

East Herts Council Non-Key Decision Report

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Report title: Land Supply Position Statement –
November 2022

Ward(s) affected: All

Summary

- The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the publication of the Five-Year Land Supply Position Statement – November 2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECISION:

(A) The Five-Year Land Supply Position Statement – November 2022 contained at Appendix A, be approved for publication.

1.0 Proposal(s)

- 1.1 Local Planning Authorities should identify and update annually a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide a minimum of five years' worth of housing against their housing requirement set out in adopted strategic policies. This is the role of the Council's Five-Year Land Supply Position Statement – November 2022.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Local Planning Authorities should identify and update annually a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide a minimum

of five years' worth of housing against their housing requirement set out in adopted strategic policies.

- 2.2 The purpose of a five-year housing land supply is to provide an indication of whether there are sufficient sites available to meet the housing requirement over the next five-year period. The consequences for not being able to demonstrate a five-year supply of deliverable sites is that the presumption in favour of sustainable development will apply as set out in paragraph 11d of the NPPF.

3.0 Reason(s)

- 3.1 This document has been prepared in order to publish the Council's land supply position with the necessary background evidence.
- 3.2 The Position Statement covers the annual requirement, buffer, and shortfall to calculate the housing need. It then moves on to an assessment of the deliverable sites that make up the land supply for East Herts.
- 3.3 Taking into account the established need, the appropriate method for addressing shortfall and the additional buffer, alongside the identified supply of deliverable housing sites; the Position Statement sets out that the Council is currently able to demonstrate a 5.8-year housing land supply against the necessary requirement across the five-year period 2022-2027.
- 3.4 The full document can be found at **Appendix A**.

4.0 Options

- 4.1 The NPPF sets out that Local Planning Authorities should identify and update annually a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide a minimum of five years' worth of housing against their housing requirement.

5.0 Risks

- 5.1 In decision-taking, if an authority cannot demonstrate a 5-year housing land supply, including any appropriate buffer, the presumption in favour of sustainable development will apply.

6.0 Implications/Consultations

6.1 None

Community Safety

No

Data Protection

No

Equalities

No

Environmental Sustainability

No

Financial

No

Health and Safety

No

Human Resources

No

Human Rights

No

Legal

No

Specific Wards

All

7.0 Background papers, appendices and other relevant material

7.1 **Appendix A:** Land Supply Position Statement – November 2022

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