

Local Plan Overview

September 2025

District Plan	Comments & Key Milestones	Potential Adoption
Broxbourne Local Plan 2018-2033	Due for review 2025. Review in progress.	Adopted June 2020
Dacorum Local Plan to 2041	Stage 1 of the Local Plan Examination is due to start w/c 15 th Sep 2025 with Stage 2 on 21 st Oct. CPRE Hertfordshire is participating. The Inspectors are Bristow and Birkinshaw; the same as for St Albans (see below)	2026
East Herts District Plan 2011-2033	Due for review 2023. Review in progress; call for sites issued.	Adopted Oct 2018
Hertsmere Local Plan 2024 to 2040	Additional Reg 18 consultation completed May 2024. See CPRE Hertfordshire response on our website Updated Local Development Scheme agreed March 2025. Further Reg 18 consultation due Jan - Mar 2026	2027
North Herts Local Plan 2011-2031	Due for review 2023. Review in progress.	Adopted Nov 2022
St Albans Local Plan to 2041	Stage 1 of the Local Plan Examination took place in May 2025. Stage 2 is due to start w/c 14 th Oct 2025. CPRE Hertfordshire is participating. The Inspectors are Bristow and Birkinshaw; the same as for Dacorum (see above)	2026
Stevenage Local Plan 2011-2031	Due for review 2024. Partial review in progress.	Adopted May 2019
Three Rivers Local Plan to 2041	We submitted comments on the Part 5 Reg 18 consultation 'Newly submitted sites and new policies' in Aug 2025. See CPRE Hertfordshire response on our website Also see our response to the Part 4 Reg 18 consultation 'Preferred Local Plan Lower Housing Growth Option Protecting More Green Belt Land' in Dec 2023. Reg 19 publication due Feb - March 2026.	2026
Watford Local Plan 2021-2038	Due for review 2027	Adopted Oct 2022
Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan 2016-2036	Due for review 2026	Adopted Oct 2023
South West Hertfordshire* Joint Strategic Plan to 2050	Reg 18 consultation completed Nov 2022. See CPRE Hertfordshire response on our website . Vision and Objectives endorsed by the councils Nov 2023. Next stage consultation on scale and pattern of growth - dates to be confirmed.	TBC
North East Central Hertfordshire** Joint Strategic Plan to 2050	Joint Vision 2050 published for consultation Dec 2024. See CPRE Hertfordshire response on our website .	TBC
Hertfordshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan to 2040	Reg 18 consultation completed Oct 2022. See CPRE Hertfordshire response on our website . Reg 19 consultation timetable to be confirmed.	TBC

* Five district councils (Dacorum, Hertsmere, St Albans, Three Rivers & Watford) and Hertfordshire County Council are working on the **South West Herts Joint Strategic Plan** <https://www.swhertsplan.com/>

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<https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/planning-and-building/north-east-central-hertfordshire-vision-2050-consultation>

Reg 18 Public Consultation: Early stage consultation – may include Issues and Options, Preferred Options and first draft plan.

Reg 19 Public Consultation: Pre-submission draft plan – representations invited as to whether the plan is legally compliant and meets the test of soundness in the National Planning Policy Framework NPPF.

Examination: Public hearing held by independent Planning Inspector to assess merits of Submitted Local Plan policies and their soundness.