



Housing Delivery Test and 5 Year Housing Land Supply Note

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Introduction

This Note sets out the Council's housing position based on the latest Housing Delivery Test results published on 12 December 2024 and the Council's 5 Year Housing Land Supply report (January 2025 update).

Housing Delivery Test

The [Housing Delivery Test](#) provides an annual measurement of housing delivery in Rossendale. The latest results published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 12 December 2024 show that housing delivery in Rossendale has increased during the period 2020/21 to 2022/23 compared to previous years. Indeed, there were 405 housing completions which represents 82% of Rossendale's housing requirement over the same period.

Table 1: Housing Delivery Test Results 2023

Number of homes required			Total homes required	Number of homes delivered			Total homes delivered	HDT: 2023 measurement	HDT: 2023 consequence
2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2020/21 to 2022/23	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2020/21 to 2022/23		
126	185	185	496	76	138	191	405	82%	Buffer

As a result of failing to meet the requirement, the Council must add a buffer of 20% buffer to its 5-year housing land supply and publish an action plan to identify the causes for under-delivery, explore ways to reduce future under-delivery and make recommendations to increase housing completions. This is in accordance with paragraph 79 of the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (December 2024).

Rossendale Housing Action Plan

Work is progressing on updating the previous Housing Delivery Action Plan published in 2022 ([Housing Action Plan 2022](#)).

5 Year Housing Land Supply Position

The Council has published its [Five Year Housing Land Supply](#) report as of 31 March 2024. Since then there have been changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, which affect how the 5-year land supply is to be calculated. As a result the 5-year Housing Land Supply document, published in November 2024 has been updated. The most recent version (published January 2025) shows that Rossendale can demonstrate a 5.2 year supply against the Local Plan's housing requirement, inclusive of the backlog and a 20% buffer.

Conclusion

As a result of meeting 82% of its housing requirement in the latest Housing Delivery Test measurements (2023) and being able to demonstrate 5.2 years of housing land supply (for the period 2024/25 to 2028/29), the tilted balance (criterion 'd' of paragraph 11 of the NPPF) no longer applies for decision-making.