

Tunbridge Wells Borough



Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Updated Local Plan Housing Trajectory
(Position as at 1 April 2023)

December 2023



Supporting Commentary

1. This housing trajectory (see table below) is an update to that previously published within Appendix 4 of the Council's [Matter 9, Issue 1 Hearing Statement](#). The updated position is the position as at 1 April 2023. This updated position therefore accounts for all completions between 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2023, and draws upon the information found within the Council's recent [Five-Year Housing Land Supply Statement 2023](#).
2. As outlined within the Council's [Local Plan Development Strategy Topic Paper – Addendum \[PS 054\]](#), the proposed changes to the development strategy to be included in the Local Plan (in response to the Inspector's Initial Findings Letter (received November 2022) mean that the Council is proposing to proceed on the basis of a 10-year housing land supply position post adoption. The Council proposes to undertake an early Local Plan review because of having a 10-year, rather than a 15-year, housing land supply. The phasing of any proposed allocations beyond this 10-year period (and before 31 March 2038; that is, the end of the previously proposed plan period) is included within the table below for information. Where any housing allocation includes a range, the mid-point is taken.
3. In short, the previously proposed plan period (to 2038) would result in a shortfall of 1,073 dwellings (12,006-10,933 dwellings). The 10-year period, to the end of March 2035, would result in a surplus of 275 dwellings. The updated position would also achieve a five-year housing land supply on adoption (assumed to be the end of 2024, so taking the figure for the coming five years from 1 April 2025) of 6.13 years (under the Liverpool method, which spreads the surplus over the whole plan period, rather than just the next five years).

