



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-026, please find your question and our response below.

**Request:**

Further to FOI/EIR 24/25-525 (Five Year Land Supply), please may I see the five-year land supply reports data each year since 2018/2019. Also, I would like to see the actual delivery data for the same period. I am not at all clear how the delayed delivery of 350 homes in Burwell has worked through the system - they just seem to have been re-scheduled for a later date and earlier shortfalls ignored.

Am I right that houses for which a reserved condition remains are not included in the forward trajectories at all and was they true of the entire 350 homes at the point the initial consent was granted.

**Response:**

Completions data is published annually via our Annual Monitoring Reports. These are available to view here: [Planning monitoring and land supply | East Cambridgeshire District Council](#)

As an example, the latest report was published in December 2024 and covers the reporting year April 2023 to 31 March 2024:

- Table 2 (pg. 9) shows the net completions for every year during the period 2011-12 to 2023-24
- Table 3 shows the gross completions for the same period.

**Delayed delivery**

- As stated in our previous response, the housing trajectory is updated annually to reflect completions and up to date information on anticipated future delivery. In the event of under-delivery, adjustments to the five-year land supply requirement may be necessary. This is explained in section 5 in the Five-Year Land Supply report (link above). In short, if delivery is less than is required in past years, then the requirement moving forwards is increased.
- In past years, where there has been a deficit in delivery an additional 20% buffer has had to be applied to the five-year land supply requirement. In addition, where there has been a deficit in delivery against the Local Plan housing requirement (only used where the Local Plan is less than five years old), any previous backlog in delivery is added to the overall five-year land supply requirement.
- It should be noted that the housing requirement set out in a Local Plan is only used as a starting point for calculating housing land supply where the Local Plan is less than five years old; where it is more than five years old, the 'local housing need' is calculated using the government's standard method.
- It should also be noted that the Local Plan was updated, via a single-issue review, focusing on updating policy GROWTH 1. This resulted in rebasing the dwelling requirement figure to the year 2022. Policy GROWTH 1 provides for the delivery of 5,400 dwellings in the district over the period 2022 to 2031.

**How has the Burwell allocation worked through the system?**

- Previous 5-year land supply reports have anticipated the build out of the Burwell site to start during the latter periods of any given 5-year land supply. The inclusion of these numbers will have been informed by the status of relevant planning consents, together

with information provided by the site promoter. Numbers from any site is only included in the 5-year land supply where it meets the definition of a deliverable site as set out in the NPPF.

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- No. The site has been included as commencing within a 5-year period in previous 5 year land supply reports where it has been anticipated as being deliverable, based on information available at the time. Such information includes:
  - information provided by the land promoter
  - the site being allocated in the Local Plan
  - status of planning consents (e.g. as early as September 2017, planning committee had resolved to grant outline permission albeit the scheme was subject to S106 agreement being resolved).

The published five-year land supply reports for each year since 2018/2019 are provided as requested and comprise:

- Five-year land supply report '1 April 2023 to 31 March 2028', published April 2024
- Five-year land supply report '1 April 2022 to 31 March 2027', published August 2022
- Five-year land supply report '1 April 2021 to 31 March 2026', published October 2021
- Five-year land supply report '1 April 2019 to 31 March 2024', published April 2020  
(Note: this period was reported again since there was a new housing requirement to meet, given the Local Plan had reached its 5-year anniversary)
- Five-year land supply report '1 April 2019 to 31 March 2024', published June 2019
- Five-year land supply report '1 April 2018 to 31 March 2023', published November 2018"

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-026.

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