

Annex 8: Housing Issues Introduction & Legislative Requirements

Introduction

A8.1. As the topic of housing is a wide-ranging subject, it has been broken down into 3 sections:

- **Housing Need** (including existing and future general need and specialist housing needs);
- **Local Housing Land Requirement** (setting Fife's Indicative Local Housing Land Requirement)*; and
- **Localised Housing Issues** (including empty homes, second homes, short term lets and houses in multiple occupation)

*A **technical paper** that outlines how the Indicative Local Housing Land Requirement has been calculated has also been prepared to support the Local Housing Land Requirement paper.

Legislative Requirements

Table 1: Information required by the Act regarding the issues addressed in the housing sections

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) (Act) 1997, as amended:	Section Addressed within
Section 15(5)	
<p>(ca) the housing needs of the population of the area, including, in particular, the needs of persons undertaking further and higher education, older people and disabled people,</p> <p>(cb) the availability of land in the district for housing, including for older people and disabled people,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Housing Land Requirement; and • Housing Need • Housing Need
<p>Section 16(2):</p> <p>(ab) are to have regard to the list published under section 16E of persons seeking to acquire land in the authority's area for self-build housing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Need
<p>Section 16B(3):</p> <p>(b)(i) the Evidence Report must set out a summary of the action taken by the planning authority to support and promote the construction and adaptation of housing to meet the housing needs of older people and disabled people in the authority's area, and an analysis of the extent to which the action has helped to meet those needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Need

Table 2: Information required by the Associated Acts regarding the issues addressed in the housing sections

Associated Acts:	Section Addressed within:
<p>The Local Housing Strategy is required by the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, as amended, to be informed by an assessment of housing provision that is carried out by a Housing Needs & Demand Assessment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Housing Land Requirement; and • Housing Need

Table 3: Information required by the Associated Regulations regarding the issues addressed in the housing sections

Associated Regulations:	Section Addressed within:
<p>The Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2023, Regulation 9(2)</p> <p>(2) The information and considerations are –</p> <p>(e) the following plans and strategies, insofar as relating to the local development plan area –</p> <p>(ix) any local housing strategy *</p> <p>* “local housing strategy” means a strategy (and any modified strategy) prepared and submitted to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with section 89 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Housing Land Requirement • Housing Need