

Reading Borough Council

Examination of the Reading Borough Local Plan Partial Update

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HEARING AGENDA – DAY 2

Wednesday 12 November 2025 at 9.30am

Note:

- This hearing is being held virtually.
- All participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the hearing statements produced by the Council and other parties in respect of the issues addressed at this session. These are available on the Examination website.
- References to questions in square brackets are those posed by the Inspector in the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions - Stage 1 Hearings (EX010). This can be viewed on the Examination website.
- The matter statements provided for each session and the participants are listed on this agenda.
- The agenda follows the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions, but additional questions will be asked.
- The Local Plan Partial Update with tracked changes (LP003b) will be referred to during the hearing.

Matter 2: Housing Need and Requirement

1. Inspector's Opening Remarks
2. Housing Need and Requirement [2.1 – 2.6]
3. Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople [2.7 – 2.9]

Statements received for Matter 2

- Reading Borough Council (EX017)
- Mark Behrendt, Home Builders Federation (EX025)

- Peter Dutton, Gladman (EX024)
- Nick Kirby, Lichfields on behalf of Universities Superannuation Scheme Ltd (EX022)

Participants for Matter 2

- Reading Borough Council
- Mark Behrendt, Home Builders Federation
- Peter Dutton, Gladman
- Bethan Haynes, Lichfields on behalf of Universities Superannuation Scheme Ltd

Figures to be referred to during the hearing

NB: Figures taken from relevant evidence base documents and the Council's Matter 2 statement (EX017).

Figure	Measurement	Dwellings per annum
A	Reading adopted Local Plan Policy H1 (2019) (PP005 and LP003b)	689
B	Berkshire SHMA housing need which underpinned the 2019 Local Plan (referred to in PP005 and LP003b)	699
C	Reading Housing Needs Assessment July 2024 (EV011)	735
D	Reading Housing Needs Assessment (EV011) plus 35% cities and urban centres uplift (as calculated by Inspector)	992
E	Standard method with 35% cities and urban centres uplift applied – relevant at time of Regulation 19 consultation on Local Plan Partial Update	878
F	Standard method with 35% cities and urban centres uplift applied – relevant at time of submission of Local Plan Partial Update	822
G	Reading Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment November 2024 (EV015 and EV016) assessed capacity	825
H	Capacity-based requirement figure for Reading within Policy H1 of Local Plan Partial Update (LP003b) – expressed as an 'at least' figure over the plan period to 2041	825