

2025 Call for sites

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Work is underway on the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire (LP4B). The LP4B will allocate sites for development in the period up to 2045 to meet the housing, economic development and other needs of Buckinghamshire.

We have previously undertaken 3 call for sites engagement exercises which resulted in over 1,000 sites being submitted to us. Work is ongoing to assess these; however, since then, new national policy has been introduced which changes the way we calculate our housing need for Buckinghamshire. Our new local housing need figure has increased significantly under the government's revised standard methodology (December 2024) from 2,912 to 4,319 homes per year. Because of this, the Local Plan will be expected to provide sites for approximately 91,000 new homes for the period until 2045, an increase overall of about 30,000 homes compared with the previous government's housing figure for the county. This means that we will need to consider all available site options if we are to accommodate this level of housing growth. This engagement exercise offers another opportunity for submitting new sites so that we can consider all possible sites.

All sites that are submitted to us through this call for sites engagement exercise and the previous 3 exercises will be technically assessed within the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA). This will assess sites for their suitability, availability and achievability to accommodate development. To give you an indication of how this process will be undertaken, we have published our draft methodology which can be found at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/housing-and-economic-land-availability-assessment-helaa/>.

We have prepared some FAQs which are available at – <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/call-for-sites-faq>

In addition to this, further information on the HELAA is available in government guidance at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/housing-and-economic-land-availability-assessment>.

This call for sites exercise is open from Wednesday 12th March until 23:59pm on Wednesday 23rd April 2025.

If you have submitted sites previously, please do not resubmit the same site.

These sites are already being assessed. If you have a new site to submit, this can be done in either of the following two ways:

You can either submit a site using the following link

<https://buckinghamshire.oc2.uk/document/12> or download a call for sites form <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/call-for-sites-form>

Completed forms can be returned by email to planningpolicyteam.bc@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or by post to:

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