The decision to build on land or change its use is predominantly made by local authorities. Planning Policy is related to preparing and implementing plans that help us decide where and when development takes place.

The council’s development plans set out the authority’s policies and proposals for the use and development of land in their jurisdiction. The development plan then guides and informs decisions about where, why, how and when delivery in new homes, jobs and the investment in infrastructure needed to support our communities will take place and provides the basis to approve or reject planning applications.

We are in the process of updating the development plan and the planning policies for the South Gloucestershire area. This process provides you with the opportunity to influence policies and future development proposals.

**CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011–2017**

- South Gloucestershire Local Plan 2006
- Core Strategy 2006–2027
- Joint Waste Core Strategy 2011
- Minerals and Waste Plan 2002

**PENDING DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017–2018**

- Policies, Sites and Places Plan Replaces South Gloucestershire Local Plan 2006
- Core Strategy 2006–2027
- Joint Waste Core Strategy 2011

**FUTURE SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2018–2036**

- South Gloucestershire Local Plan 2018–2036
- West of England Joint Spatial Plan 2018–2036
- Joint Waste Core Strategy 2011

The Joint Spatial Plan (JSP) will set out the overall level of growth, where it should go and why this growth is needed across the West of England, as well as the infrastructure required to support this growth.