JLP - where are we now?

Work on the new Joint Local Plan is underway

Completed

- Call for Sites and early evidence gathering
- Sustainability Appraisal Scoping
- Joint Local Plan Scoping Consultation – June to July 2026
- Feedback received from residents, communities, businesses and other stakeholders

Now

- Reviewing feedback from the Scoping Consultation
- Developing and updating the evidence base
- Considering the implications of the new NPPF
- Developing the vision, objectives, spatial strategy and scope of local policies
- Preparing for the next stage of consultation

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Next Steps

21 October 2026 – Gateway 1

- Publication of a summary document to formally commence the 30-month plan-making process and publication of an updated Local Plan Timetable to reflect the alignment with other Local Plans being prepared in Suffolk

June-July 2027 – consultation on proposed Local Plan content and evidence

What happens next – and how can you be involved?

There will be further opportunities to help shape the new Joint Local Plan

- **Winter/Spring 2026/27**
  Further development of the Plan and evidence
- **June-July 2027**
  Consultation on proposed Local Plan content and evidence, including the emerging **vision, objectives, spatial strategy, scope of local policies**
- **February–March 2028**
  Consultation on the proposed Joint Local Plan
- **September 2028–March 2029**
  Independent examination
- **April 2029**
  Planned adoption of the new Joint Local Plan