

West Berkshire Council evidence, data and statistics (January 2020)

Document	Publication date	Purpose of document	Weblink
Affordable Housing Need	2020	An assessment of affordable housing need within West Berkshire	n/a
Affordable Housing Viability Assessment	2020	The study will be used to inform the affordable housing policy within the Local Plan Review.	n/a
Air Quality Study	2020	The study will consider the potential cumulative impacts on European designations for the protection of qualifying habitats and species, and the potential cumulative impacts on West Berkshire's Air Quality, including Air Quality Management Areas and in places at risk of breaching an air quality objective.	n/a
Annual Monitoring Reports	Annual	Examines progress on the preparation of the Local Plan and monitors the policies set out within development plan documents.	http://www.westberks.gov.uk/amr
Baseline Transport modelling	2020	Consideration of the impact of development upon the districts highway network	n/a
Employment Land Review	2020	Assessment of sites for employment development, and analysis of the sufficiency and suitability of the existing and future supply of land.	n/a
Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Assessment (GTAA)	2020	The assessment will provide the overall pitch/plot requirements for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople across the district	n/a
Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)	End Jan 2020	<p>The HELAA will make a preliminary assessment of the suitability and potential of the sites that have been promoted to the Council by landowners and developers.</p> <p>The HELAA will be a useful starting point if you are considering allocating sites within your neighbourhood plan.</p>	n/a
Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)	2020	The IDP will set out details of the infrastructure needed to support delivery of the Local Plan Review. It is likely that this piece of work will be led	n/a

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		by the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) team.	
Landscape Character Assessment	2019	Tool to assess and identify features and elements that contribute to the character of the landscape. It will inform planning policies and the allocation of land for development.	https://info.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=47980&p=0
Landscape Sensitivity Assessments	2009, 2011, 2014 & 2015	Assessment of the sensitivity of the character of the landscape to future development.	https://info.westberks.gov.uk/lca
Planning commitments – non-residential uses	Annual	Provides information about current planning permissions for industrial, commercial and retail development, indicating development progress at the survey date. Only floorspace where there is a net gain/loss of 100 sq.m or more is monitored. <i>Note that we have not produced these documents from 2014 onwards due to resource issues, however we have Excel spreadsheets which contain the raw data that can be provided on request.</i>	http://www.westberks.gov.uk/amr
Planning commitments - housing	Annual	Shows total dwellings completed, outstanding commitments, number of dwellings on sites newly permitted in the previous 12 months and number of dwelling starts. The documents contain summary tables and detailed schedules of progress on sites with permission for housing. <i>Note that we have not produced these documents from 2014 onwards due to resource issues, however we have spreadsheets which contain the raw data that can be provided on request.</i>	http://www.westberks.gov.uk/amr
Playing Pitch Strategy	2020	The strategy will assess the need for playing pitches.	n/a
Five Year Housing Land Supply	Annual	We are required to identify enough deliverable sites to meet our housing requirement for the next five years. We produce these documents annually and sometimes more frequently if we have planning	http://www.westberks.gov.uk/amr

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		inquiries which are challenging our housing land supply.	
Western Berkshire Retail and Commercial Assessment 2016	2016	Sets out the need for retail and commercial leisure uses in the study area	http://www.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=44209&p=0 http://www.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=44210&p=0 http://www.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=44211&p=0 http://www.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=44212&p=0
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Part 1 and Part 2 (SFRA)	2020	Will determine the variation in flood risk across the district. The Level 1 assessment will look at the district as a whole, whilst the Level 2 assessment will look at specific sites or areas.	n/a
Berkshire (including South Bucks) Strategic Housing Market Assessment	2016	<p>Assessment of housing needs into the local and wider housing market area.</p> <p><i>Please note that following the publication of revised national planning policy, the SHMA is now superseded by the standard method for calculating housing need</i></p>	http://www.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=45375&p=0
Berkshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) Sensitivity Report	2018	<p>Consideration of the 2016 SHMA findings against more recent data.</p> <p><i>Please note that following the publication of revised national planning policy, the SHMA is now superseded by the standard method for calculating housing need</i></p>	http://www.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=45375&p=0
Water Cycle Study	2020	<p>Assessment of the relationship between development and the water environment around West Berkshire, by examining the potential impacts of future growth on three main aspects of the water cycle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water resources • Water quality • Flood risk 	n/a

Data and statistics:

The following page on the Council's website pulls together a variety of facts and figures on the district, including from the 2011 Census and the Office for National Statistics (ONS): <http://www.westberks.gov.uk/research>. Note that this webpage is maintained by the Council's Performance, Research and Risk Team, not Planning Policy.

Note on biodiversity/nature conservation

The Planning Policy team have not produced any specific studies on this, however there is information on ecology, biodiversity enhancement and nature conservation on our website: <http://www.westberks.gov.uk/natureconservation>.

Note on historic environment:

The Planning Policy team have not produced any specific studies on this, however the Council's website does have some information:

<http://www.westberks.gov.uk/planningarchaeology>

<http://www.westberks.gov.uk/historicenvironmentmanagement>

<http://www.westberks.gov.uk/her>

<http://www.westberks.gov.uk/historicenvironmentprojects>

The Council's Archaeology team have produced some guidance for neighbourhood planning groups.

Further reading and information sources:

Locality: the organisation have produced various toolkits and guidance for neighbourhood planning groups on how to produce various evidence studies:

<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance/>

Planning Aid England 'Sources of data and statistics – putting the pieces together': http://www.rpi.org.uk/media/1282924/sources_of_data_and_statistics.pdf

