

Thurrock Local Plan update

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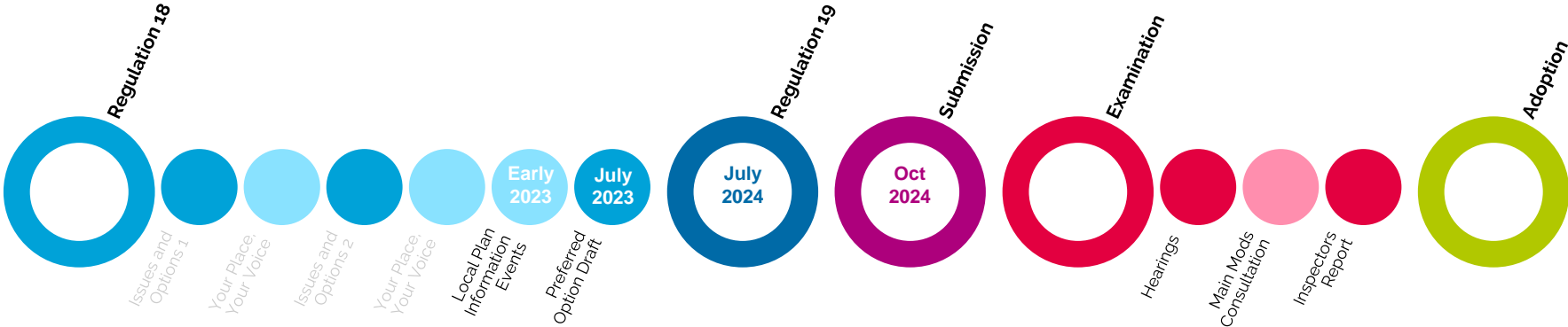
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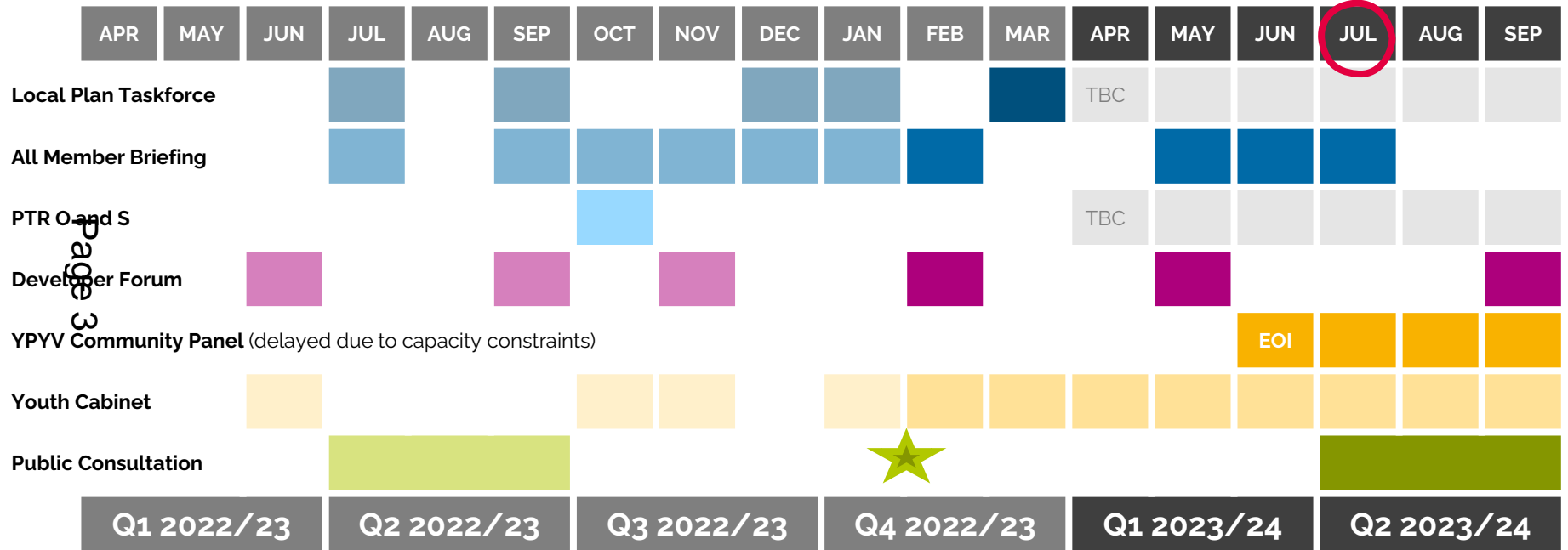
Agenda Item 8

Plan making process

- ❑ Preparing a robust evidence base inc. Economic Development Needs Assessment; Strategic Transport Model; Climate Change Strategy and Spatial Area Development Frameworks
 - ❑ Identifying and assessing potential development sites – supported by Local Plan PPA process and our emerging Placemaker tool
 - ❑ Engaging with Members; Statutory Stakeholders; Businesses; Local Stakeholders; Site Promoters and Residents to sense check emerging evidence and policy directions
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- ❑ Joining up with other council services to ensure that the emerging plan is reacting and responding to wider council priorities



Stakeholder Engagement



Community Information Events

We have had to rethink our approach to the community information events as a result of delays to our technical evidence and to ensure best value.

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- Sent a request to all Community Forum chairs asking for a 45min-1hr slot at a future meeting – we will publicise the meetings we are attending on our website
- Organising an in person evening drop in session at the Civic at the end of February and a virtual town hall

Championing a plan-led approach to growth in Thurrock

When we think about the new Plan it's important that don't just focus on the numbers we need to think about the main purpose of the Plan which is to create more **resilient, successful and inclusive places**.

Boosting our housing supply by identifying land for approx.
32,000*
additional homes

Protecting the things that **make our places special**

Making sure that the **right infrastructure is delivered in the right place at the right time**

Reinvigorating our centres

Doing all we can to tackle **climate change** and make our places more resilient

Supporting the successful delivery of the **Thames Free Port**, creating a **more inclusive economy** and delivering at least **26,000*** **new jobs**

Transforming the way **goods and people move around the borough**

Maximising opportunities new and improved **green and blue infrastructure**

Illustrations include a residential street scene, a map of Thurrock, a building interior, and a street scene with a car and people.



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YPYV Art Competition

We are currently inviting children and young people across Thurrock to take part in an art competition! We want to see their original artwork celebrating a favourite place in the borough or something special in a town or village. All types of art welcome.

This competition is open to anyone aged 18 years and under. Submit entries by taking a photo of the artwork and emailing it to: localplan@thurrock.gov.uk or post it on Instagram and use the hashtag #YPYVThurrockArt

The closing date for entries is **Monday 20 February 2023**.

Regulation 18 Evidence (due to be published by Mid February)

Housing and Economy

- ❑ **South Essex Strategic Housing Needs Assessment**
- ❑ Thurrock Housing Land Availability Assessment 2022
- ❑ Thurrock Economic Development Needs Assessment
- ❑ Thurrock Employment Land Availability Assessment Update

Transport and Infrastructure

- ❑ Infrastructure Baseline
- ❑ Draft Thurrock Transport Strategy
- ❑ Thurrock 2050 - Vision for Movement

Environment and Place Making

- ❑ **Landscape Character Assessment**
- ❑ **Princes Foundation – Design Charette Outcomes Report**
- ❑ Thurrock Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy
- ❑ Thurrock Climate Change Strategy

LURB Consultation

The “Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: reforms to national planning policy” consultation began on 22 December and ends on Thursday 2nd March 2023. The consultation:

- Sets out NPPF amendments intended to be made quickly
- Discusses the potential scope of a future NPPF consultation, to be carried out alongside a consultation on the first National Development Management policies
- Proposes other policies and legislation that would be enabled by Royal Assent of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill
- Includes policy and legislation related to other primary legislation and topics

LURB NPPF Proposed Amendments

- ❑ Minor modification to the presumption in favour
- ❑ Removal of the justified test of soundness
- ❑ Additional text relating to Green Belt
- ❑ Emphasis on design has been strengthened further, with a focus on 'beautiful design' throughout and the requirement for LPAs to bring forward design codes for their area
- ❑ Greater weight to energy efficiency improvements in existing buildings and there is also increased support for applications for the repowering and life-extension of existing renewable sites.

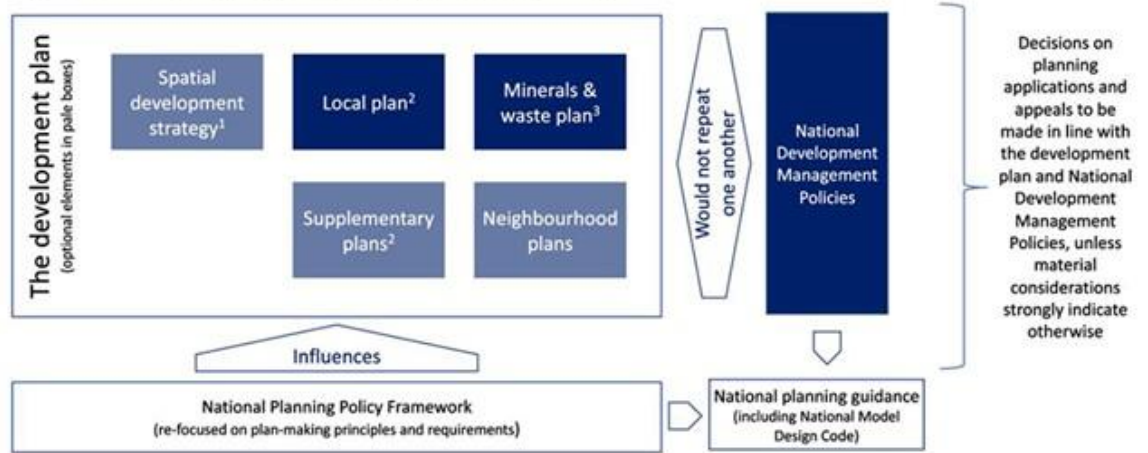
'Green Belt boundaries are not required to be reviewed and altered if this would be the only means of meeting the objectively assessed need for housing over the plan period.'

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National Development Management Policies (NDMPs)

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The role of plans and national policy in the reformed system
(elements with full statutory weight in decisions on applications shown in blue)



- 1 Mandatory where SDS powers have been conferred on Mayoral/combined authorities; voluntary elsewhere.
- 2 A **district-wide design code** must form part of the local plan, or else be contained in a supplementary plan. The local plan will also be informed by an **Infrastructure Delivery Strategy**, to be produced by the local planning authority, and by any **Neighbourhood Priorities Statements** produced by neighbourhood planning groups in the area.
- 3 Minerals and waste can be covered in separate documents, and can be combined with the local plan where an authority has powers over both.

LURB Design Codes

Design Codes, once forming part of the development plan, will have the same weight as NDMPs, unless in conflict with them, and the proposed consultation on NDMPs is to include discussion on the new weight to be given to design codes.

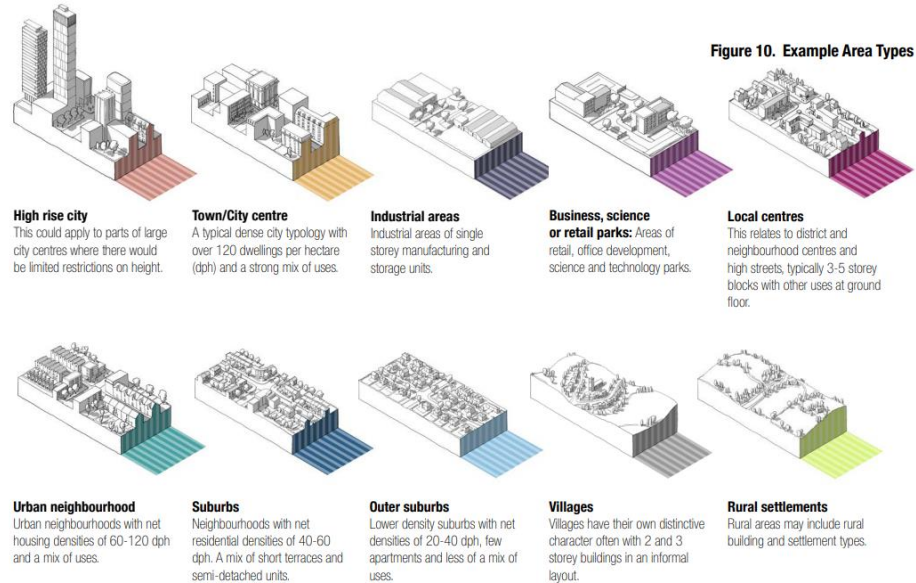


Figure 10. Example Area Types

LURB Still to come...

Consultations expected later this year:

- The first draft National Development Management Policies
- NPPF refocused on plan-making policies
- Permitted development rights and design codes
- The design of the infrastructure levy
- Increase to planning fees
- Neighbourhood Priorities Statements (a formal input to a local plan) and Street Votes
- Review the implications on the standard method of new household projections data based on the 2021 Census, which is due to be published in 2024.
- Details of the “alignment policy” that will replace the duty to cooperate

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