

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Current (5-year) Housing Land Supply Position and Local Plan Status***

#### **Request:**

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your Planning Department, regarding your current (5-year) housing land supply position and in regard to your current local plan (status):

- 1) a copy of your current 'five year housing land supply' position statement. If you cannot provide a current housing land supply position statement, please provide the most recent document illustrating your district's housing land supply position.

With reference to question 1, your request for information has now been considered and the City of Wolverhampton Council is not obliged to supply the information you requested for the reasons set out below.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires City of Wolverhampton Council, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) states the fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies:

In relation to your particular request, the following exemption applies:

#### **Section 21 – Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means**

We can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for in relation to the above. However, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOI Act because it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that the current five-year housing land supply position statement is provided within the Wolverhampton SHLAA 2019. You can access it on our website via the following link:

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies/housing-site-information>

Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act exempts disclosure of information that is reasonably accessible by other means, and the terms of the exemption mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for you to have the information.

You can find out more about Section 21 by reading the extract from the Act, available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

- 2) a copy of, or hyperlink, to your current (adopted) local plan and the date it was adopted.  
Please see our response above.

Information on the adopted plans forming part of the Wolverhampton local plan is available at: <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies>

- 3) The same information for any Site Allocations, Development Management Policy Plan, or similar "Local Plan part 2" document which forms part of the "local plan" alongside a core strategy (or similar).  
Please see our response to question 2 above.
- 4) If your plan is more than 5 years old, please let me know if this plan has been reviewed and is therefore seen as "up-to-date".  
The Black Country Core Strategy was adopted in 2011 and is therefore more than 5 years old. This document is being reviewed – information is available at: <https://blackcountrycorestrategy.dudley.gov.uk/bccs/> The plan is still being used to determine planning applications.
- 5) If your plan period has ended, or if the plan is more than five years old and has not been reviewed, please let me know if you are currently working on a plan review and/or if you are still using the policies of the plan, which already passed its plan period, for the determination of planning applications.  
Please see our response to question 4 above.