

Local Development Scheme (LDS) update note – January 2026

South Warwickshire Local Plan timetable update

At the meeting of the Joint Cabinet Committee of Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils of 18th December 2015, the Committee agreed¹ to the revised timetable for the preparation of the South Warwickshire Local Plan. The timetable as agreed is as follows:

Stage	2025												2026												
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
3. Preferred Options	P C	P C	P C	R A E C																					
4. Publication (reg 19)																				P	PC	PC			
5. Submission (reg 22)																				RA	RA	RA	RA	RA	P
6. Examination																									
7. Proposed Modifications																									
8. Adoption																				A					

NB – Summer School Holidays start 20th July 2026

Stage	2027												2028												
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
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NB – Pre-election period shown in Grey - start & end dates tbc from late March to early May 2027 and potentially again in 2028 following Local Government Review.

Key

PC = Public Consultation

EIP = Examination in Public

RA = Rep Analysis

A = Adopt

P = Publish

IR = Inspector's Report

published

EC = Evidence Collection

It is intended that Warwick District Council's updated Local Development Scheme (LDS) will be presented to the March 2026 Cabinet meeting for formal approval.

Supplementary Planning Documents update (including the Kings Hill Masterplan and Design Code SPD)

The National Planning Practice guidance (NPPG) states:

A Local Development Scheme is required under [section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004](#) (as amended). This must specify (among other matters) the development plan documents (i.e. local plans) which, when prepared, will comprise part of the development plan for the area. Local planning authorities are encouraged to

¹ Subject to additional recommendations – further information is available at <https://estates8.warwickdc.gov.uk/cmis/MeetingDates/tabid/149/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/637/Meeting/5117/Committee/131/Default.aspx>

include details of other documents which form (or will form) part of the development plan for the area, such as Neighbourhood Plans.

The NPPG does not reference a requirement for the LDS to set out the Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) to be produced, and the timescales associated with their production. However, the adopted LDS does provide details of SPDs that are intended to be produced. It is considered appropriate therefore for this note to address other SPDs that are in production beyond those set out in the adopted LDS.

Since the LDS was adopted, the Council has secured support from central government (as part of the New Homes Accelerator project) to assist with delivery of the H43 Kings Hill housing allocation (c4000 dwellings and associated infrastructure). As part of the package of support offered, grant funding has been awarded to assist with the production of a Masterplan and Design Code SPD for the allocated area. The production of the SPD will help deliver a comprehensive delivery ‘vision’ for the entire allocation and help to ensure that any future applications/schemes are delivering all necessary infrastructure and that they are of a cohesive design. The SPD will also help clarify policy requirements to inform future planning applications.

Given the restrictions associated with the grant funding (i.e. the requirement to complete the project by 31st March 2026), it will not be possible for the updated LDS to advertise the consultation on the Kings Hill SPD and so it is considered appropriate to set out the details for producing the SPD within this note.

It is intended that a consultation version of the SPD will be presented to Cabinet at the 5th February 2026 Cabinet meeting. If approved, the SPD will be subject to a minimum 6-week public consultation. A final version of the SPD will be brought back to Cabinet at the earliest opportunity for potential adoption. Adoption is estimated in spring 2026.