



Local Plan Timetable

Uttlesford District Council is now consulting on the latest version of the Uttlesford Local Plan. This stage is known as the Regulation 19 consultation. Regulation 19 stage comprises the publication of the Local Plan which the Council intends submit to the Planning Inspectorate for examination. Consultation on this Regulation 19 publication differs from Regulation 18 (published in winter 2023) in that any comments received will be reviewed by a government appointed Planning Inspector.

Evidence gathering and pre-preparation

The draft Local Plan proposals are presented to the public for consultation. This is known as the Regulation 18 stage and it is the point at which the Council invites comments on the preferred options.

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Publication

The Regulation 19 publication Local Plan is then submitted to the planning inspector with all comments received.

Examination

The Planning Inspector's final report recommends whether the Council can adopt the plan. Once adopted, the Local Plan will be used to make decisions on all planning applications.

2020 – ongoing

Winter 2023

Summer 2024

Winter 2024

Throughout 2025

Spring 2026

The Council commissions a range of detailed studies and engages with a range of key stakeholders, and considers everything a Local Plan needs, such as how many new homes and jobs are needed and what supporting infrastructure is required. This helps to inform the draft Local Plan.

Preparation and Consultation

The Regulation 19 draft Local Plan is published and the Council will ask for representations to be submitted on its 'soundness'.

Submission

The Secretary of State appoints an independent Planning Inspector to examine the published Local Plan in great detail. Public hearing sessions are held during this stage. The average Local Plan examination is 18 months.

Adoption

