CHESTERFIELD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Chesterfield Borough Council
Local Plan Timetable

17th November 2026

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This is the Local Plan Timetable for the Chesterfield Borough Local Plan (2025 to 2044).

The 2026 Regulations state that the local plan timetable must be published no later than on the earlier of—

a) the date on which the authority make their notice of intention to commence local plan preparation available under regulation 19(1), or
b) the date on which the authority make a notice of intention to commence supplementary plan preparation available under regulation 68(1).

The Local Plan Timetable took effect on the **17th April 2026**.

This update to the timetable was published **17th November 2026**. The changes alter:

- the date that consultation on Content and Evidence will commence, and related dates.

The timetable continues to show adoption of the Local Plan within the required 30 month timetable.

Publication History

Date	Version	Commentary
17/04/2026	V1	Publication prior to commencement notice
21/09/2026	V2	Publication alongside Gateway 1 Self Assessment
17/11/2026	V3	Dates relating to Content and Evidence Consultation Amended

Current Development Plan

As of 17th November 2026, the Development Plan for Chesterfield Borough comprises the following documents:

- Chesterfield Borough Local Plan (adopted July 2020)
- Saved policies of the Derby & Derbyshire Waste Local Plan (adopted March 2005)
- Saved policies of the Derby and Derbyshire Minerals Local Plan (adopted 2000 and altered 2002)

The council adopted a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in April 2016.

Policies in local plans and spatial development strategies should be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every five years and should then be updated as necessary.

The council reviewed the Local Plan in 2024 and concluded that a new Local Plan is necessary given the change in national planning policy in December 2024 which sets a significantly higher requirement for new homes being built in Chesterfield borough. The strategic matters that the new Local Plan will cover are expected to include the following:

- **Sustainable Development**
- **Delivering Homes and Supporting Growth**
- **Creating High Quality, Sustainable Places**
- **Conserving and Enhancing the Environment**

Preparation of Chesterfield Borough Local Plan 2025 to 2044

The Plan is being prepared under the new Development Plan system introduced by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026, which came into force on 25 March 2026, and replace the previous 2012 plan-making regulations.

The new Local Plan will relate to the administrative borough of Chesterfield.

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026 Part 2 stipulate that a local plan timetable must contain the following information:

a) the date on which the local planning authority will make their notice of intention to commence local plan preparation available under regulation 19(1),
b) the date on which the local planning authority will make a notice of scoping consultation available under regulation 20(1)(b),
c) the date on or before which representations will have to be received by the local planning authority in accordance with regulation 20(4) (scoping consultation),
d) the date on which the local planning authority will make their self-assessment summary available under regulation 21(3),
e) the date on which the local planning authority will make a notice of plan content and evidence consultation available under regulation 23(1)(a),
f) the date on or before which representations will have to be received by the local planning authority in accordance with regulation 23(4) (consultation on proposed local plan content and evidence),
g) the date on which observations and advice will be sought under section 15CA(3) of the Act in accordance with regulation 26 (gateway 2),
h) the date on which the local planning authority will make a notice of proposed local plan consultation available under regulation 27(1)(a),

i) the date on or before which representations will have to be received by the local planning authority in accordance with regulation 27(4) (consultation on the proposed local plan),
j) the date on which observations and advice will be sought under section 15CA(3) of the Act in accordance with regulation 31 (gateway 3: prescribed requirements assessment),
k) the date on which the local planning authority will submit their proposed local plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination under section 15D(1) of the Act, and
l) the date on which the local planning authority will consider adopting the proposed local plan under section 15EA of the Act.

Design Code

Chesterfield Borough Council is not currently considering preparing an area wide Design Code. We anticipate meeting this requirement through the review and updated of Local Plan policies on design and amenity (both general and site specific), the updating of existing Residential Design Guidance (the 'Successful Places' guide) and preparing additional design guidance for specific sites and types of development.

Supplementary Plans

There are no other supplementary plans which are being prepared or are planned at the time of writing.

There is currently no intention to prepare any joint local plan.

Local Plan 2025 to 2044 Timetable:

Local Plan Stage	Date
SCOPING CONSULTATION	
a) Notice of intention to commence local plan preparation available under regulation 19(1)	20th May 2026
b) Notice of scoping consultation available under regulation 20(1)(b)	15th June 2026
c) Date on or before which representations will have to be received by the local planning authority in accordance with regulation 20(4) (scoping consultation),	12th July 2026
d) **Gateway 1 (self-assessment) -** summary available under regulation 21(3)	21st September 2026
CONSULTATION ON CONTENT AND EVIDENCE	
e) Notice of plan content and evidence consultation available under regulation 23(1)(a)	7th December 2026
f) Date on or before which representations will have to be received by the local planning authority in accordance with regulation 23(4)	25th January 202716th November 2026
g) **Gateway 2 -** Date on which observations and advice will be sought from Planning Inspectorate under section 15CA(3) of the Act in accordance with regulation 26	15th March 2027
CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED LOCAL PLAN	
h) Notice of proposed local plan consultation available under regulation 27(1)(a)	26th July 2027
i) Date on or before which representations will have to be received by the local planning authority in accordance with regulation 27(4)	26th September 2027
j) **Gateway 3 -** Date on which observations and advice will be sought under section 15CA(3) of the Act in accordance with regulation 31	11th October 2027
EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC AND ADOPTION	
k) Submission of proposed local plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination under section 15D(1) of the Act	8th November 2027
l) Adoption of proposed local plan under section 15EA of the Act	19th July 2028