

## South Staffordshire District Council

### Addendum to Housing Land Supply Statement

February 2024

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 South Staffordshire District Council (SSDC) previously published its Five-Year Housing Land Supply position for the period 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2028. At this time the Council could demonstrate a 4.51-year supply.
- 1.2 Since then, the government has revised the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) dated 20 December 2023, which impacts how SSDC demonstrates its land supply position. As set out in paragraphs 77 and 226, in certain circumstances, local planning authorities will now only be required to identify a four-year supply of housing over a five-year period<sup>1</sup>. This will apply for a two-year period from the date of the publication of the revised NPPF. This change is applicable to South Staffordshire and therefore this addendum will set out the new land supply position. Furthermore, the updated NPPF no longer requires authorities to apply an additional 5% buffer to housing land supply calculations.

#### **2. Housing Delivery Test**

- 2.1 The Government released the 2022 Housing Delivery Test results in December 2023. These results show that South Staffordshire delivered 156% against its requirement for the previous three years. None of the policy consequences set out in paragraph 79 of the NPPF are therefore applicable.

#### **3. Housing Land Supply**

- 3.1 The Council's revised housing land supply position (removing the 5% buffer compared to the previous assessment) is provided in the table below. The Council's Local Housing Need figure and supply of sites remain unchanged from the previous statement.
- 3.2 As set out in the table, the Council can demonstrate a **4.74-year supply** for the period 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2028. The Council therefore meets the requirement to identify a four-year supply of housing over a five-year period.
- 3.3 Further information including details of the Council's supply which remains unchanged can be found in the previous statement.

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<sup>1</sup> As clarified in updated National Planning Practise Guidance and a letter by the Chief Planner dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

<b>Requirement (Local Housing Need)</b>	<b>Dwellings</b>
Local Housing Need 2023 -2028 (5 x 237 dwellings per annum)	1,185
<b>Supply</b>	
Supply at 1 April 2023	1,123
<b>Calculation of 5YHLS</b>	
Total housing supply 1 April 23 - 31 March 28 (1,123/237)	<b>4.74 Years</b>