Follow a development plan

Policy & Plans holds the plan position for every authority you have a site in, the housing land supply as Inspectors have found it, and the Framework itself. Each site's Development Plan tab opens with the council's policies map at the site, then the same record for that site's authority.

1. The authorities you follow Policy & Plans, Plans & documents tab

1. An authority appears as soon as you have a site in it; nothing to set up. To follow one you have no site in, tap **Add LPA** and pick it; it shows as **Pinned** and has a remove cross. The list follows you to every device.
2. The map shows every English authority as a quiet outline and the ones you follow coloured by plan status: **Up to date** (green), **Approaching review** (lime, three to five years old), **Review underway** (amber), **Out of date** (red). Click a boundary, or use **Find a planning authority** at the top of the page, to open its record. **Full extent** zooms back out.
3. The **Layers** card turns on **Your sites** (off to begin with: your sites as pins, their authorities with a heavier outline), **Station areas (top-80 TTWA)** and **Stations + 800m rings**, the geography the Framework's transport policies use. Indicative until an official list is published.

2. An authority's record click a boundary or a search result

1. **Adopted development plan** lists the adopted documents with their years and links, and the date of adoption.
2. **Development plan in force** is the check that matters: the documents the council's own planning officers name as the development plan in a recent committee report, quoted word for word, with the report linked, and the adopted policies map as the council publishes it. It carries the date it was checked. Where the officers also name the London Plan, a minerals and waste plan or a neighbourhood plan, that appears too.
3. **Emerging plan** shows the replacement plan and its stage, from **Regulation 18 consultation** through **Submitted for examination** and **Examination in public** to **Recently adopted**. A box under it, **Where this stage comes from**, says which source each stage is from and which is ahead: plans only move forwards, so the furthest-along source wins.
4. **Plan progress, PINS record** is the Inspectorate's own milestone chain: **Published, Submitted, Found sound, Adopted**, with the month of each, a banner for examination hearings that have been fixed, a note when the Inspectorate has recorded nothing for two and a half years, and a warning when it records an adoption newer than our record.
5. **LPA documents** lists the SPDs and supporting documents. Hide any you do not want with the bin; where a council link no longer opens, paste the council's new one.

> The MHCLG register can lag, list superseded plans and miss saved policies; the officers' statement above it is the fuller account of what is in force. Both carry their dates. A plan adopted since changes the list: verify on the council's planning policy page before relying on it in a submission.

3. Housing land supply and delivery Housing land supply tab

1. The map colours every authority by its five-year supply as an Inspector last found it: **5 years or more**, **3 to 5 years**, **Under 3 years** or **Recent decisions differ**, and grey where there is **No appeal-tested figure**. Click an authority and its whole record opens beside the map. The table beneath lists every authority; its search also finds joint supply areas.

2. The **5-year supply** column is the position an Inspector accepted at appeal, not the council's published figure: the newest letter that states one, dated, with an **Appeal letter** button. **What the Inspector said** quotes the letter's sentence with its paragraph number. Where decisions in the last 90 days went both ways, the cell reads **Decisions differ** and each is set out in the Inspector's words.

3. Later decisions that recorded the outcome without a figure are counted beneath, **since then N decisions record no 5-year supply**, never promoted to the headline; with no stated figure at all, the newest finding is used and the cell says so. Movement from an earlier figure is shown, a crossing of five years marked, and a figure older than the adopted plan flagged as likely reset.

4. **Delivery test** is the official Housing Delivery Test result, with homes delivered against required and the Framework consequence. Counties and national park authorities are outside it. Order the table **Worst supply first** (to begin with), **Best supply first** or **A to Z**; the choice is remembered on the device.

> Each figure is true at its date. Supply and delivery are the two limbs of the unmet-need test in the new Framework; the table sets both out so the tilted-balance question is answered from the record, not from memory.

4. National policy, and the site's own tab

1. **National policy** holds the Framework in force, the August 2026 edition, split into policies with their codes (S3, GB3, HE5) and searchable. The transition rules from Annex A are set out at the top: what weight an adopted plan's policies carry against it, and from when.

2. The Chief Planner's letters and the live GOV.UK and Inspectorate feeds are on the Home page under **Planning updates**.

3. A site's **Development Plan** tab opens with the council's policies map at the site: a live map where we read the council's own (it appears once the constraints have been checked), otherwise the adopted policies map, sheet by sheet. Then the plan documents in force and in preparation, in a searchable viewer; a notice where the authority is designated under section 62A; and the plan position, PINS milestones and supply, linked to the full record.

4. Where the red line crosses into another authority or a National Park, the tab adds that authority's plan beneath, because its development plan also applies where the site falls in its area.

How fresh

The MHCLG register is copied nightly and read from the copy; the Inspectorate's plan progress and hearing dates are refreshed as new editions are published; the supply table updates as decisions land.

England only

Every English district, unitary and national park authority. Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are not in scope.

Joint plans

Joint plans (Greater Cambridge, South Worcestershire and others) show under the joint entity with a badge on each member authority.

Research surface, not advice

The plan position and supply figures are true at their stated dates. Verify against the council record before relying on them in a submission.