



# New Bristol Local Plan

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SUBMITTED FOR EXAMINATION

APRIL 2024

# Local Plan examination update

- Progress to date and timetable
- New local plan – quick recap on the content
- Status and weight of existing and emerging local plan
- Examination progress
- Where to find information
- Any questions?

*Local plan review  
consultation (stage 1)*

*Feb- Apr 2018*

*Local plan review  
consultation (stage 2)*

*Mar – May 2019*

*Local plan review further  
consultation*

*Nov 2022 – Jan 2023*

*Local plan – publication*

*Nov 2023 – Jan 2024*

*Submitted for examination*

*25 April 2024*

**Examination**

**From 25 April –  
hearings expected  
Autumn 2024**

Adopt local plan

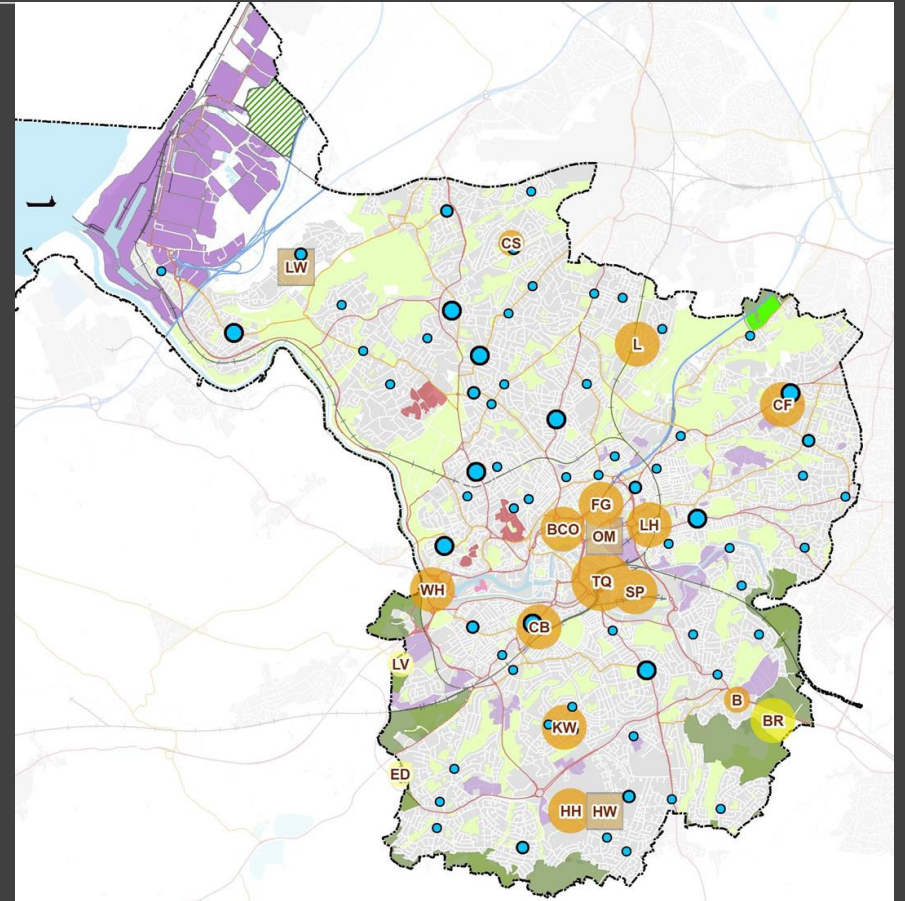
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# Progress and timetable

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# Content of the submitted local plan

- Vision, objectives and aims
- Development strategy
- Infrastructure, develop contributions and social value
- Urban living: making the best use of urban land
- Housing
- Economy
- Centres, shopping and the evening economy
- Green infrastructure and biodiversity
- Transport
- Community facilities
- Net zero and climate
- Design and conservation
- Health, wellbeing and food sustainability
- Utilities and minerals
- Development allocations
- Policies Map



**Bristol Local Plan**  
Publication Version



The publication stage plan - the document the local authority considers ready for examination.

Published for representations by the local planning authority before it can be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.

**1,634 representations were made by 436 respondents**

# Weight

## NPPF

48. Local planning authorities may give weight to relevant policies in emerging plans according to:

- a) *the stage of preparation of the emerging plan (the more advanced its preparation, the greater the weight that may be given);*
- b) *the extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies (the less significant the unresolved objections, the greater the weight that may be given); and*
- c) *the degree of consistency of the relevant policies in the emerging plan to this Framework (the closer the policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight that may be given)*

# Examination

- **Council's brief responses to main issues raised in representations provided to inspectors**
- **Inspector's preliminary questions expected soon – will be published on examination web pages**
- **Hearings – autumn 2024?**

# Information

The screenshot shows the Bristol City Council website. At the top left is the Bristol City Council logo and the text 'bristol.gov.uk'. To the right is a search bar with the text 'Search bristol.gov.uk' and a red search button. Below the header is a navigation menu with three tabs: 'For residents' (selected), 'For business', and 'Council'. On the far right of the menu is a link for 'Your accounts'. Below the menu is a breadcrumb trail: 'For residents > Planning and building regulations > Planning policy and guidance > Local plan > Local plan review'. The main content area has a large heading 'Local plan review' and a sub-heading 'Information on our review of the local plan.' followed by a paragraph: 'The new local plan will set out how Bristol will develop up to 2040. It will help deliver the new homes and jobs we need and safeguard the environment we value.' Below this is a section titled 'Submission' with a paragraph: 'On 31 October 2023, Full Council agreed that the Local Plan publication version (November 2023) should be published for representations to be made and then submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.' and another paragraph: 'The local plan was submitted to the Secretary of State on 25 April 2024.' On the right side of the page is a sidebar with a heading 'Planning policy and guidance' and a list of links: 'Local plan', 'Local plan review' (highlighted with a vertical bar), 'Neighbourhood planning', 'Supplementary planning documents, practice notes and other planning guidance', 'Flood risk and drainage for developers', 'Planning evidence', and 'Biodiversity Net Gain for major development and small site planning applications'.

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## Local plan review

### Information on our review of the local plan.

The new local plan will set out how Bristol will develop up to 2040. It will help deliver the new homes and jobs we need and safeguard the environment we value.

### Submission

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### Planning policy and guidance

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- Local plan review
- Neighbourhood planning
- Supplementary planning documents, practice notes and other planning guidance
- Flood risk and drainage for developers
- Planning evidence
- Biodiversity Net Gain for major development and small site planning applications

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