30-month Minerals and Waste Plans Process Summary

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026

1 Get ready

(At least 4 months)

Regulation 5: Form and content of timetable	Set out timetable, including consultation stages, gateways, submission and adoption.
Regulation 44: Notice of intention to commence	Prepare and make available a notice confirming minerals and waste plan preparation is starting.
Regulation 45: Scoping consultation	Invite views on what the plan should contain and how stakeholders should be engaged.

2 Prepare plan

(Months 1-23)

Regulation 46: Gateway 1	Publish a self-assessment summary of readiness after the minimum notice period.
Regulation 47: Summary of scoping consultation	Publish a summary of scoping consultation responses.
Regulation 48: Consultation on proposed content and evidence	Consult on proposed content and supporting evidence (minimum 6 weeks).
Regulation 49: Summary of consultation	Publish a summary of consultation responses under Regulation 48.
Regulation 50: Map of proposed policies	Prepare a map showing the geographical application of proposed policies.
Regulation 51: Gateway 2	Seek observations and advice from an appointed person and publish that advice.
Regulation 52: Consultation on the proposed plan	Publish and consult on the proposed submission minerals and waste plan documents.
Regulation 53: Conformity with spatial development strategy (SDS)	Where there is an SDS, invite representations on conformity where required.
Regulation 54: Supplementary plans statement	Prepare a supplementary plans statement where required and make this available.
Regulation 55: Publication of summary of consultation	Prepare a summary of consultation under Regulation 52 and make this available.
Regulation 56: Gateway 3 prescribed requirements	Seek prescribed requirements assessment and publish outcome as required.
Regulation 57: Gateway 3 prescribed requirements	Meet the prescribed requirements (procedural / content) before submission.
Regulation 58: Repeat of Gateway 3	If necessary, repeat Gateway 3 after further work and publish advice.

3 Submit & examination

(5 months)

Regulation 59: Submission	Submit documents for examination and make these available to notify stakeholders.
Regulation 60: Independent examination	Publicise examination and hearings and make required documents available.
Regulation 62: Publication of recommendations	Publish the examiner's recommendations and reasons and notify stakeholders.

4 Adoption

(1 month)

Regulation 64: Adoption	Make the adopted plan and adoption statement available and notify stakeholders.