Embedding design QA early in the process

Instead of treating Design QA as a final checkpoint, bake it into every stage of the design-to-development cycle. Introducing "Micro QA" sessions?

Kick off collab between design / eng to look at feasibility and how limitations > **Spikes**

In-progress check-ins: Weekly 15-min Design & Dev syncs to catch misinterpretations early and also explore whether the design suggested is feasible.

Post-handoff tracking: Engineers flag inconsistencies as they build; designers address them asynchronously. Collaboration between engineering and design to make sure all development is delivered as expected. Final checks by designers

Design / Dev spikes

Feasibility: Can this design be implemented as envisioned?

Constraints: Are there technical limitations affecting design decisions?

Performance: Will any of the interactions impact performance?

Consistency: Does this align with our design system and dev components?

Defining clear design QA ownership

It's usually nobody's responsibility, that's why it often falls through the cracks, establishing clear guidelines and baking it as part of someone's responsibility could be a good solution.

Designers: Own initial specs, document and component logic, and do final visual QA.
Engineers: Own implementation and stick to designed solution, while reporting inconsistencies.
PMs/QAs: Own functional testing but also be a voice for consistency

Maybe introducing a QA checklist as part of of the design / PM / eng workflow.