

**Response form for Housing and Economic Land Availability
Assessment (HELAA) Methodology
(Supporting Document to the Local Plan Scoping Consultation)**

Slough Borough Council is consulting on its proposed methodology for assessing land availability 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 obtaining 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.

The draft HELAA Methodology is being consulted on as part of the Local Plan Scoping Consultation. Responses may be submitted from Monday 13 July 2026 until Monday 24 August 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. Would you like to be added to the Local Plan contact list to receive future updates on the Slough Local Plan?

You can unsubscribe at any time.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question 3 is required for us to consider your representation valid, and notify you of updates relating to the Local Plan and HELAA process. 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.

Your contact details

3. What is your name?

First name (Required) _____

Surname (Required) _____

4. What is your email address?

An acknowledgement email will be sent to the email address provided once your response has been submitted. If you do not receive this email, please contact the Planning Policy team at planningpolicy@slough.gov.uk.

Email (Required) _____

5. What is your postal address?

Address line 1 _____

Address line 2 _____

Address line 3 _____

Town (Required) _____

County _____

Postcode (Required) _____

6. Company or Organisation

Are you responding on behalf of a company, organisation or group?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the name of the company, organisation or group:

7. Respondent type

Which of the following best describes you or the organisation you represent? (Select one)

- ☐ 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 for consideration through the Call for Sites and HELAA process?

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 methodology 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 proposes the following site thresholds for inclusion:

- General housing sites: ≥ 5 dwellings
- Town centre sites: ≥ 0.05 ha (with flexibility for smaller sites where high-density development is achievable)
- Employment sites: ≥ 0.25 ha or 500 sq m floorspace

Do you agree with these thresholds for inclusion in the HELAA?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

Please provide comments / evidence to support your answer:

13. Windfall Allowance

The windfall allowance is based on historic delivery trends and professional judgement. Therefore, the HELAA methodology proposes a windfall allowance for small sites (less than five dwellings) of approximately 30 dwellings per annum. Do you agree with this approach?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

Please provide comments / evidence to support your answer:

14. Consideration of non-residential uses

The methodology also addresses 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:

15. Density Assumptions

The HELAA uses professional judgement and locally derived density assumptions when estimating the development capacity of sites. Do you agree with this approach?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

Please provide comments / evidence to support your answer:

16. Site Assessment Criteria

The HELAA assesses sites against criteria relating to suitability, availability and achievability. Do you consider the proposed assessment criteria to be appropriate?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

Please provide comments / evidence to support your answer:

17. The HELAA methodology explains how the Council will engage with neighbouring authorities and relevant organisations on strategic housing and economic land matters. Do you agree with this approach?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

Please provide comments / evidence to support your answer:

18. Do you have any further comments on the HELAA methodology that have not been covered elsewhere in this response form?