



A message from the Chief Planner

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Dear colleague,

I'd like to make you aware of important updates relating to planning reform, in particular the new local plan system, and next steps regarding planning measures for London.

New local plan system

Today the Housing Minister Matthew Pennycook MP announced that the government will shortly lay the regulations that will underpin its new approach to plan-making. The regulations will set out a new process for producing local plans with clear steps that a local planning authority will need to take. This should support faster preparation of plans and more frequent updates, in line with the government's aim of universal coverage of up-to-date plans that reflect local needs.

MHCLG has published a summary of what the regulations will contain, so local authorities can familiarise themselves with the new system in advance of it coming into force early next year.

Local planning authorities will be encouraged to bring plans forward as soon as possible following the commencement of the regulations early in the New Year. For plans progressing to adoption under the existing plan-making legal framework, the final date for submission for examination will be 31 December 2026.

See the following links for more information:

[Written Ministerial Statement: Reforming Local Plan Making](#)

[Plan-making regulations explainer - GOV.UK](#)



Guidance and tools to help local planning authorities preparing plans in the new system have also been published in draft on *Create or Update a Local Plan*, with further updates to be added over time. Guidance for local authorities preparing plans under the legacy system remain available and clearly labelled.

[Create or Update a Local Plan](#)

Funding support for local authorities

MHCLG will provide a minimum of £14 million of funding this financial year to support local plan making. This is to help local planning authorities get ambitious plans in place as soon as possible and to support those starting work on a new plan early in the new plan-making system. Further details will be published shortly.

London consultation

As part of the package of emergency measures to support London housebuilding announced in October, MHCLG has today published a consultation on the proposed temporary relief from Community Infrastructure Levy payments and on Mayoral planning powers. The consultation closes on 22 January 2026.

[Support for housebuilding in London - GOV.UK.](#)

Alongside this, the Greater London Authority has published consultations on the removal of elements of guidance that can constrain density, and a new time-limited planning route. These consultations will run for eight weeks, closing on 22 January 2026.

[Support for Housebuilding LPG | London City Hall.](#)



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Kind regards

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