

Five Year Land Supply Addendum (for the former Allerdale area of Cumberland Council)

Interim Position as of June 2025

In December 2024, the requirements for calculating the Five Year Land Supply were amended through revisions to the [National Planning Policy Framework](#)¹.

The Council has used the new Standard Method as the basis to assess its current Five Year Land Supply and provide an interim position based on the supply available as of 31st March 2024. It is expected that the next full update of the Five Year Land Supply (for the former Allerdale area) will be released in September 2025 and will show the position as of 31st March 2025.

The data in this Addendum relates to the former Allerdale area of Cumberland as, until the new Cumberland Local Plan is adopted, the adopted Local Plans² for the legacy authorities remain the relevant development plans for the area. Due to the different ages of the adopted Local Plans, there is a different approach to calculating the housing need figures for each of the former authority areas.

Need

The levels of housing need over the next five years have been calculated using the Local Housing Need requirement using the new Standard Method set out in [Planning Practice Guidance](#)³.

The revised Standard Method provides a figure for Cumberland of 1,104 using the adjustment ratio of 0.8% based on Cumberland's total housing stock of 138,080 dwellings.

In order to identify the annual requirement for the three legacy authority areas in Cumberland, the total figure has been proportionally divided based on the housing stock. As 35.5% (48,914 dwellings) of the Cumberland housing stock is located in the former Allerdale area, then the annual need for this area is 392 dwellings (equating to 35.5% of the total 1,104 requirement).

The revised National Planning Policy Framework has also included the requirement to add a 'buffer' (either 5% or 20%) to the five year land supply in order to increase supply. The level of the buffer to be applied is linked to the results of the latest [Housing Delivery Test](#)⁴; these results currently still relate to the former Cumberland legacy authorities.

As the results of the Housing Delivery Test show that delivery in the former Allerdale area was 303% between 2020 and 2023, there is no consequence to be applied. Therefore there is only a requirement to add the standard 5% buffer in order to ensure choice and competition for the market.

¹ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67aafe8f3b41f783cca46251/NPPF_December_2024.pdf

² https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-12/cumberland_consolidated_planning_policy_framework_-_2023.pdf

³ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/housing-and-economic-development-needs-assessments#:~:text=The%20standard%20method%20uses%20a,expected%20to%20be%20planned%20for.>

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/housing-delivery-test>

When the 5% buffer is applied, this equates to an overall annualised housing need of 412 for the former Allerdale area.

Local Housing Needs requirement using new Standard Method for five years (392 x 5)	1,960
5% buffer (as required by paragraph 78 of the 2024 NPPF)	98
Housing Requirement for the next five years (1,960 + 98)	2,058
Annualised Housing Requirement (2,058/5)	412

Supply

The Council bases its supply figures on the monitoring period of 1st April-31st March; for this interim position, the relevant calculations have been made using the supply data as of 31st March 2024 (this data is available to view online in the [Five Year Land Supply as of 31st March 2024⁵](#)).

Using the 31st March 2024 as a baseline, the housing supply data is calculated for five monitoring years from that point (i.e. until 31st March 2029); no additional years have added to compensate for the 2024/2025 monitoring period.

As of 31st March 2024, the former Allerdale area had a total deliverable five year land supply of 1,896.

Total deliverable five year housing supply	Remaining units from large sites with planning permission	1,329	1,896
	Remaining units from small sites with planning permission	417	
	Windfall allowance (30 x 5)	150	

Five Year Land Supply

Taking the above data into account, the Council can currently demonstrate a **4.6 year supply** of housing land in the former Allerdale area of Cumberland.

Total five year supply	$\frac{\text{Supply}}{\text{Requirement}} = \frac{1,896}{412}$	4.6
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⁵ www.cumberland.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-03/Allerdale%20five%20year%20land%20supply%20report%2031%20March%202024.pdf