## New Plan-making System

## South Downs Local Plan Review

outh				Scoping and early participation:
				Can start some of this before giving the 4 month notice:
Figure 1: The new	30 month	plan timeframe Scoping and early participation	<ul> <li>Preparation of a Project Initiation Document for submission at Gateway 1 including: evidence required, project management and approach to engagement</li> <li>Preparation/review of Plan Timetable</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prepare Project Initiation Document including timetable (now)</li> <li>Notify and invite public and statutory bodies to comment o scope of plan and engagement proposals (summer 2024)</li> <li>Gather evidence and draft vision and options doc (near full Plan as possible now – Autumn 2024)</li> <li>Serve 4 month notice as early as DLUCH allow (possibly September 2024 meaning 30 month starts January 2025</li> <li>Plan visioning and strategy development:         <ul> <li>Gateway I January 2025</li> <li>Finalise vision and options document and gain member signoff</li> <li>Consult for 8 weeks March – April 2025</li> </ul> </li> <li>Evidence gathering and drafting the plan:         <ul> <li>Most evidence will have been gathered in 2023/24 but supplement if necessary and draft Plan</li> <li>Gateway 2 September 2025</li> </ul> </li> <li>Engagement, proposing changes, submission:         <ul> <li>Following member signoff Consult for 6 weeks Jan – Mar 2026</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Gateway 1 (Advisory)	notice		Identification of monitoring requirements     Undertake visioning about the future of the	
Mandatory Public Consultation (8 weeks)	-	Plan visioning and strategy development	<ul> <li>Identifying and testing spatial options and local priorities from the public consultation</li> </ul>	
Gateway 2 (Advisory)	23 months	Evidence gathering and drafting the plan	<ul> <li>Production of proportionate evidence to demonstrate soundness of the plan</li> <li>Continuous engagement with members to ensure sign off</li> </ul>	
Mandatory Public Consultation (6 weeks)	•	Engagement, proposing changes, submission	<ul> <li>Communities, statutory bodies and other stakeholders able to comment on the draft plan</li> <li>Opportunity for the planning authorities to make changes prior to submission</li> </ul>	
Gateway 3 (Stop/Go)	6 months	Examination	<ul> <li>Examination in public by an examiner appointed by the secretary of state to check that the plan is sound and legally compliant</li> <li>Those making representations will have a "right to be heard"</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consider representations and make any changes to Plan</li> <li>Gateway 3 November 2026</li> <li>Examination:</li> </ul>
	1	Finalisation		<ul> <li>Member signoff November 2026</li> <li>Submit December 2026</li> <li>Examination until May 2027 (if mods August 2027)</li> </ul>
	month	and adoption of digital plan	······ Monitoring ······	<ul> <li>Finalising and adoption of digital plan:</li> <li>Adopt June 2027 (if mods September 2027)</li> <li>Monitor effectiveness of plan annually</li> </ul>
				Commence next Local Plan update Jan-Mar 2029

## LPR Timetable Agreed December 2022

Reg 18 Jan-Mar 2025; Reg 19 Jan-Mar 2026; Submission June-Sept 2026; Examination Sept-Dec 2026; Modifications Jan-Mar 2027; Adoption April-June 2027