

Joint Executive Advisory Board Meeting

Local Plan Review - context and next steps

4 December 2023

The Council must review the Local Plan by 25 April 2024

- Local Plan: strategy and sites (LPSS) 2019 (vs Development Management Policies)
- Statutory requirement – every 5 years
- Allows for update to follow the review, if necessary

The review will answer the question – does the LPSS need updating?

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF):

‘33. Policies in local plans and spatial development strategies should be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every five years, and should then be updated as necessary...’

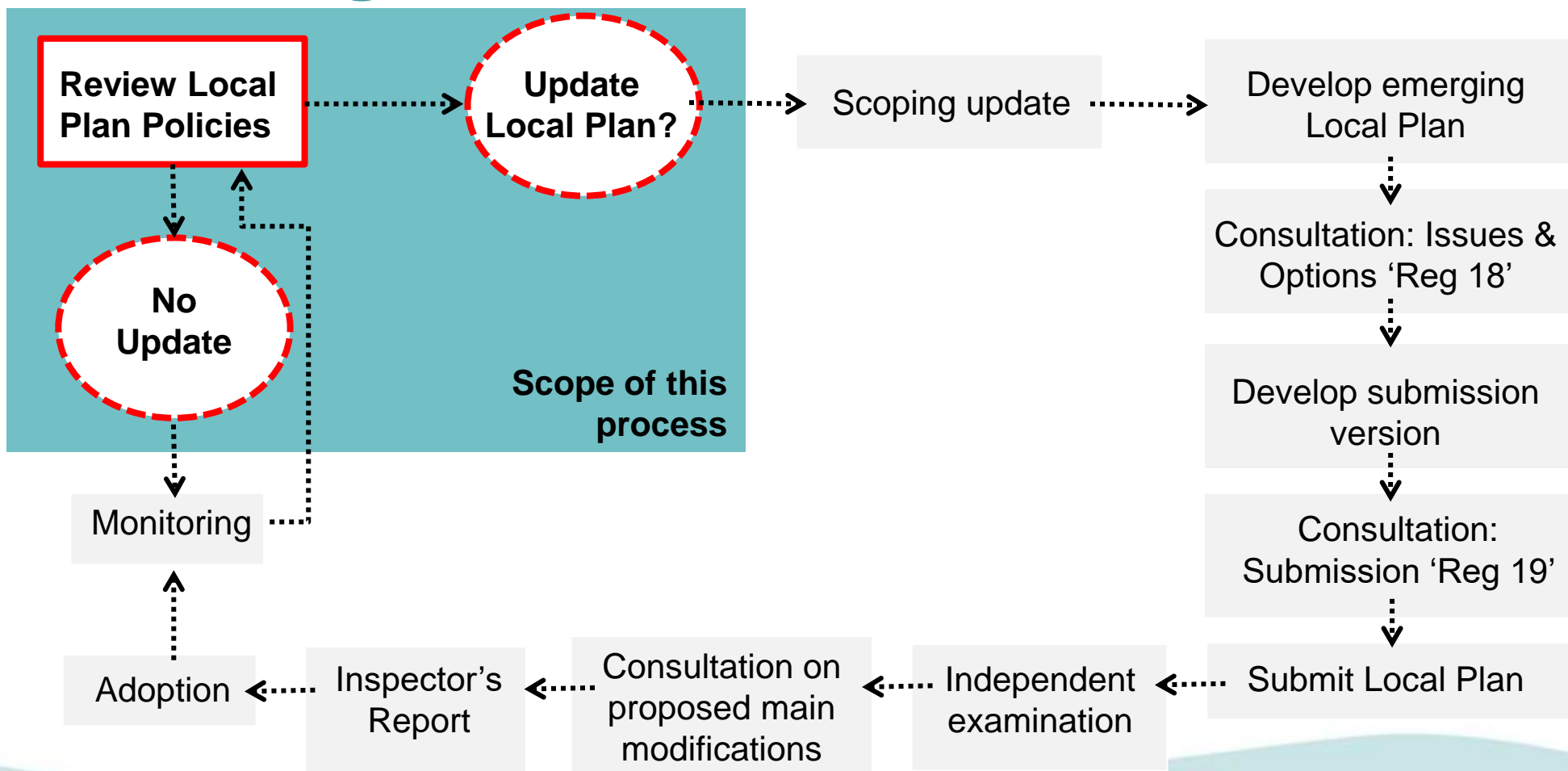


This process



A later process, if review supports




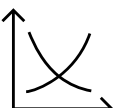


The review process and outcome will not change the Local Plan



In reaching a conclusion, the review will consider the changing context in a proportionate manner

- National Policy
- Changing circumstances e.g.
 - Housing need / delivery
 - Economic changes that may impact viability
 - New social, environmental or economic priorities

Officers will use the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) matrix for the review

Review Factor	Agree /Disagree	Extent requirement met
 LPSS reflects National Policy?		
 Has not been significant change in housing need figure?		
 Have a 5Y Housing Land Supply?		
 Significant changes in economic conditions?		
 Significant changes to local environmental / heritage context?		
 Key infrastructure on track?		

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- Toolkit Part 1 Local Plan review assessment available at:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/pas/plan-making/local-plan-review-update/nppf-2021-local-plan-route-mapper-toolkit-reviewing-and>

	Matters to consider	Agree / Disagree	Extent to which the local plan meets this requirement
A	PLAN REVIEW FACTORS		
A1.	<p>The plan policies still reflect current national planning policy requirements.</p> <p>PROMPT: As set out above in the introductory text, in providing your answer to this statement consider if the policies in your plan still meet the 'content' requirements of the current NPPF, PPG, Written Ministerial Statements and the National Model Design Code (completing Part 2 of the toolkit will help you determine the extent to which the policies in your plan accord with relevant key requirements in national policy).</p>		Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence):

Even if update is required, the Local Plan will remain part of the Council's Development Plan

- Primary consideration in determining development applications in Guildford borough
- Plan does not become out-of-date automatically after 5 years
- Due weight given to relevant policies in existing plans according to consistency with the NPPF

New national legislation and policy may weigh in favour of update ('new style' Local Plan)

- **New Levelling up and Regeneration Act** – Royal Assent 26 Oct
- **New NPPF** – to follow Act (minor followed by major update?)
- **National Development Management Policies** – to follow Act
- **Updates to National Guidance** (ongoing, likely major update following new NPPF) – New Standard Method by spring 2024?

Officers will be monitoring national developments on Planning Reform

- Unlikely to have any implications for review
- Accept uncertainty presents a challenge in terms of firm view on scope of potential future update

A Full Council report will be tabled on whether a Local Plan update is needed

- Review Process (setting context for report):
 - Engagement with cross-party Planning Policy Board
 - Joint EAB
 - Technical assessment
 - External engagement – limited to Duty to Cooperate bodies
- Review of the Local Plan Committee Report:
 - 25 January 2024: Executive
 - 21 February 2024: Full Council

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