



A Roadmap for Local Plan Reforms

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Funding 2025/2026 - £14mill

28th Jan - 15th March

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DEVOLUTION

Current System Ends - 31st December 2026

Legacy Plans - Plans get through EIP - Mid-year 2028

SPD

Shadow Elections - May 2027

LGR

Footprints

New Authorities Vesting Date - 1st April 2028

SDS Geographies Published

SDS Production

February 2026

PIA SDS Regs

SDS in place - April 2029

B2 - BACKSTOP TWO

Plans give 'notice' - 31st December 2026

Local Plan Regs

G1 - BACKSTOP TWO

Evidence/plan preparation Consult 6wks Gateway Evidence/plan preparation Consult 8wks Gateway

E - BACKSTOP TWO

March 2026

Plans Gateway 1 - 30th April 2027

Plan Submitted March 2029

B1 - BACKSTOP ONE

Plans give 'notice' - 30th June 2026

G1 - BACKSTOP ONE

Evidence/plan preparation Consult 6wks Gateway Evidence/plan preparation Consult 8wks Gateway

E - BACKSTOP ONE

Plans Gateway 1 - 31st Oct 2026

Plan Submitted October 2028



2026

2027

2028

2029

Go, Go, Go – New System

Help us fill in the gaps on the map

'Have' to go first (backstop 1)

- 35-40 (max) authorities
- Plan (current system) submitted by March 2025 and with <80% LHN
- Most are recently adopted, at examination or main mods
- Will have to start a new plan by 30th June and reach gateway 1 by 31st Oct
- This will mean planning in both systems simultaneously

Want to go first

- ??? Authorities being approached for timescales
- Plan (current system) any stage
- Start a new plan by 30th June and reach gateway 1 by 31st Oct

Backstop 2

- ??? Authorities being approached for timescales
- Plan (current system) over 5yrs old or at any stage
- Start a new plan by 31st Dec 2026 and reach gateway 1 by April 2027

Everyone Else?

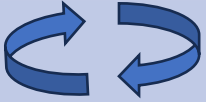
- Everyone else???????
- Recently adopted plans (apart from the backstop 1 group) who can wait for their plan to be 4yrs 8mths old

What is the roundabout?

The Local Plan roundabout - What is your response to the new system through a topic-based lens



Rotate around the room to discuss the necessary steps you need to take.

What does proportionate evidence base look like	Incorporating LNRS and dealing with environmental reforms		How to keep on planning in the face of LGR and SDS alignment	Achieving the 30months and staying sane
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Each time the buzzer goes move around the room (if you want to)

Green for solutions (for anyone)	Pink for direct actions for your authority/team/you as an individual	Yellow solutions or actions for PAS
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