

## **Annex 1: Local Plan timetable**

This Local Plan Timetable replaces the previous Local Development Scheme and is published in accordance with Section 15B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulations 4, 6 and 8 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026.

Below is the current timetable for preparing the Lake District Local Plan, which will cover the administrative area of the Lake District National Park Authority. This timetable may be updated as the plan progresses.

This timetable takes effect from 30 June 2026.

### **Publish 'Notice of intention to commence local plan preparation'**

**When:** By 30 June 2026

Publishing the notice of intention to commence Local Plan preparation is a new requirement. It gives communities and stakeholders advance notice of plan making and sets out when and how they can get involved. The notice must be published at least 4 months before Gateway 1.

### **Scoping consultation**

**Starts:** TBC September 2026

**Duration:** 6 weeks

**Ends:** TBC October 2026

This consultation will explain why the Local Plan is being reviewed, how engagement should be carried out and what the local plan should cover. All comments on the scoping consultation must be received on or before a date to be confirmed in October 2026.

### **Gateway 1: Publish self-assessment summary**

**When:** By 30 October 2026

Gateway 1 is a self-assessment summary confirming that we have published the timetable and notice of intention, completed the scoping consultation, and have a project plan in place to begin the formal stage of preparing the Local Plan. Once we complete Gateway 1, we have 30 months to prepare and adopt the plan.

### **Consultation on proposed plan content and evidence**

**Starts:** January 2027

**Duration:** 6 weeks

**Ends:** February 2027

This consultation sets out the proposed vision, aims, objectives, and a summary of the policy topics the plan will cover. We will also publish a summary of the evidence proposed to support the plan.

### **Gateway 2: check progress with the Planning Inspectorate**

**Starts:** September 2027

A formal method to obtain feedback from a planning inspector on the draft plan and supporting evidence to ensure our approach aligns with national policy, guidance and legislation.

### **Consultation on proposed local plan**

**Starts:** January 2028

**Duration:** 8 weeks

**Ends:** March 2028

This 8-week consultation is on the final version of the plan and will include the proposed site allocations.

### Gateway 3: examination readiness

**When:** September 2028

A final check by an external assessor to confirm the plan meets planning regulations and the tests of soundness, before formally submitting it for examination.

### Submission of the proposed Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent Examination

**When:** October 2028

The proposed Local Plan must be submitted for an independent Examination carried out by a Planning Inspector. The Examination should last no longer than 6 months.

### Adoption of the proposed local plan

**When:** April 2029

Adoption of the proposed Local Plan as the development plan for the Lake District National Park.

Local Plan infographic to be published on our website with CSV timeline download:

