

# QUICK GUIDE: LOCAL PLAN EVIDENCE

Local plans are based on a lot of technical evidence and it can be confusing. This quick guide summarises the role each piece of evidence plays in the local plan review. We will publish this evidence as it is completed, and welcome your feedback.



Topic	Key evidence	Quick explanation
Preparing the local plan	<a href="#">Authority Monitoring Report</a>	Monitors the performance of the local plan. Shows current and future development trends and identifies issues not addressed by the current local plan.
	<a href="#">Statement of Community Involvement</a>	Explains how we will involve and engage the public in preparing the local plan and which documents we will consult on.
	<a href="#">Local Development Scheme</a>	Sets out the timetable for preparing the local plan, and other policy documents.
	<a href="#">Statement of Common Ground</a>	Reports on how we are engaging with public bodies to address strategic cross-boundary planning issues.
	<a href="#">Strategic Environmental Assessment Non-technical Summary</a>	Ensures environmental considerations are integrated into the preparation of the local plan.
	<a href="#">Sustainability Appraisal Non-technical Summary</a>	Ensures social, economic and environmental impacts are considered when preparing the local plan to achieve sustainable development.
	<a href="#">Habitat Regulations Assessment</a>	Identifies aspects of the local plan with potential to effect European wildlife sites and sets out appropriate mitigation strategies.
	<a href="#">Whole Plan Viability Assessment Addendum Viability Assessment</a>	This assesses the total cumulative cost of all relevant policies in the first draft local plan and ensures the policies will not undermine deliverability.
	<a href="#">Summary of Responses to the First Draft (Reg. 18) Consultation</a>	This document summarises the comments received on the Regulation 18 draft Local Plan.
	Examination documents	Documents which will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for the examination of the local plan.
Strategy	<a href="#">Issues Paper</a>	Sets out the likely scope of the new local plan and the issues it will need to address.
	<a href="#">Vision and Spatial Strategy Topic Paper</a>	Explains the evidence used to identify what types of development will be appropriate in different locations in the National Park.
	<a href="#">Design and the Built Environment Topic Paper</a>	Explains the issues and evidence used to inform the local plan's design policies
Environment	<a href="#">Natural Environment Topic Paper</a>	Explains the issues and evidence used to develop local plan policies on the natural environment.
	<a href="#">Historic Environment Topic Paper</a>	Explains the issues and evidence used to develop local plan policies on the historic environment.
	<a href="#">Landscape Character Assessment</a>	Identifies and describes the unique combination of elements and features that make the National Park's landscapes distinctive.
	<a href="#">Landscape Sensitivity Assessment</a>	Assesses the sensitivity of the landscape adjoining some of the National Park's largest settlements to built development.
	<a href="#">Strategic Flood Risk Assessment</a>	Identifies strategic flooding issues and informs the strategic policies of the local plan, particularly the location of new housing.
Housing	<a href="#">Housing Topic Paper</a>	Draws together evidence around housing supply and demand, viability and the local plan's housing strategy.
	<a href="#">Demographic Forecasts Additional Scenario Analysis</a>	Modelling of demographic forecasts which help our understanding of how housing delivery could affect the National Park's demographic make-up throughout the plan period.
	<a href="#">Land Availability Assessment</a>	A technical exercise which identifies land available in the National Park with potential for housing, employment and gypsy and traveler uses.

Communities, Services and Infrastructure	<a href="#">Transport Topic Paper</a>	Explains the issues and evidence used to develop local plan transport policies.
	<a href="#">Neighbourhood Planning</a>	The neighbourhood plans which have been adopted in the National Park which the local plan must regard.
	<a href="#">Infrastructure Delivery Plan</a>	Identifies future strategic and community infrastructure needed to deliver the local plan.
	<a href="#">Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study</a>	Study into the quantity, quality and value of existing open spaces, sports and recreational facilities, their functions and the needs of local people.
Economy, Business and Leisure	<a href="#">Economy Topic Paper</a>	Draws together evidence around the economy and the local plan's economic strategy.
	<a href="#">Economic Development Needs Assessment</a>	Assesses the likely future need for economic development in the National Park and informs the local plan's economic strategy.
	<a href="#">Employment Land Review</a>	Assesses existing employment land and premises in the National Park and informs the local plan's economic strategy.
	<a href="#">Land Availability Assessment</a>	A technical exercise which identifies land available in the National Park with potential for housing, employment and gypsy and traveler uses.
Minerals, Waste and Energy	<a href="#">Minerals and Waste Topic Paper</a>	Explains the issues and evidence used to develop local plan policies on minerals and waste.
	<a href="#">Local Aggregate Assessment</a>	Devon-wide evidence base which informs the local plan's approach to the supply of aggregates.
Towns, Villages and Development Sites	<a href="#">Settlement Profiles</a>	Profiles of the National Park's settlements, including demographic and housing statistics, services, facilities, sports pitches, play space and employment land.
	<a href="#">Development Site Briefs</a> (see Towns, Villages and Development Sites tab)	A summary of key considerations for the site drawn from existing sources, which should be read alongside the Local Plan.
	<a href="#">Development Sites Topic Paper</a>	Considers the available sites for development in the National Park and makes recommendations for site allocations in the local plan.

### How to find out more:

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