Housing Delivery Test (HDT) 2024 and 2025 results

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Housing Delivery Test (HDT) – what is it?

- HDT is an annual report that the Government publishes, to assess the performance of local planning authorities in delivering housing over the previous 3 years
- Measured against the Local Plan target (in our case, 554 dwellings per year) or the calculated Local Housing Need (LHN) where more than 5 years have passed since the Local Plan was adopted



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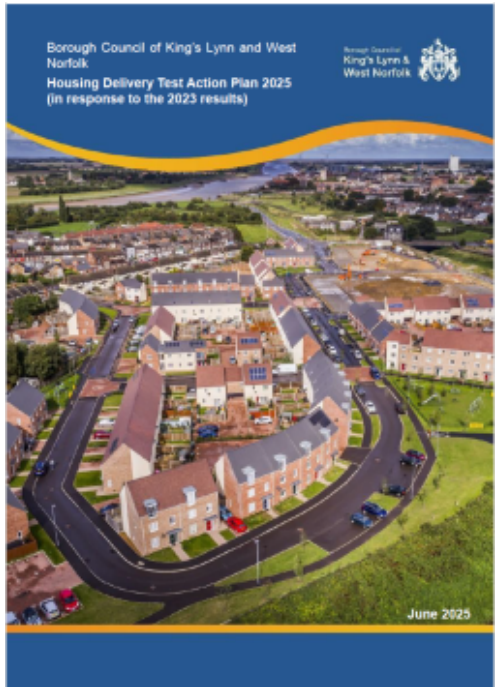
Implications of HDT results



- If HDT result is below 95%, then we are required to prepare an HDT Action Plan
- If HDT result is below 75%, then the NPPF "presumption in favour of sustainable development" applies, in the same way as if we cannot demonstrate a deliverable 5-year housing land supply

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…and the good news

- Publication of the 2022 HDT results (December 2023) prompted preparation of the 2024 HDT Action Plan (November 2024)
- This was followed by an updated Action Plan 2025, prepared in response to the 2023 HDT results
- On 17 August, the 2024 and 2025 HDT results were published, showing results of **93% and 100%** respectively (alongside the NPPF)



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Closing comments

- Given that we have now reached 100% HDT, there is no need for us to undertake any further work re housing delivery at present
- Our HDT result will continue to be measured against our current Local Plan 2021-2040 requirement (554 dwellings per year), at least up until the 2028-2029 monitoring year
- The higher LHN figure (~1000 homes per year) will come into force once the next Local Plan 2026-2044 is adopted (spring/ summer 2029)