

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HARTLEPOOL
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2026

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO COMMENCE LOCAL PLAN PREPARATION

The Council of the Borough of Hartlepool Local Plan

NOTICE is hereby given under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026 that on 23rd October 2026 the Council of the Borough of Hartlepool (“the Council”) intends to commence preparation of a Local Plan.

The Local Plan will, when adopted, replace the current Hartlepool Local Plan (2018) and will apply to all land within the administrative area of the Council, as edged black in the annexed plan.

The Local Plan will guide future growth and development across the Borough. It will set out policies on matters relating to the future development and use of land within the Borough, including but not limited to housing, economic growth, infrastructure and environmental matters. It will not cover minerals and waste matters and will not replace the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Core Strategy DPD or the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Sites and Policies DPD.

A copy of the Local Plan Timetable and this notice can be viewed at:

- Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY and Hartlepool Community Hub Central, 124 York Road during normal opening hours.
- Online at: [Emerging local plan | Land use policy | Hartlepool Borough Council](#)

The notice of intention to commence (this notice) is a statutory requirement and is an important step in informing the Government that the councils are doing preparatory works prior to the official commencement date of 30th April 2027. The formal commencement date (30th April 2027) is the date from which the councils anticipate publishing the Gateway 1 self-assessment and then have 30 months to start and then adopt the Hartlepool Local Plan.

Dated: 23rd October 2026.

Annex - The administrative area of Hartlepool Borough Council.

