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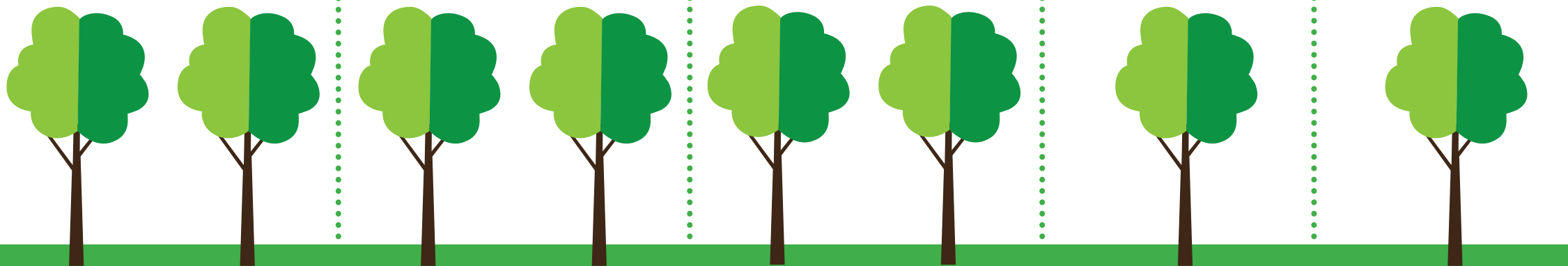
Plan Shaping

Plan Preparation

Consultation and Publication

Examination of the Local Plan

Plan Finalised and Adopted



Local Plan attitudes survey (discovery and exploration phase) 2021-22.

Strategic liaison with key stakeholders. Three calls for suitable sites for future development 2020-2022.

Evidence gathering and engagement on draft Local Plan Vision and Objectives April-June 2023.

Engagement on strategic growth approaches Autumn 2023.

Consultation on the detailed Local Plan and land allocations in 2024.

Publication of the draft Local Plan and submission to the Secretary of State after April 2025.

An inspector is appointed by the Secretary of State to examine the Local Plan. The examination assesses whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with the legal and procedural requirements set out in the National Planning Policy Framework. This is expected to be completed in 2026.

On completion of the examination, the Local Plan is finalised in accordance with the findings of the inspector. Once finalised it is then formally adopted by the council.