

Bristol Local Plan

Colin Chapman, Deputy Head of Planning Services (Planning Policy) at BCC retired on 19th June 2026.

- Local Green Space Designations
- New Local Plan 2045 timetable has begun

Bristol Parks Forum submitted response to the final modifications

What is happening? When will the current Local Plan be formally adopted?

Len has advised us that:

The local plan team is preparing responses to representations received to send to the Inspectors – and it is hoped that the Inspectors may complete their work over the summer.

They are still hoping to get it signed off in the Autumn.

But the replacement Local Plan timetable has already been published ...

Bristol Local Plan 2045 timetable

Date	Key milestone
30 June 2026	Publish Notice of Intention to Commence Under regulation 19(1) and 44(1)
7 September 2026 to 28 September 2026	Scoping consultation (start to end) The date of notice of scoping consultation available under regulation 20(1)(b) and 45(1)(b) to the date on or before which representations will have to be received by the Council in accordance with regulation 20(4) and 45(4)
31 October 2026	Publication of Gateway 1 self-assessment Under regulation 21(3) and 46(3)
1 December 2026 to 7 February 2027	Proposed plan content and evidence consultation (start to end) The date on which the Council will make a notice of plan content and evidence consultation available under regulation 23(1)(a) and 48(1)a to the date on or before which representations will have to be received by the Council in accordance with regulation 23(4) and 48(4)

Date	Key milestone
1 August 2027	Gateway 2 advice sought The date on which observations and advice will be sought under section 15CA(3) of the Act in accordance with regulation 26 and 51
1 January 2028 to 1 March 2028	Proposed plan consultation (start to end) The date on which the Council will make a notice of proposed local plan consultation available under regulation 27(1)a) and 52(1)a) to the date on or before which representations will have to be received by the Council in accordance with regulation 27(4) and 52(4)
1 July 2028	Gateway 3 advice sought The date on which observations and advice will be sought under section 15CA(3) of the Act in accordance with regulation 31 and 56
2 October 2028	Submission of plan for examination The date on which the Council will submit its proposed local plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination under section 15D(1) of the Act
30 April 2029	Adoption of plan The date on which the local planning authority will consider adopting the proposed local plan under section 15EA of the Act