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Sent via email

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Dear Richard,

### **Housing number for modified Burghclere Neighbourhood Plan**

Thank you for your letter dated 25 February. The planning policy team is very pleased to hear that you are progressing a modified version of the Burghclere Neighbourhood Plan (BNP) and we are obviously very happy to support you in that process.

In terms of your request for an indicative housing number in order to inform that process, I can advise that it is the view of the Local Planning Authority that there is no requirement for a modified version of the Burghclere Neighbourhood Plan to make provision for any additional housing over and above the 15 units which have already been allocated within the current version of the BNP.

With regard to the background to the conclusion reached above, the planning policy team have produced a detailed Settlement Study, which includes indicative housing numbers for the main settlements within the borough. This specifies a figure of 15 units for Burghclere. However, that does not take into account the 15 units which have been identified in the BNP. Once those units are factored in then this brings the figure to zero. Further details regarding the Settlement Study are available via the following link:

[Agenda for Economic, Planning and Housing Committee on Thursday, 6th January, 2022, 6.30 pm - Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council](#)

The above is based on the assumption that the allocation within the modified NP is retained. In addition, the position set above will be subject to public consultation as part of the Local Plan Update process and the Examination in Public, and so may be amended as the Local Plan Update progresses. However, if the housing requirement for Burghclere were to change after the modified BNP is 'made' then that could of course be addressed via further modification to the NP if necessary.

In relation to the meeting the two criterion (c and d) as set out in paragraph 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework, this information is published annually online, and more detailed information is available to view through the council's Authority Monitoring Report<sup>1</sup>.

- In relation to criterion c), I can confirm that at present the council are able to demonstrate a 4.6-year supply of deliverable housing sites.
- In relation to d) regarding housing delivery, the Housing Delivery Test results were published in February 2022 by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, which confirm that the council have delivered over 45% of the homes required i.e. the council's requirement for the HDT was to deliver 2195 new homes but the council have delivered 4001 new homes which results in a 2021 measurement of 182%.

In terms of determining the need for the neighbourhood plan to require a Strategic Environmental Assessment, the council will need undertake a screening of the revised neighbourhood plan and its proposed policies to determine whether a full SEA is needed, clearly this will depend on the nature of the proposed policies and this process will need to be undertaken in consultation with the relevant statutory consultees.

I hope that the information set out above is of use to you and obviously please let me know if it would be helpful to discuss any of the above in more detail.

Yours Sincerely,

Robyn Milliner  
Senior Planning Officer

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/BD02>