

Camden Local Plan Proposed Submission Draft –

Note on the backlog

- The Local Plan sets a housing target of 11,550 additional homes (Policy H1).
- This comprises the last three years of the London Plan housing target for Camden from 2026/27 to 2028/29 ($1,038 \times 3 = 3,114$); the initially anticipated backlog (1,721.4 homes); and identified capacity (6,714.6 additional homes).
- The housing target was calculated in 2023 as part of the preparation of the draft Local Plan.
- At the time of calculation the backlog was 1,721.4 homes.
- The housing target set out in Local Plan Policy H1 (11,550 additional homes) therefore includes the backlog of 1,721.4 homes.
- The backlog was calculated by taking the first seven years (2019/20 to 2025/26) of Camden's ten-year housing requirement in Table 4.1 of the London Plan 2021 ($1,038 \times 7$) and subtracting both past delivery (2019/20 to 2021/22) and anticipated future delivery (2022/23 to 2025/26).
- Given this it included assumptions that completions on some sites would be in place before the start of the Plan period.
- The London Plan 2021 sets Camden's housing requirement for 2019/20 to 2028/29.
- The initial housing requirement for the first three years of the Local Plan period is therefore set by the London Plan and is 1,038 homes per year (with no backlog allowance).
- Given this, we have applied the backlog of 1,721.4 additional homes to the subsequent 12 years of the Local Plan period (but not the first three years covered by the London Plan). This is illustrated in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1 – Proportion of the housing target that comprises the initial backlog



- It is however important to note, that given the housing target in the Local Plan is a capacity based target, reference to the “backlog” in this context means identified capacity i.e. sites, not coming forward at the rate required to support the annualised requirement figure. The “spreading” of the backlog is therefore a reflection of the real world delivery of capacity.
- In 2025, as part of the preparation of the Proposed Submission Draft Local Plan, we reviewed and updated the housing trajectory.
- This showed that from late 2023 to late 2025 the backlog had increased by 1,003.4 homes, as a result of schemes taking longer than anticipated to deliver.
- This is primarily attributed to:
 - a. schemes we anticipated would be complete prior to the start of the plan period (and therefore had not previously been included in the housing trajectory) were still under construction at that point, so could not be counted as complete; and
 - b. schemes within the trajectory that we anticipated would have delivered more homes prior to the start of the plan period, had in fact delivered less homes than envisaged at that point.
- The 1,003.4 homes resulting from this “additional” backlog are included within the *housing trajectory* as part of the overall housing delivery expected over the Plan period and this shows that the total backlog (that is, $1,721.4 + 1,003.4 = 2,724.8$ homes) will be met over the plan period.

- The “additional” backlog (arising between 2023 - 2025) of 1,003.4 does not however form part of the *housing target* in the Local Plan (11,550 homes).
- The housing trajectory submitted as part of the examination of the Local Plan in October 2025 (SD14) shows that overall estimated delivery over the Plan period is 12,819.9 additional homes. This comprises 11,550 (the housing target including the initial backlog) plus 1,003.4 (additional backlog) plus 266.5 (further contingency).¹ Thus addressing the backlog. This is illustrated in Table 1 and Figure 2 below.

¹ Mistyped as 255.5 in para 12.2 of ED28 the Council's response to Matter 4

Table 1. Housing Trajectory showing target, initial backlog and completions by year (including the additional backlog)
(includes self-contained and non-self-contained homes)

	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36	2036/37	2037/38	2038/39	2039/40	2040/41	TOTAL
Annualised housing target excluding initial backlog	1,038	1,038	1,038	559.55	559.55	559.55	559.55	559.55	559.55	559.55	559.55	559.55	559.55	559.55	559.55	9,828.6
Initial backlog annualised from 2029/30				143.45	143.45	143.45	143.45	143.45	143.45	143.45	143.45	143.45	143.45	143.45	143.45	1,721.4
Annualised housing target (including initial backlog)	1,038	1,038	1,038	703	703	703	703	703	703	703	703	703	703	703	703	11,550
Anticipated additional homes completed by year (including the initial and additional backlog)	483.1	732.6	1,118.2	1,133.8	1,265.6	811.6	786.0	724.0	839.0	720.0	730.0	782.0	930.0	895.0	869.0	12,819.9

Figure 2 - Anticipated additional homes completed by year, including the initial and additional backlog

