
Examination of West Berkshire Local Plan 2022-2039

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IN19: Supplementary Question to the Council relating to five year housing land supply from anticipated date of adoption

Whilst I am examining the Plan in the context of NPPF published in July 2021¹, the Council will not be required to identify and update annually a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide a minimum of five years of housing for decision making purposes if I conclude at the end of the examination that the Plan identifies at least a five year supply of specific, deliverable sites (with an appropriate buffer²) following the intended date of adoption³.

The Council's most up to date, comprehensive housing trajectory covers the period 2023/24 to 2040/41⁴. This indicates that the Council intends to adopt the Plan in 2025/26 and that year 1 following adoption is 2026/27.

More detailed information about housing land supply is set out in the Council's Housing Land Supply at February 2024 Report⁵.

SQ7.11. Does the Council's most up to date, comprehensive trajectory demonstrate that there will be at least a five year supply of specific, deliverable sites (based on a minimum housing requirement of 515 dwellings per year, with an appropriate buffer) following adoption of the Plan in 2025/26? For all sites that are assumed to contribute to that five year supply which did not have planning permission or had outline planning permission for 10 or more dwellings on 1 April 2023, please state how many dwellings are expected to be completed between 1 April 2026 and 31 March 2030 and summarise the clear evidence to justify those assumptions.

The Council is requested to respond by **midday on Friday 31 May 2024**.

¹ NPPF December 2023 paragraph 230.

² NPPF December 2023 paragraphs 69 and 77 and footnotes 35 and 43.

³ NPPF December 2023 paragraphs 69 and 76.

⁴ EXAM22 Appendix B published 26 April 2024.

⁵ EXAM12 published on 15 February 2024.

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