
Examination of West Berkshire Local Plan 2022-2039

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IN:8 SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION TO THE COUNCIL

The Council is requested to respond to the following Supplementary Question by **midday on Friday 22 March 2024**.

Spatial strategy and distribution of housing land supply

Policy SP1 sets out the Plan's spatial strategy based on three geographic areas defined in Figure 2 (Newbury and Thatcham; North Wessex Downs AONB; and Eastern Area) and the settlement hierarchy defined in policy SP3 (Urban Areas; Rural Service Centres; and Service Villages).

The Council's proposed main modification to policy SP12¹ identifies an overall housing land supply with estimated capacity for 9,577 dwellings between 2022 and 2041.

SQ3.1. How many dwellings are expected to be built between 2022 and 2041 in
(a) each of the three spatial areas and
(b) each of the settlements in the hierarchy²
based on the housing land supply identified in policy SP12 (as proposed to be modified) in each of the following categories (as at 31 March 2022):

- Sites under construction or with planning permission³.
- Sites allocated in the Plan without planning permission⁴.
- Sites allocated in a made neighbourhood plan.
- Sites to be allocated in future neighbourhood plans.
- Small site windfalls⁵.

¹ EXAM2 PQ25 (28 Sept 2023).

² In responding to (b), please group the settlements into the three spatial areas.

³ No need to differentiate between allocated and non-allocated sites under construction or with planning permission; include any allowance for C2 communal accommodation.

⁴ There is no need to differentiate between allocations carried forward from previous adopted plans and new allocations in the Plan.

⁵ An estimated distribution of the total windfall allowance of 2,229 could be based on past completions, population size or some other relevant indicator.

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