

# Bath & North East Somerset 2016-2036

## Options consultation (November 2018 - January 2019)

The B&NES Local Plan will set out a strategy to guide future development, site allocations and district-wide Development Management policies.

The Local Plan must deliver the West of England Joint Spatial Plan 2016 to 2036 as well as respond to changes in local circumstances and new national policy and legislation.

Along with the West of England Joint Spatial Plan, the Local Plan will provide the policy context for determining planning applications.

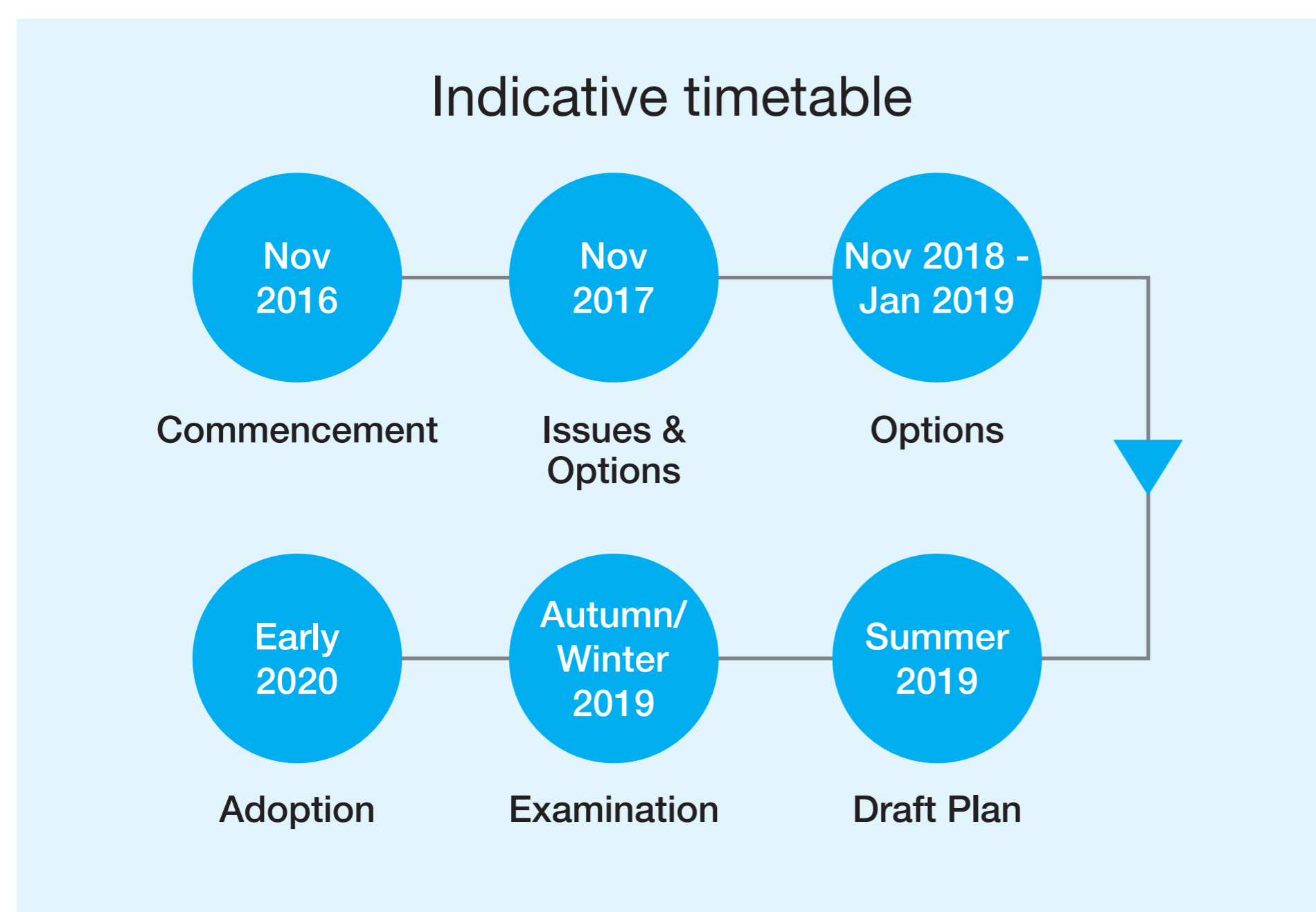
Building on feedback from the last consultation and further work undertaken, B&NES Local Plan Options document sets out proposed policy options and approaches addressing the range of issues to be dealt with by the Local Plan. The document is divided into the following chapters:

- Vision and spatial priorities
- Spatial Strategy, including non-strategic housing growth
- Bath
- Keynsham, including North Keynsham Strategic Development Location
- Whitchurch Strategic Development Location
- Somer Valley
- Development Management policies

### Consultation ends on 7 January 2019

For further information and to view the Options document, supporting documents and to make comments, visit the Council's website:

[www.bathnes.gov.uk/localplan2016-2036](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/localplan2016-2036)



This may be subject to change dependent on the progress of the Joint Spatial Plan examination.

## Scope of consultation

Public consultation takes place at each stage of the Local Plan preparation and issues raised are considered and used to inform the Plan as it progresses.

Last Winter, the Council started the conversation with communities and stakeholders on a limited range of key issues including high level options for the distribution of housing, Strategic Development Locations (at North Keynsham and Whitchurch) and student accommodation.

## Next steps

Following consideration of feedback on the Local Plan Options and the further evidence-base work to be undertaken, the Council will prepare and publish a Draft Local Plan for consultation next Summer. This will include proposed site allocations with development requirements and a suite of planning policies.

Due of the close links with the Joint Spatial Plan, the Draft Local Plan will not be published until B&NES has received the report on the Joint Spatial Plan.

Once the Council has consulted on the Draft Local Plan it will be submitted for examination during the Autumn/Winter next year before it can be adopted by the Council in early 2020.

