was behind their initial timetable of September to October 2018 for this stage of the consultation. The publication of the Submission Document was originally scheduled for July 2019 but this is likely to be delayed. However, this is not known at this time.

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