



DAC Planning in collaboration with Arup are pleased to announce that they will be working with Planning Advisory Service (PAS) to provide Local Plan Project Management Support to over 20 local authorities in England. This is part of PAS's wider programme supporting Local Planning Authorities to get local plans in place to meet the government's 2023 plan making deadline. DAC Planning with Arup will be working with NJL Solutions Ltd, KJM Planning and Management Ltd and CITIESMODE Planning.

The support will be provided in a number of ways:

- Desk based research and review of existing Local Plan project plans and processes to identify obstacles and challenges to meeting the 2023 deadline.
- Officer workshops to discuss key issues, risks and mitigation.
- Developing tools to support the preparation of effective project plans.

Project management is a key skill in the preparation of Local Plans to understand and manage the significant interdependencies, milestones, regulatory requirements, and lead-in times involved. DAC Planning in collaboration with Arup and our highly experienced team is looking forward to assisting PAS in providing support within this important, but often overlooked, area of the Local Plan making journey.

The Local Plan Project Management Support project follows on from the successful completion of 50 Gateway Reviews undertaken by team on behalf of PAS earlier in the year.

From the beginning of 2021, DAC Planning in collaboration with ARUP worked with the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) to roll out Local Plan Gateway Reviews which aimed to assess the risks and opportunities that councils are currently facing in getting an up to date local plan in place by 2023.

DAC Planning and ARUP brought together a highly experienced team by working with CITIESMODE Planning, NJL Solutions Ltd, and KJM Planning and Management Ltd. Together, the team completed 50 Gateway Reviews, covering approximately 20% of all English local authorities. Key outputs included focused advice notes identifying key risks, how to mitigate these and key areas where further support may be needed to keep plans on track.