

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Under paragraph 47 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Leicester City Council is required to have "a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years worth of housing against their housing requirements", plus 5% or 20% depending on the council's delivery record.

1) Is Leicester City Council required to have five years plus 5% OR five years plus 20% supply of specific deliverable sites?

ANSWER

The NPPF, with the requirement in paragraph 47 to include an extra 5 or 20% on top of 5 years identified housing supply, came into force in March 2012. The Leicester City Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) update for 2012, which includes the five year land supply, is in the process of being completed. It is anticipated that the SHLAA will be published during Autumn and this will address the issue of whether a 5 or 20% buffer as set out in the NPPF is required. It is however anticipated that a 20% buffer will be required.

2) Has the council already identified the required five years plus 5% or five years plus 20% supply of specific deliverable sites? If not, at what date does the council predict it will have identified the required supply? Leicester City Council is also required by the NPPF to "identify a supply of specific, developable sites or broad locations for growth, for years 6-10 and, where possible, for years 11-15".

See answer to question 1 above. For information the SHLAA update for 2011 did identify a five year supply of specific deliverable housing land, however this predated the requirements of para 47 of the NPPF.

3) To what extent has the council been able to identify a 6-10 year supply and a 11-15 year supply?

The 2011 SHLAA update also identified sufficient supply of specific developable housing land for the following ten years (i.e. years 6-15). The 2011 SHLAA can be found on the Council's website at <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/ep/planning/plansandguidance/ldf/ldfevidence-base/shlaa-2011/>. Once the 2012 update has been completed it will appear on the Council's website.

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