

## **Glossary of words used in the timetable**

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| <b>Issues</b>       | This is the first stage of consultation, making sure that the right issues are identified This is used as the basis to draft the policy at the next stage.  |
| <b>Draft Policy</b> | A draft of the policy is produced for consultation. The Council is able to take comments on board and make further changes to the policy.   |
| <b>Publication</b>  | The Council publishes the policy. This is consulted upon for a 6 week period but comments can only be made regarding the soundness of the policy <sup>1</sup> . The Council cannot make any further changes except minor changes for sake of clarity. |
| <b>Submission</b>   | The Council submits the policy, and representations made, to the Secretary of State for examination.  |
| <b>Examination</b>  | A Planning Inspector appointed by the Government examines the soundness of the submitted policy. Interested parties can attend and make representations at the examination.   |
| <b>Adoption</b>     | The Council receives the Inspector's binding report confirming the policy is sound or not. The Inspector's report may have some recommendations. The Council makes further changes recommended by the Inspector and adopts the policy.                |

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<sup>1</sup> Tests of soundness are set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (para 182)