



Planning Policy Note: Housing Delivery Test 2022

October 2022

1. This Note sets out the council's position in relation to the Housing Delivery Test (HDT) 2022.
2. Based on data submitted to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in September 2022 and calculated in accordance with the Housing Delivery Test Rule Book¹, Brentwood Borough Council's 2022 HDT measurement is shown in the below table.

| Year | Number of homes required | Number of homes delivered | HDT 2022 measurement | HDT 2022 consequence |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2021 - 22 | 300 | 407 | 86% | Action plan |
| 2020 - 21 | 300 | 168 | | |
| 2019 - 20 | 300 | 200 | | |
| Total | 900 | 775 | | |

3. The above measurement is subject to final verification by DLUHC through the publication of the annual HDT results, expected November 2022.
4. The council adopted its Local Plan on the 23 March 2022. The Local Plan includes an adopted housing requirement. This is the council's first HDT following adoption of the new Local Plan, and which subsequently uses the newly adopted housing requirement figures.
5. The Brentwood Local Plan's total adopted housing requirement is set out as a series of stepped housing requirements. From the 01/04/2016 to 31/03/2024 the annual adopted housing requirement² is 300.
6. The HDT 2022 measurement shows that Brentwood Borough met 86% of its housing requirement. The consequences of the 86% result are that the authority must publish an action plan.
7. Whilst it is acknowledged that further improvement in housing delivery is still needed, the 86% result is an improvement on past performance.
8. A significant difference arises in the consequences of the results from previous years and this year; as the council's most recent delivery is now in excess of 85% of the requirement, the application of the NPPF Paragraph 11(d) presumption in favor of sustainable development no longer applies, nor does a requirement to provide a 20% buffer on the council's five-year land supply.
9. As stated above the HDT 2022 measurement presented in this note is yet to be published by DLUHC. National Planning Guidance: Housing Supply and delivery, states: *Where a new housing requirement is adopted after the publication of the measurement, the Housing Delivery Test calculation will be re-run using the new requirement as set out in paragraphs 17 to 18 of the [Housing Delivery Test rule book](#). Any consequences for under-delivery will be applied from the day after the publication of the re-run measurement.* Paragraph: 042 Reference ID: 68-042-20190722

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/housing-delivery-test-measurement-rule-book>

² p258 of the Brentwood Local Plan sets out the stepped housing trajectory - with the adopted housing requirement figure shown by year

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