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Dear Colleague,

Publication of notice of intention to commence local plan preparation

I am writing to offer my thanks to your authority for publishing your notice of intention to commence local plan preparation by the 30 June 2026 in line with regulatory requirements and the commitment you made in your application for local plan implementation funding. I am pleased to see the Council's progress and would like to take the opportunity to recognise the hard work and commitment that has gone into reaching this key milestone.

We will continue to monitor the Council's progress and look forward to your authority publishing its Gateway 1 self-assessment summary by 31 October 2026. If you become aware of any likely delay to publishing your Gateway 1 self-assessment, please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the next stages of new system plan making, you can use our published guidance on [Create or Update a Local Plan](#), or reach out to our new systems plans team via newsystemplans@communities.gov.uk who will be happy to help.

Congratulations on this first key step for new system plan preparation.

Yours sincerely,

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