

Sefton Council



Local Plan Timetable

(version 1)

24th April 2026

The Council will prepare a new Local Plan in accordance with the following timescales:

Stage	Date
Publish a 'notice of intention to commence local plan preparation'	26 th June 2026
Make a notice of scoping consultation available	July 2026
The date on or before which representations will have to be received by the local planning authority on the Local Plan Scoping Report	September 2026
The date on which the local planning authority will make their self-assessment summary (Gateway 1) available	No later than 31 st October 2026
The date on which the local planning authority will make a notice of plan content and evidence consultation	September 2027
The date on or before which representations will have to be received on the proposed local plan content and evidence	October 2027
The date on which observations and advice will be sought under Gateway 2	December 2027
The date on which the local planning authority will make a notice of proposed local plan consultation available	August 2028
The date on or before which representations will have to be received by the local planning authority	October 2028
The date on which observations and advice will be sought under Gateway 3	November 2028
The date on which the Council will submit their proposed local plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination under section	December 2028
The date on which the Council propose to adopt the Sefton Local Plan	April 2029

The Local Plan will cover the entire geographic area of the Metropolitan Borough of Sefton and will cover the period 2029-2044. It will cover land-use planning matters as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, which include:

- A vision for Sefton and up to 10 strategic objectives
- Policies on key topic areas, including:
 - Housing Need and Housing Growth
 - Infrastructure: Transport, Utilities, Digital and Social Infrastructure
 - Economy, Employment, and Skills
 - Town Centres and Retail
 - Regeneration
 - Climate Change, Energy, and Low-Carbon Development
 - Natural Environment, Biodiversity, and Green Belt

- Health, Wellbeing, and Social Inclusion
- Design, Placemaking, and Heritage
- Minerals, Waste, and Resource Management
- Coastal Change, Flood Risk, and Water Management

The Local Plan timetable should also include details of any separate **minerals and waste plans** that the Council will be progressing. At this point, we are progressing on the basis that the Local Plan will include minerals and waste. However, we are exploring the possibility of a joint Waste Local Plan with the authorities in the Liverpool City Region. If we decide to do a separate Waste Local Plan, this will be set out in a future Local Plan timetable.

At this stage, we have no specific proposals to prepare a **Supplementary Plan** on any topic. However, as we progress further with the Local Plan and update the Local Plan timetable, we will add in any proposed Supplementary Plans as necessary.

Similarly, the Council will consider the introduction of a **Community Infrastructure Levy** to support the growth aspirations that will be within the Sefton Local Plan. The timetable for the will included, if necessary, if a future update of the Local Plan timetable.