

1 Redditch Borough Local Plan – Notice of intention to commence local plan preparation

Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026 – Part 4, Regulation 19

- 1.1 Redditch Borough Council hereby gives notice on 29th June 2026 of its intention to commence local plan preparation on the ‘Redditch Borough Local Plan’ (the title by which the local planning authority will refer to the local plan) in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026.
- 1.2 This notice provides the public and other stakeholders advance notice of plan-making and details so that they understand when and how they can get involved in preparing the Local Plan.
- 1.3 The Redditch Borough Local Plan will be produced as a new style local plan under the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023. The Plan will be prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026, which came into force on 25th March 2026, and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). In addition, the Plan will respond to the changes to the planning system through the proposed updates to the NPPF, published for consultation in December 2025.
- 1.4 In light of preparing the Local Plan under the new plan-making system, the Plan will be prepared and adopted within 30 months once it passes through Gateway 1. In line with the Regulations, the Council will allow a minimum of 4 months from the date of this Notice before formally commencing the 30-month plan preparation process and pass through Gateway 1. It is anticipated that formal commencement of the 30-month plan preparation process will begin in October 2026.
- 1.5 The Redditch Borough Local Plan will only cover local plan matters. It will not cover minerals and waste as Worcestershire County Council is responsible for the preparation of planning policy for minerals and waste development in Worcestershire.
- 1.6 The work to-date on the emerging Redditch Borough Local Plan, including the work and comments received from the Issues and Options consultation between 22nd May and 3rd July 2025, will feed into the preparation of the Plan under the new plan-making system. Although the Council has carried out a regulation 18 statutory consultation under the legacy plan-making system, the legal requirements of the new system requires the Council to follow the requirements of the new system from start to finish. This does not mean that we cannot use the work already undertaken in the legacy plan-making system.
- 1.7 The geographical area of the Redditch Borough Local Plan will cover the entirety of the administrative area of Redditch Borough Council only (ONS Code – E07000236), as shown in Figure 1 below. The Council is not proposing to prepare a joint local plan with another local planning authority.

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