

Sunderland Local Plan Timetable

Sunderland City Council has given notice of its intention to commence preparation of a new local plan which is to be referred to as the Sunderland Local Plan (SLP). The SLP will set out the spatial vision and strategic objectives for the future development of Sunderland. It will contain policies and site allocations to deliver these objectives, and a framework for monitoring and implementation. A scoping consultation will be undertaken which will inform its detailed content.

The Council does not intend to prepare any supplementary plans at this time.

The timetable set out below indicates the key stages of the local plan and is effective from 30th June 2026. It will be regularly reviewed and updated as the plan progresses.

Activity	Date
Notice given of Intention to commence local plan preparation	30 th June 2026
Scoping consultation starts	1 st September 2026
Scoping consultation ends	29 th September 2026
Gateway 1 self-assessment summary made available	30 th October 2026
Consultation on proposed local plan content starts	30 th June 2027
Consultation on proposed local plan content ends	11 th August 2027
Gateway 2 observations and advice sought	29 th October 2027
Consultation on the proposed local plan starts	10 th January 2028
Consultation on the proposed local plan ends	6 th March 2028

Gateway 3 observations and advice sought	31 st October 2028
Plan submission for examination	30 th November 2028
Plan adoption	29 th June 2029