



Notice of Withdrawal of the Bedford Local Plan 2040

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended

In accordance with regulation 27 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012¹, as amended, this statement gives notice that Bedford Borough Council has withdrawn the publication version of the Local Plan 2040 from the examination, following receipt of the planning inspector's letter dated 10th June 2025.

The Local Plan 2040 was submitted to the secretary of state on 12 January 2023 to undergo an independent examination.

The resolution to withdraw the Local Plan 2040 from the examination was authorised at Bedford Borough Council's Full Council meeting on 8 October 2025².

The withdrawal was made under the provisions of section 22 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, which enables a local planning authority to withdraw a development plan document at any time up to its adoption³.

Any questions regarding the withdrawal of the Bedford Local Plan 2040 should be directed to:

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¹ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/767/regulation/27>

² <https://councillorsupport.bedford.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=124&MId=6757&Ver=4>

³ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2004/5/section/22>