

Colchester Local Plan Review

Subject and Scope	This document will develop the overall strategic objectives and areas for growth in the city. The Local Plan will replace both the Section 1 and Section 2 Local Plan.
Geographical area	All Colchester City
Status	Local Plan document
Chain of conformity	Must be in conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework.
Timetable for production	
Initial document preparation / scoping	May 2023 – November 2023
Preparing evidence base (documents will be commissioned at different stages during plan preparation)	May 2023 – September 2024
Iterative Consultation on Issues and Options	November 2023 -July 2024
Drafting Preferred Options	June 2024 – January 2025
Member approval – Preferred Options (Reg 18 Plan)	February 2025 (Not approved)
Member Approval – Preferred Options (Reg 18) Plan	November 2025
Consultation on Preferred Options and Sustainability Appraisal (Reg 18)	December 2025 – January 2026
Summarising representations to Preferred Options (Reg 18), draft a response & make amendments to the plan	January 2026 – February 2026
Review evidence base and draft the Submission Version Plan	February 2026 – May 2026
Member approval – Submission Draft (Reg 19 Plan)	May 2026
Submission Draft (Reg 19) of Local Plan document and Sustainability Appraisal for consultation	June - July 2026
Submission of Reg 19 Plan and summary of comments	August/September 2026

received to Secretary of State	
Independent examination	Winter 2026/2027
Consultation on modifications	Winter 2027
Inspector's Report	Spring 2027
Adoption	Spring 2027
Production arrangements	Led by Planning Policy Team; input from all internal CCC service groups and Essex County Council as appropriate. The SCI outlines how external parties and members of the public will be involved.
Timetable for review	The Local Plan will set the overall spatial strategy for the Borough and will be reviewed as required after adoption, with the review period being within 5 years.