

Local Plan Overview

May 2026

District Plan	Comments & Key Milestones	Potential Adoption
Broxbourne Local Plan 2018-2033	Due for review 2025. Review in progress. Reg 18 consultation due May 2026.	Adopted June 2020
Dacorum Local Plan to 2041	Stage 3 Local Plan Examination hearings are now complete. CPRE Hertfordshire participated in Stages 1 and 2. Main Modifications stage awaited.	2026
East Herts District Plan 2011-2033	Full Local Plan Review in progress under new system. Scoping Stage consultation due June 2026.	Current Plan Adopted Oct 2018. (New Local Plan due 2028)
Hertsmere Local Plan 2024 to 2040	New Reg 18 consultation 'Draft Local Plan 2026: Enabling Hertsmere's Sustainable Growth' closed 29 th May 2026. See CPRE Hertfordshire response on our website.	2027
North Herts Local Plan 2011-2031	Due for review 2023. Full Local Plan Review in progress under new system. Scoping Stage consultation live until 28 th June 2026.	Current Plan Adopted Nov 2022. (New Local Plan due 2027)
St Albans Local Plan to 2041	Local Plan Examination hearings took place in 2025. CPRE Hertfordshire participated. Main Modifications consultation closed 26 th May 2026.	2026
Stevenage Local Plan 2011-2031	Partial Update in progress - Examination Hearings on partial update were held in December 2025. Main Modifications consultation now closed.	Current Plan Adopted 2019. (Partial Update due 2026)
Three Rivers Local Plan to 2041	In Feb 2026, the Government placed a holding direction on the Reg 19 Local Plan due to a significant housing shortfall. See CPRE Hertfordshire comments on previous Parts 4 and 5 Reg 18 consultations on our website .	2026
Watford Local Plan 2021-2038	Due for review 2027	Adopted Oct 2022
Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan 2016-2036	Due for review 2026. Full Review & Update Reg 18 consultation took place in March 2026. See CPRE Hertfordshire response on our website.	Current Plan Adopted Oct 2023 (New Local Plan due 2027)
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 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.