

Local Development Scheme 2026-2029

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**Gloucester
City Council**

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Gloucester City Council has a statutory duty to maintain an up-to-date LDS¹. This LDS sets out the Development Plan Documents (DPDs)² that will be prepared and the programme for their preparation. This LDS supersedes any previously published LDS.

2. Proposed Development Plan Document (DPD)

- 2.1 Gloucester City Council, in conjunction with Cheltenham Borough Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council, are intending to produce one DPD as can be seen in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Proposed Development Plan Document

The Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Strategic and Local Plan (CGTSLP) (produced by Gloucester City Council, Cheltenham Borough Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council)	
Role and subject / geographical coverage	This will set out the development strategy; development requirements; policies (strategic and non-strategic) and site allocations for Gloucester City Council, Cheltenham Borough Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council.
When adopted, will supersede	i. Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy 2011-2031 (adopted December 2017); ii. Gloucester City Plan 2011-2031 (adopted Jan 2023); and iii. Remaining, yet to be replaced 'saved' policies of the City of Gloucester Local Plan (1983)
Timetable – Key Stage³	
Evidence gathering, plan-preparation and community and stakeholder engagement (Regulation 18)	February 2025 – September 2026
Council approvals for the Pre-Submission SLP (Regulation 19)	October 2026
Consultation on Pre-Submission Strategic and Local Plan (Regulation 19)	End of October/Early November – December 2026

¹ Section 15 of the [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 \(as amended\)](#)

² A document setting out the Council's planning policies and proposals. They are subject to community involvement, consultation and independent examination by an independent Planning Inspector

³ Regulation references taken from [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#)) as amended

Submission to the Secretary of State (Regulation 22)	December 2026
Stages below subject to Planning Inspector Programme	
Hearings (sometimes referred to as Examination in Public ⁴) (Regulation 24) and Major Modifications Consultations (the latter if needed)	TBC
Inspector's final report sent to LPA (Regulation 25)	TBC
Adoption (Regulation 26)	TBC

3. Policies Map

- 3.1 The Policies Map spatially illustrates policies contained in DPDs on an Ordnance Survey base map. The Policies Map will be updated as the CGTSLP is progressed. The Policies Map will show matters including:
- i. designations, e.g. settlement boundaries; and
 - ii. site allocations, e.g. sites may be allocated for a variety of uses including housing.

4 Neighbourhood Plans

- 4.1 Neighbourhood Plans are prepared to timescales that are set by the qualifying body, such as Quedgeley Town Council or a designated Neighbourhood Forum, and not by Gloucester City Council. Therefore, the timetable for their preparation is not contained within this LDS. Following successful examination and referendum, Neighbourhood Plans become part of the statutory Development Plan.
- 4.2 For communities that may wish to develop their own Neighbourhood Plan, information can be found via [Neighbourhood Plans](#).

⁴ The examination begins when the Plan is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and is completed when the final report is sent to the Local Planning Authorities.