

## APPENDIX 2

### STAGES OF PLAN PRODUCTION

Stage	Steps (to be carried out sequentially)	Timeframe
<b>“Get Ready”</b> <i>Before the 30-month process starts</i>	Prepare and publish <b>Local Plan Timetable</b>	Before notice
	Give <b>notice of commencement</b> of plan-making process – <i>at least 4 months’ notice must be given</i>	Publish alongside LP Timetable
	<b>‘Scoping’ consultation</b> – engagement, plan content, vision and required evidence	No minimum period
	Pass through <b>Gateway 1 (Readiness Check)</b> – focus on scope, strategic priorities, project management and governance arrangements	Before 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2027
<b>“Prepare the Plan”</b> <i>Months 1 to 23</i>	Publish <b>summary of ‘Scoping’ consultation</b>	
	<b>‘Proposed Content and Evidence’ consultation</b> – vision, aims and objectives, spatial strategy, evidence summary, policies + allocations optional	6-week minimum
	Publish <b>summary of “Proposed Content and Evidence” consultation</b>	
	Pass through <b>Gateway 2 (Progress Review)</b> - checking progress with the planning inspectorate, providing feedback on potential soundness issues	4-6 weeks
	<b>‘Proposed Local Plan’ consultation</b> – version the Council intends to submit – consult combined authority (Spatial Development Strategy alignment)	8-week minimum
	Publish <b>summary of “Proposed Plan” consultation</b>	
	Pass through <b>Gateway 3 (Final Validation)</b> – stop / go check before examination to confirm the plan meets legal and procedural requirements	4-6 weeks
<b>“Examination”</b> <i>Months 24 to 29</i>	<b>Submit the Plan</b> for Examination	
	<b>Take part in the Examination</b> – modify plan if needed (mods will extend 30-month timeline)	
<b>“Adoption”</b> <i>Month 30</i>	<b>Get full Council approval</b> to adopt plan	
	<b>Publish the Plan and the adoption statement</b>	