

Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) adopted

Our [Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document \(SPD\)](#) was adopted by council on 24 June 2026. The document sets out a series of 12 guidance notes for applicants when considering the affordable housing requirements for their scheme.

The SPD has been developed to provide help and advice on how affordable housing should be delivered through the planning system. It aims to provide guidance on the implementation of [Local Plan Policy SP5 – Affordable Housing](#)[\(opens in new tab\)](#), and other policies around the delivery and design of affordable housing.

A summary of the SPD and general information about Affordable Housing can be found in our FAQs below.

- [Affordable housing Supplementary Planning Document FAQs](#) [\(opens in new tab\)](#)
- [Adoption Statement](#)
- [Affordable Housing SPD Consultation Statement June 2026.pdf](#)

Following the adoption of the 2026 SPD, a number of previous guidance documents were revoked.

- [See the Revocation Notice](#)

Housing needs information

When considering the types and tenures of affordable housing required across the district, please refer to the following information:

- [Local Plan – Housing Evidence](#)
- [Local Plan Strategic Housing Market Assessment \(SHMA 2017\), modelling of first homes](#)

The housing department also undertook a housing needs survey in 2023.

More information is available below:

- [What is affordable housing?](#)