

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL AND TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN TIMETABLE A PLAN FOR NORTHERN DEVON

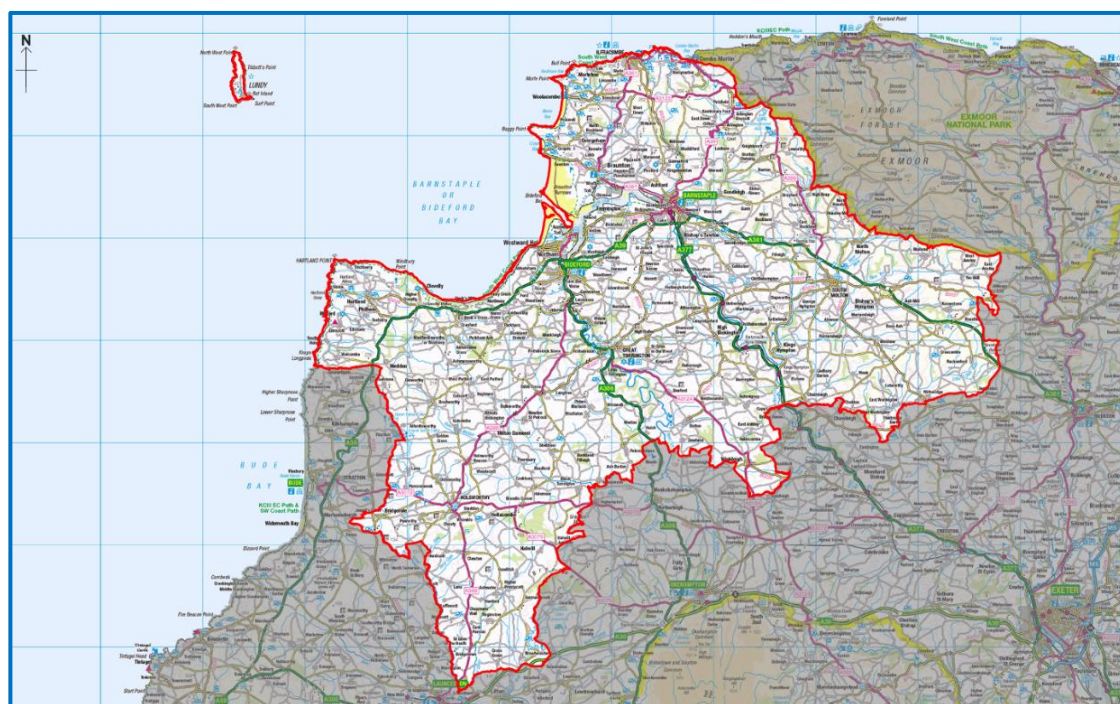
This Local Plan Timetable replaces the previous Local Development Scheme and is published in accordance with Section 15B of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulations 4, 6 and 8 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026.

Matters which the local plan is to deal with

The local plan – A Plan for Northern Devon - will be a comprehensive local plan providing a vision, objectives, policies and allocations of land, to manage development, enable and meet the future needs for development across the plan area, whilst establishing appropriate protections, in accordance with the requirement set out in legislation and national planning policy. A scoping consultation will be undertaken to inform its detailed content.

Geographical area to which the plan is to relate

The geographical area to which the local plan relates is the entirety of the local planning authority areas of North Devon Council and Torridge District Council - North Devon LPA (E60000303) and Torridge LPA (E60000306). The area to which the plan relates excludes geographic area of Exmoor National Park Authority (E26000002) that resides within North Devon Council's area (E07000043), as covered by Exmoor National Park Local Planning Authority (E60000319).



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Requirement in relation to design code

North Devon Council / Torridge District Council intends to set out the requirements with respect to design that relate to development, or development of a particular description, through the provisions of the local plan - including the vision, objectives, strategies, policies and allocations - whilst having regard to the development plan when read as a whole, alongside any other material considerations.

Whether the authority's local plan for their area is to be a joint local plan

The local plan for North Devon Council and Torridge District Council's areas will be a joint local plan, prepared jointly by North Devon Council and Torridge District Council.

Whether the authority is to prepare a joint supplementary plan

North Devon Council and Torridge District Council have no current intent to prepare any joint supplementary plans with any other local planning authority.

Any matter or area in respect of which the authority have agreed (or propose to agree) to the constitution of a joint committee

North Devon Council and Torridge District Council have not agreed (or propose to agree) to the constitution of a joint committee under section 15J(h) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

Notwithstanding the above, North Devon Council and Torridge District Council have formed a joint committee – the Joint Planning Policy Committee (JPPC), convened under sections 101(5) and 102 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and Sections 19 and 20 of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended).

Timetable for the preparation of the authority's local plan for their area

The following sets out the timetable for the preparation of the local plan. The timetable will also be published in a format that meets the requirements of the Planning Data (England) Regulations 2026 and associated statutory guidance.

Milestone	Date(s)	Associated Regulation(s) / Section(s) of Act
Date on which notice of intention to commence local plan preparation will be made available	30 June 2026	Regulation 19(1)
Date on which notice of scoping consultation will be made available	30 June 2026	Regulation 20(1)
Date on or before which representations will have to be received by the local planning authority for the scoping consultation	11 August 2026	Regulation 20(4)
Date on which the local planning authority will make their self-assessment summary available (Gateway 1)	31 October 2026	Regulation 21(3)

Milestone	Date(s)	Associated Regulation(s) / Section(s) of Act
Date on which the notice of plan content and evidence consultation will be made available [6 weeks]	10 February 2027	Regulation 23(1)(a)
Date on or before which representations will have to be received for the consultation on proposed local plan content and evidence	24 March 2027	Regulation 23(4)
Date on which observations and advice will be sought (Gateway 2) [4-6 weeks]	1 September 2027	Regulation 26
Date on which the notice of proposed local plan consultation will be made available [8 weeks]	2 February 2028	Regulation 27(1)(a)
Date on or before which representations will have to be received by the local planning authority for the consultation on the proposed local plan	29 March 2028	Regulation 27(4)
Date on which observations and advice will be sought (Gateway 3) [4-6 weeks]	31 July 2028	Regulation 31
Date on which the local planning authority will submit their proposed local plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination	30 September 2028	15D(1) of Act
Date on which the local planning authority will consider adopting the proposed local plan	30 April 2029	15EA of Act

Regulation(s) refer to The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026

Section(s) of the Act refer to The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

Supplementary plans which the authority are to prepare

North Devon Council and Torridge District Council have no current intent to prepare any separate supplementary plans, either together or with any other local planning authority.

Timetable for the preparation of any supplementary plans the authority are to make

North Devon Council and Torridge District Council have no timetables for the preparation of any supplementary plans.

Statement on Minerals and Waste

Matters relating to minerals and waste planning for the geographical areas of the North Devon Council and Torridge District Council local planning authorities are the responsibility of Devon County Council, as the relevant Minerals and Waste Planning Authority. Information on the scope, nature and timing of the Minerals and Waste Plan(s) will be a matter for Devon County Council and will be set out in their Minerals and Waste Plan Timetable.

Scope of Local Plan Timetable

For the avoidance of doubt, this timetable constitutes the formal local plan timetable for each of North Devon Council and Torridge District Council respectively, as required in accordance with section 15B of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

Keeping the local plan timetable up-to-date

The local plan timetable will be updated no later than one month from when it is first published, and each month thereafter. It will also be updated on the same day that a relevant plan preparation stage occurs (these include the three Gateway Assessments and other occurrences).

Statement that the timetable is to have effect

The Local Plan Timetable (version 1) was approved by the Joint Planning Policy Committee (JPPC) on 24 April 2026 and has effect on 30 June 2026.

Change History

Version	Date	Summary of Changes
1	30 June 2026	Initial Version