

Sustainability Appraisal

Initial evidence gathering

- Formulate initial aims and objectives for Local Plan
- Begin evidence gathering process
- Identify relevant environmental, economic and social objectives to inform the Sustainability Appraisal

Initial consultation and continued work on evidence gathering

- Engage with local communities, businesses and other interested parties in line with Regulation 18 of Local Plan Regulations 2012
- Take into account representations received from consultation process in line with Regulation 18(3) of Local Plan Regulations 2012
- Engage with duty to cooperate partners
- Ensure compliance with local planning authority's Statement of Community Involvement
- Continue evidence gathering
- Test emerging options through Sustainability Appraisal

Publication and submission

- Draft plan published for representations for a **minimum of 6 weeks** in line with Regulations 17 and 19 of Local Plan Regulations 2012 (and Regulation 21 if application in London)
- Plan submitted for examination, along with Sustainability Appraisal, evidence base and a statement of representations and main issues in line with Regulation 22 of Local Plan Regulations 2012

Examination of submitted plan

- Independent Inspector assesses plan to determine whether it has been prepared in line with the duty to cooperate, other legal requirements, and whether it is sound in line with section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulations 23 - 24 of the Local Plan Regulations 2012
- Local planning authority can ask Inspector to recommend main modifications to make plan sound or comply with other legal requirements
- Inspector issues report at end of examination
- Exceptionally, the Inspector will recommend the draft plan is withdrawn if it has not been prepared in accordance with the duty to cooperate or it is likely to be found unsound

Adoption

- Draft plan formally adopted by the local planning authority in line with section 23 the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
- Monitoring of implementation of Local Plan policies required in line with Regulation 34 of the Local Plan Regulations 2012

Produce post adoption statement and monitor Sustainability Appraisal indicators of adopted plan