

**Response form for Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)
Methodology: Draft for Consultation**

Slough Borough Council is consulting on its proposed methodology for assessing land for housing and economic development through the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA).

The HELAA forms a key part of the Local Plan evidence base. It identifies potential development sites and assesses whether they are suitable, available and achievable.

The Council is particularly interested in views on:

- Site size thresholds
- The approach to assessing constraints
- The proposed windfall allowance
- The overall assessment methodology

All responses will be used to inform the final HELAA methodology.

This consultation will run from Monday 8 June 2026 to Monday 29 June 2026 (11:59pm).

1. Privacy Notice: Please confirm that you understand and agree the Council's process, terms and conditions for holding and using the information you provide. Information supplied will be held and used in accordance with the GDPR. Personal information (primarily private contact details) will not be publicly available. It will be processed and handled in accordance with the Council's privacy policy available to view on the Council's website: <https://www.slough.gov.uk/privacy>.

Agree

Consent to contact you about the Local Plan

2. Do you consent to us adding you to the Local Plan contact list to be notified of future updates on the Slough Local Plan?

You can unsubscribe at any time.

Yes No

Your Contact details

Question 3 is required for us to consider your representation valid, and notify you of updates to the methodology and its use. We keep your details for Local Plan related consultations only, and follow the Council's privacy standards.

Representations may still be considered without full contact details, but may not be treated as a valid representation.

3. Name

First name (Required) _____

Surname (Required) _____

4. Email address

You will receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response. If you do not receive this then email planningpolicy@slough.gov.uk.

Email (Required) _____

5. Postal address

Address line 1 _____

Address line 2 _____

Address line 3 _____

Town (Required) _____

County _____

Postcode (Required) _____

6. Company or Organisation

7. Respondent type

- Owner of (all or part of) the site
 - Planning Consultant
 - Land Agent
 - Developer
 - Land Promoter
 - Community Group
 - Registered Provider
 - Local Resident
 - Local Business
 - Statutory Consultee (e.g. Environment Agency, utility provider)
 - Other - please specify
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8. Are you promoting a site separately that you would like the Council to consider? This will not affect your response to this methodology consultation

- Yes No

Overview of approach

9. Do you consider the overall HELAA methodology to be appropriate and robust?

- Yes No Don't know

Please provide comments / evidence to support your answer:

10. Which part(s) of the HELAA does your response relate to? (Select all that apply)

- Stage 1 – Site identification
- Stage 2 – Site assessment methodology
- Stage 3 – Windfall assessment
- Stage 4 – Assessment review
- Stage 5 – Final evidence base Whole document

Other (please specify) _____

Key Methodology questions

11. The HELAA identifies constraints at Stage 1 and assesses them in more detail at Stage 2 to determine whether they can be mitigated. Do you agree with this approach?

- Yes No Don't know

Please provide comments / evidence to support your answer:

12. Site Size Thresholds: The HELAA applies a threshold of 5 dwellings for housing sites. Do you agree with this approach?

- Yes No Don't know

Please provide comments / evidence to support your answer:

13. Windfall Allowance (Approach)

The windfall allowance is based on historic delivery trends and professional judgement. Do you agree with this approach

- Yes No Don't know

Please provide comments / evidence to support your answer:

14. Windfall Allowance (Proposed Figure)

The HELAA proposes a windfall allowance of approximately 30 dwellings per annum. Do you agree with this estimate?

- Yes No Don't know

Please provide comments / evidence to support your answer:

15. Consideration of non-residential uses

The methodology also address non-residential uses including employment land to provide jobs. Do you agree with this approach?

- Yes No Don't know

Please provide comments / evidence to support your answer:

Status of the methodology and consultation

16. The Council is progressing its plan under the new system. The methodology will be applied and updated until replaced (unless superseded by national policy or guidance). The Consultation findings will inform early plan preparation, including evidence base development and work to support Gateway 1 in October 2026. Do you agree with this approach?

Yes No Don't know

Please provide comments / evidence to support your answer:

17. Do you have any further comments on the HELAA methodology?

Almost done...

You are about to submit your response. By clicking 'Submit Response' you give us permission to analyse and include your response in our results. After you click Submit, you will no longer be able to go back and change any of your answers.

Please tick this box if you would like to receive a copy of your response by email.
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