Notice of Intention to Commence Plan-making

On 31 July 2026, **Dorset Council** gives Notice of its Intention to Commence the production of the **Dorset Council Local Plan.**

This notice is a required stage in the new plan making system and marks the formal start of the Dorset Council Local Plan process. Publication of this notice is required by Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026.

Title of the plan: **Dorset Council Local Plan**

The Dorset Council Local Plan will not cover any strategic Minerals or Waste matters. All strategic Minerals and Waste matters will be covered in a separate Dorset Council Minerals and Waste Plan(s) however the Dorset Council Local Plan will identify and allocate sites for one or more local waste facilities such as household recycling centres where there is an urgent need for such a facility.

Local Plan timetable

The Local Plan Timetable sets out the key milestones for preparing the plan. It can be accessed at the following locations:

- https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land/planning-policy/dorset-council-local-plan
- County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

The Local Plan timetable will be reviewed monthly and updated when necessary, including at key stages throughout the plan-making process. **We expect to pass through Gateway 1 on 30 November 2026.**

What geographic area will the Local Plan cover

The Dorset Council Local Plan will cover the **administrative area of Dorset Council (ONS E06000059)**. This area is shown on the map below.


Amesbury
Glastonbury
Bridgwater
Bruton
East Gomeldon
North Petherton
Mere
Salisbury
Mill Cross
Somerton
Wincanton
Tuckingmill
Lower Knapp
Wiltown
Wyke
Taunton
The Marsh
Critchell's Green
Northover
North Town
New Town
Shaftesbury
Towns End
Stalbridge
East Compton
Wick
Pound
Yeovil
Ilminster
Newton
Fordingbridge
Kingston
Chard
Crewkerne
Verwood
Blandford Forum
Holway
Ringwood
Beaminster
Ferndown
Axminster
Colyton
New Milton
Ensbury Park
Burton
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