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Dear Colleague,

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026 - Publication of notice of intention to commence local plan preparation

I wrote to your Chief Executive on 14 January to inform them that your authority will be required to publish a notice of intention to commence local plan preparation by 30 June 2026 and to publish a Gateway 1 self-assessment by 31 October 2026.

Our records indicate that you have yet to publish your notice of intention to commence local plan preparation under regulation 19 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026. This letter is, therefore, a reminder of this legal requirement which I trust your authority will meet over the coming days.

Yours sincerely,

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