

# Housing and Residential Land in West Sussex

## The West Sussex Approach

We monitor residential land availability in West Sussex on behalf of the Local Planning Authorities. To determine how much housing has been built and the amount of land available for future house-building, we have undertaken annual surveys since 1975.

The survey now focuses on recording dwelling completions and the formally identified stock of residential commitments at the annual survey base date of 1 April.

Commitments include sites with planning permission, allocations in adopted local / neighbourhood plans, sites where prior notification has been granted for permitted development change of use to residential and site-specific local development framework submission documents.

The Local Planning Authorities undertake studies to assess the supply of housing land at the district level. The studies take account of the results of urban capacity studies and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments, and consider the likely supply of housing from a number of sources including commitments, windfall sites, and new strategic allocations. Windfall sites include redevelopment and infilling, the conversion or sub-division of existing dwellings, and the change of use of existing buildings from non-residential use.

District planning authorities will take account of the identified supply of housing land in determining how much additional housing land, both previously-developed land and greenfield sites, is needed and when it should be developed.

For further information on the supply of land for housing, contact the local district or borough council.

## View the Survey Data

Visit our [Commercial and residential data](#) web page to view the following survey data:

- gross and net dwelling completions by district;
- forecast housebuilding completions for all large and small sites.

## Additional Notes

Large identified sites are those where five or more dwellings could be accommodated. Likely development timescales for all large sites are agreed by our planning officers and the relevant Local Planning Authority, taking account of any possible development constraints on each site.

Small identified sites are those capable of accommodating up to four dwellings. As it is inappropriate to carry out site assessments for all the permitted small sites, we prepare details of the likely construction rate basing its assessment on past experience. It is assumed that all dwellings under construction and 45% of those permitted but not started will be built in the five years from the survey base date. Projected completions on large and small identified sites are brought together in the published data.

## Contact Us

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