



Local Development Framework Project Factsheet

Strategic Land Availability Assessment (SLAA)

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What is the SLAA?

The SLAA is a piece of background technical evidence that helps inform the housing trajectory and plan-making process. Its purpose is to provide an assessment of whether a site could be developed. Importantly, it does not make a decision whether a site should be developed: that is the role of the planning process itself. It is just one piece of the LDF jigsaw.

Why are we doing a SLAA?

As the local planning authority, it is the responsibility of East Herts Council to ensure that every year sufficient homes are built to meet our housing requirement, currently set by the soon-to-be-abolished East of England regional plan. The delivery of new homes is a key part of the East Herts Local Development Framework (LDF): the name of the plan that will shape the future of East Herts to 2031.

What will be achieved by the SLAA?

The final outcome of the SLAA will be a technical report listing each site accompanied by an Ordnance Survey map. Each site will also include an assessment of the likelihood of whether a site can be developed. This information will then feed into the Council's housing trajectory to help maintain a continuous supply of housing.

How will the SLAA be carried out?

The SLAA is being carried out following the approach set out and agreed by the Council in the SLAA Project Plan (July 2011) and Next Steps statement (November 2011). These are available to view at www.eastherts.gov.uk/slaa.

Who will be involved in the SLAA?

A wide range of stakeholders representing those in the development industry as well as local communities are being engaged in the SLAA, including town and parish councils, agents, developers, civic societies, and housing associations.

What happens next?

The SLAA is an ongoing process. The final report will be updated annually to inform the housing trajectory. It is only one part of the evidence base to inform the LDF and shape the future of East Herts to 2031.

Further Information

Visit: www.eastherts.gov.uk/slaa or email planningpolicy@eastherts.gov.uk.