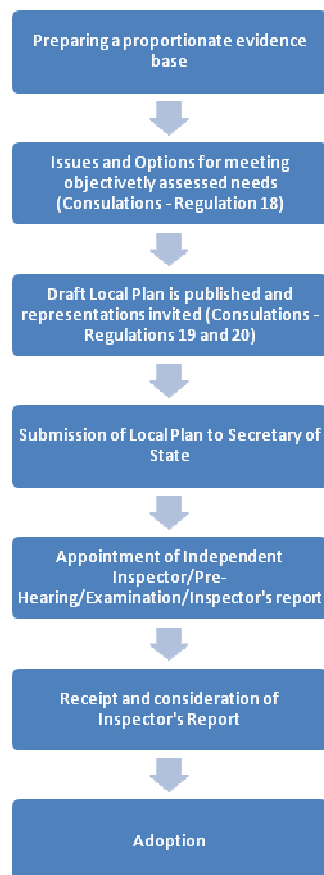


Simplified Local Plan Process



Notes:

1. The references to Regulations refer to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012.
2. There are two public consultation exercises required by the Regulations (Regulations 18 and 19/20). The first is to notify certain persons or bodies of the Local Authority's intention to prepare a plan and invite representations about what such a plan ought to contain. The second invites any person to make representations about the draft plan.
3. The Local Planning Authority has to take representations made at the first consultation into account in drafting the plan. Representations made in respect of the draft plan are considered by the Independent Inspector along with the other submitted documents.
4. Although the Regulations only stipulate two rounds of formal public consultation, paragraph 155 of the NPPF dealing with Local Plans states: 'Early and meaningful engagement and collaboration with neighbourhoods, local organisations and businesses is essential. A wide section of the community should be proactively engaged so that Local Plans, as far as possible, reflect a collective vision and a set of agreed priorities for the sustainable development of the area..'