

How many new homes? FAQ

Does this document say how many new homes will be built in Guildford borough?

No, the Council has yet to determine a definitive number for the housing increase needed in the borough as part of the new Local Plan. We will continue to gather information on the available options through the forthcoming Local Plan Strategy and Sites Issues and Options consultation and consider new information such as the new government household projections when they are published.

If it doesn't set a housing number, what does this document do?

The study uses the range of information sources about how the borough might develop to illustrate eleven different examples that illustrate different levels of development. These examples will help the Council to develop a housing number for the new Local Plan.

The document looks into the factors that might cause the population to increase, such as household growth and migration. It also includes information from other documents such as the [Employment Land Assessment](#) (ELA), which looks at the number of new jobs (and amount of land) needed in the borough over the lifetime of the new Local Plan and the [Strategic Housing Market Assessment](#) (SHMA), which looked at the number of people in housing need.

Does this document say where the new homes will be built?

No, How Many New Homes does not say where new homes will be built. The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) helps inform the Local Plan by identifying possible land that could be used to provide new homes but does not make any actual allocations or give sites any preferential status. When we have a confirmed housing number we will need to assess how we can accommodate that particular level of development and what combination of options we may need to pursue to meet that need using sites that may have already been identified in the SHLAA but not exclusively.

The Local Plan Strategy and Sites Issues and Options document contains examples of 68 sites which have been identified as having the potential for development in the plan period up to 2031. We have included these in the consultation on the Issues and Options document to run from 1 October to 29 November 2013 because we want to know what you think about these sites. We also need to know if you think there are other sites we have missed out.

Does How many new homes? look at neighbouring boroughs like Woking and Waverley?

No, How many new homes just looks at Guildford Borough. The [Strategic Housing Market Assessment](#) (SHMA) which looked at housing need considered our whole "housing market area" which included Woking and Waverley boroughs.

Is it part of the Local Plan evidence base?

How many new homes isn't an evidence base document because these are factual. It is a background paper because some opinions are expressed within it. However, like the evidence it will help inform the development of the new Local Plan.

Where can I read the document?

The *How Many New Homes?* study can be viewed at <http://www.guildford.gov.uk/howmanynewhomes>