

South Somerset District Council

Five-Year Housing Land Supply 2020-2025

Addendum January 2021

1. Introduction

- 1.1 On the 16th December 2020, the Government published a new Standard Methodology for calculating the local housing need for local authorities within revised Planning Practice Guidance on Housing and Economic Needs Assessment¹.
- 1.2 Applying this new methodology to South Somerset, its annual Basic Housing Requirement is now 677 dwellings².
- 1.3 This means that Table 1 of the District's Five Year Housing Land Supply Paper of November 2020 should therefore now be replaced with the following Revised Table 1.

Table 1: Overview of Component Parts of Five-year Housing Requirement

Components of the Five-year Housing Requirement	Method	Total
Basic Housing Requirement (annualised)		677
Basic Housing Requirement over a five-year period	(677 x 5)	3385
Basic Requirement with 5% Buffer Added	(3385 x 1.05)	3554
Five-year annual completion rate (+ 5% buffer)	(3554 / 5)	711 (Rounded)
Five-year supply of dwellings		4,373
No. of years supply in South Somerset	(4,373/711)	6.15 years

- 1.4 As Paragraph 6.1 of the November 2020 paper states, the five year supply of dwellings for the District has been calculated as 4,373 dwellings. This means that the Council can now currently demonstrate a five-year supply of housing sites equivalent to **6.15 years**, rather than the 6 years stated in the previous Paper.
- 1.5 For clarification, paragraph 6.3 of the November 2020 Paper has now been superseded.
- 1.6 The 2021 Five Year Housing Land Supply will be updated later in the year once monitoring of dwelling permissions for 2020/21 has taken place.

¹ [Housing and economic needs assessment - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/544212/housing-and-economic-needs-assessment-2020.pdf)

² Based on the 2014 Sub National Household Projections for the 10 year period from 2021-2031, and the 2019 affordability data.