



BEDFORD BOROUGH Local Plan 2050

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Notice of commencement

This notice confirms that the preparation of the new Bedford Borough Local Plan 2050 has commenced.

Scope of the plan

The new Bedford Borough Local Plan will, once adopted, establish a long-term planning framework to guide the future location, scale and design of new development across the borough up to 2050.

Date of publication

17 April 2026

The area the plan will cover

The Bedford Borough Local Plan 2050 will apply to the entire administrative area of the borough of Bedford. A map showing the borough boundary is included overleaf.

Where stakeholders can find the local plan timetable

The Bedford Borough Local Plan 2050 timetable is available to view on our website (see www.bedford.gov.uk/localplan2025).

Hard copies of this notice and the timetable have also been made available at the Bedford Borough Hub (2 Horne Lane, Bedford) and the borough's libraries during normal office hours.

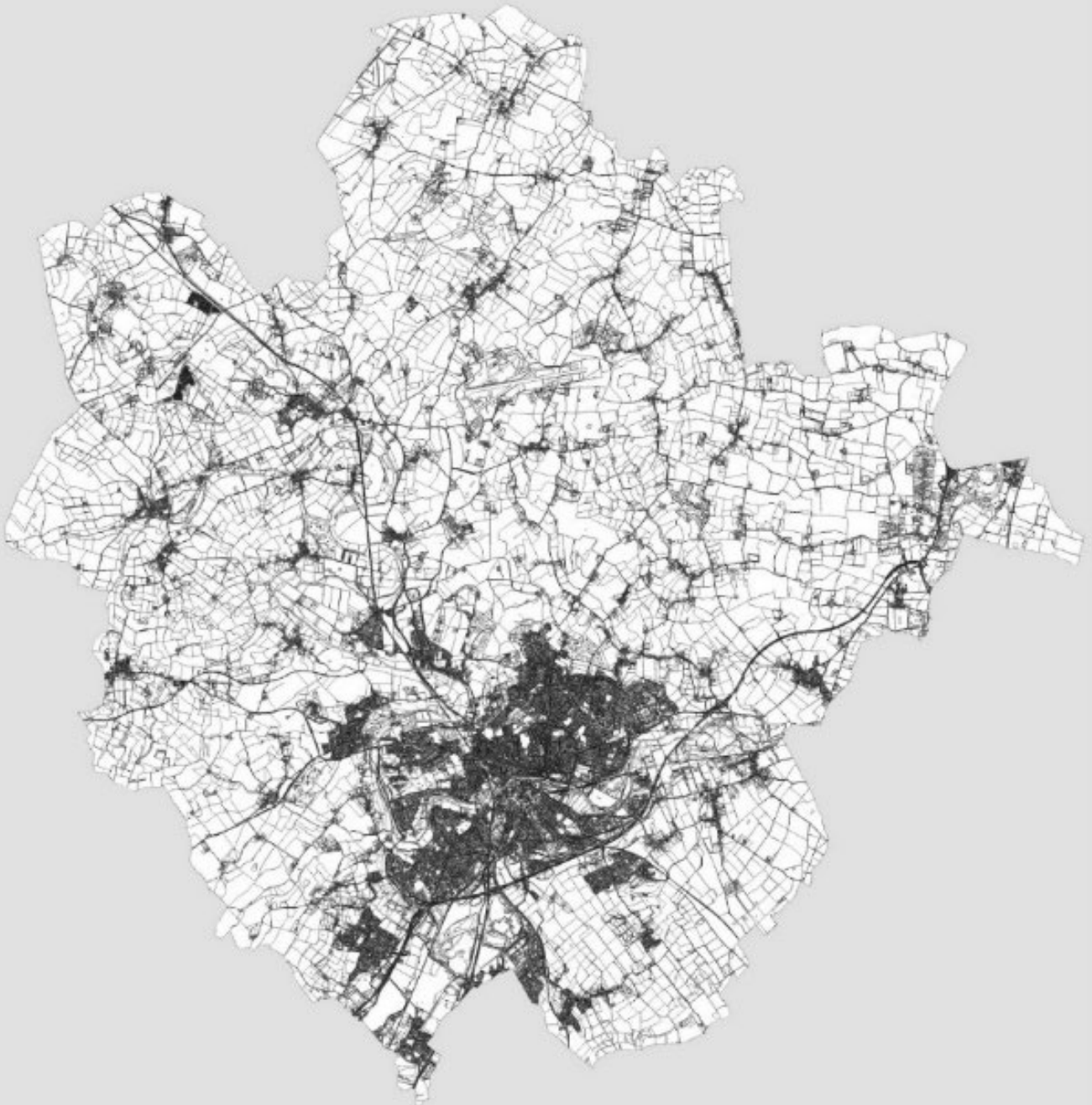
Proposed date to commence plan preparation

We expect to begin our first consultation on the scope of the new Bedford Borough Local Plan in September 2026. The consultation will last 6 weeks, ending in October 2026.

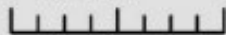
Between June/July and October 2026, we gather information on potential development opportunities from landowners, developers and other interested parties through the call for sites exercise.

We aim to complete the gateway 1 assessment on or before 30 April 2027, which will confirm whether the work completed to date is sufficient to proceed to the formal stages of the new planning system. Subject to this, the 30-month plan preparation period is expected to commence afterwards.

The new Bedford Local Plan 2050 will cover the administrative area of Bedford Borough



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