

Plota Accessibility Conformance Report

WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.5Rev)

Name of Product/Version:

Plota planning application feed for council websites (the feed at plota.co.uk/embed/feed and the embed code from plota.co.uk/council-feed), as released on 5 October 2026.

Report Date:

17 July 2026 (revised 5 October 2026)

Product Description:

A free, embeddable list of the latest planning applications in a parish, town or community council's area, with a small map. A council adds it to a page of its own website with a short piece of code; it updates itself daily and links each application to its full record. It is offered in 14 visual styles, a standard and a compact density, an optional radius around the area, and the council's own colour and heading.

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Notes:

Revision: this report was first prepared on 17 July 2026. It was revised on 5 October 2026 to cover the current release, including the supplier styles and the map credit on a solid panel, and the evaluation described below was carried out on that date.

This report covers the feed shown inside the frame and the code a council pastes (the frame and the "Planning data by Plota" line below it). It does not cover the council's own page around the feed, or the Plota pages a reader reaches by following a link.

Plota's security provider, Cloudflare, adds a hidden frame to the page for automated bot checks. It is invisible and has no content for readers, so it is not presented to users of assistive technology, but some automated checkers report it as a frame without a title.

Supporting evidence: [automated test results \(PDF\)](#).

Evaluation Methods Used:

- Automated testing with axe-core 4.10.3 (Deque Systems), all WCAG 2.0, 2.1 and 2.2 Level A and AA rules, in Chromium through Playwright, on 17 versions of the live feed: all 14 styles, the compact density, a 2 km radius and a council colour. No failures.
- IBM Equal Access Accessibility Checker and WebAIM WAVE browser extensions on the live feed: no failures in the feed's own content (see Notes).
- Scripted checks in the same 17 versions: keyboard traversal with Tab and a visible focus indicator on every element reached; target size of 24 by 24 pixels; reflow at 320 pixels wide; text spacing; focus not obscured at the default 560 pixel frame height; contrast of every text element against the layers behind it.
- Review of the page structure, names and roles by Plota's developers, who know the product's use.
- Testing with screen reader software has not been carried out for this report.

Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)

Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports:** The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports:** Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.
- **Does Not Support:** The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.
- **Not Applicable:** The criterion is not relevant to the product.

WCAG 2.x Report

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.x Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the [WCAG 2.0 Conformance Requirements](#).

Where a criterion concerns content the feed does not have (for example video or forms), it is answered "Supports", as the VPAT instructions and WCAG's Understanding Conformance allow.

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A)	Supports	Icons are decorative and hidden from assistive technology; the type of each application is also given in text. The map has a text label ("Official parish boundary with current applications plotted") and each pin on it is a link named after its application.
1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Supports	The feed contains no audio or video.
1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Supports	The feed contains no audio or video.
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Supports	The feed contains no video.
1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A)	Supports	The feed uses a header, a level 1 heading, a main region and a footer. Each application is one link whose parts (reference, address, description, status, date) are read in order.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence (Level A)	Supports	Reading order and visual order are the same: heading, map, applications from newest to oldest, then the link to the full list.
1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics (Level A)	Supports	No instruction relies on shape, colour, size, position or sound.
1.4.1 Use of Color (Level A)	Supports	Status is written in words (for example "Awaiting decision", "Approved") as well as coloured. Links are whole rows or underlined text.
1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A)	Supports	The feed plays no audio.
2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A)	Supports	Every link, including each pin on the map, is reached and opened with the keyboard. Tested by pressing Tab through the feed in all 17 versions: every interactive element was reached.
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap (Level A)	Supports	Tab moves through the feed and out of its frame to the rest of the council page.
2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The feed has no keyboard shortcuts.
2.2.1 Timing Adjustable (Level A)	Supports	There are no time limits.
2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide (Level A)	Supports	Nothing moves, blinks, scrolls or updates by itself while the feed is open. New applications appear the next time the page loads. Smooth scrolling is turned off for readers who ask for reduced motion.
2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold (Level A)	Supports	Nothing flashes.
2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A)	Supports	The feed is a single block of content with no repeated navigation of its own. The frame it sits in has a title, so screen reader users can identify it and move past it.
2.4.2 Page Titled (Level A)	Supports	The feed page is titled "Planning applications in [area]". The frame in the embed code carries a descriptive title, "Recent planning applications in [area]" or the council's own heading.
2.4.3 Focus Order (Level A)	Supports	Focus moves in reading order: map pins, then each application from newest to oldest, then the link to the full list.
2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) (Level A)	Supports	Each application link contains its reference, address and description. Links that open a new tab say so, for example "See all in [area] (opens in a new tab)".
2.5.1 Pointer Gestures (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Everything works with a single tap or click. There are no multipoint or path-based gestures.
2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	All controls are standard links, which act on release and can be cancelled by moving away.
2.5.3 Label in Name (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The accessible name of each link contains its visible text.

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2.5.4 Motion Actuation (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Nothing is operated by device motion.
3.1.1 Language of Page (Level A)	Supports	The feed page declares its language as en-GB.
3.2.1 On Focus (Level A)	Supports	Focusing an element never changes the page or opens anything.
3.2.2 On Input (Level A)	Supports	The feed has no form controls.
3.2.6 Consistent Help (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	The feed is a single page with no help mechanism to repeat.
3.3.1 Error Identification (Level A)	Supports	The feed has no form input.
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A)	Supports	The feed has no form input.
3.3.7 Redundant Entry (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	The feed asks for no information.
4.1.1 Parsing (Level A)	WCAG 2.0 and 2.1: Supports. WCAG 2.2: Not Applicable	For WCAG 2.0 and 2.1, the September 2023 errata indicate this criterion is always supported. It was removed from WCAG 2.2.
4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (Level A)	Supports	Links, landmarks, the heading and the map region all have accessible names and roles. axe-core found no name, role or value failures in any version. See Notes on a hidden frame added by Plota's security provider.

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA)	Supports	The feed contains no live audio or video.
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA)	Supports	The feed contains no video.
1.3.4 Orientation (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The feed works in portrait and landscape and does not lock orientation.
1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The feed has no input fields.
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA)	Supports	Every piece of text was measured against the layers behind it in all 17 versions; the lowest is 4.92:1. A council colour that would fall below 4.5:1 is darkened automatically. The map credit sits on a solid white panel (5.4:1).
1.4.4 Resize Text (Level AA)	Supports	Text resizes with the browser to 200% and beyond without loss of content; the frame grows to fit when the standard code is used.

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1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA)	Supports	All text is real text. The map is a picture of the area, and the applications on it are also listed in text.
1.4.10 Reflow (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	At 320 CSS pixels wide (400% zoom of a 1280 pixel screen) the feed reflows into one column with no sideways scrolling, in all 17 versions.
1.4.11 Non-text Contrast (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The keyboard focus ring is 3px in the council's link colour, at least 4.5:1 against white. A focused map pin turns orange with a dark outline.
1.4.12 Text Spacing (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Tested with line height 1.5, letter spacing 0.12em, word spacing 0.16em and paragraph spacing 2em: no text is clipped or overlaps. Each description is always shortened to two lines, with the full text on the application's page one click away.
1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	No content appears on hover or focus.
2.4.5 Multiple Ways (Level AA)	Supports	The feed is a single page, not part of a set of pages.
2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA)	Supports	The level 1 heading names the area, "Planning applications in [area]", or the council's own heading.
2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA)	Supports	Every link shows a visible focus indicator: a 3px ring, or for map pins a colour change with an outline. Verified for every element reached by Tab in all 17 versions.
2.4.11 Focus Not Obscured (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	No sticky or fixed element hides focus. Tested at the default 560 pixel frame height: each focused application scrolls fully into view.
2.5.7 Dragging Movements (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	Nothing needs dragging. The map is a fixed picture whose pins are links; it has no pan or zoom.
2.5.8 Target Size (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	Every link outside running text is at least 24 by 24 CSS pixels, in the standard and the compact setting. Each map pin is a 27 by 27 pixel target. Where pins overlap, the same application is also a full-width link in the list below, which meets the criterion's "equivalent" exception.
3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA)	Supports	All content is in English. Place names and addresses are proper names.
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA)	Supports	The feed is a single page with no navigation menus.
3.2.4 Consistent Identification (Level AA)	Supports	Links with the same function have the same name in every application row ("View details").
3.3.3 Error Suggestion (Level AA)	Supports	The feed has no form input.
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) (Level AA)	Supports	The feed takes no submissions.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
3.3.8 Accessible Authentication (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	The feed needs no sign-in.
4.1.3 Status Messages (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The feed shows no status messages.

Level AAA was not evaluated and its table is not included.

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