

You will be pleased to know neighbourhood plans are provided protections in instances where the presumption in favour of sustainable development would otherwise apply due to the local planning authority lacking a 5 year supply of land available for housing, and, provided all of the following criteria are met:

- a) the neighbourhood plan became part of the development plan, or has been updated, two years or less before the date on which the decision is made;
- b) the neighbourhood plan contains policies and allocations to meet its identified housing requirement;
- c) the local planning authority has at least a three year supply of deliverable housing sites, and;
- d) the local planning authority's housing delivery was at least 45% of that required over the previous three years.

I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely,

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