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Dear Colleague,

Plan Timetable

On 25 March [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2026](#) were commenced, bringing the new plan-making system into effect.

We understand that your authority will soon be preparing a plan in the new plan-making system. As such, please could you complete this [Form](#) by **Friday 8 May 2026**, which requests that you provide an indication of the key milestone dates for the preparation of your plan. The information is being requested to enable MHCLG and The Planning Inspectorate to understand when plans are anticipated to be brought forward to help us to manage resources accordingly. The dates provided at this stage will be treated as an indicative timescale only. If, however, you have published your plan timetable please make that clear on the form.

The Government will shortly announce a list of local authorities who have been successful in securing funding for bringing forward a plan early in the new system. Please note that local authorities successful in securing this funding will be expected to include milestone dates that reflect the commitment to publish a notice to commence plan-making by 30 June 2026 and to publish a Gateway 1 self-assessment by 31 October 2026.

Yours sincerely,

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