

Planning Policy Briefing Note

Local Plan 2030

Policy 1 – Progress with Local Plan 2040 and five-year land supply



This note sets out Bedford Borough Council's current position in relation to progress with Local Plan 2040 and five-year land supply.

Policy 1 of Local Plan 2030 requires the council to submit a review of the plan within three years after the date of adoption. The submission of Local Plan 2040 in January 2023 fulfils this requirement. The draft plan is still at examination and the Inspector has agreed to a pause in the examination until at least January 2025. The council anticipates adoption of the plan by December 2025.

The NPPF (paragraph 226) states that an authority that has submitted a plan for examination needs to demonstrate a four years' supply of deliverable housing and that this arrangement applies for a period of two years from publication of the revised NPPF in December 2023. Bedford Borough Council's current housing land supply is 6.93 years.

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