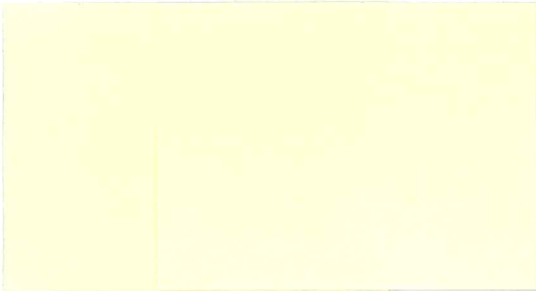




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Dear Mark,

Thank you for your email in relation to the Housing Delivery Test (HDT) and National Parks, raising your concern about how the calculation works for authorities in relation to National Parks.

Due to the circumstances in this particular case, we agree that the Housing Delivery Test score for Staffordshire Moorlands District Council should be revised, as set out in the Annex of this letter, which shows that the recalculated result is 68%.

For the avoidance of doubt, this letter supersedes the measurement for your local authority area which was published on 19th February 2019.

The revised Housing Delivery Test measurement for Staffordshire Moorlands will take effect upon receipt of this letter, as will any consequences that apply as a result of the measurement. This will remain in place until the next full publication of the Housing Delivery Test measurement.

We can assure you that we are looking into how the Housing Delivery Test works in areas associated with National Parks and how we can improve the process of collecting and processing the information used for future Housing Delivery Tests.

I hope this letter provides a satisfactory resolution to the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Planning Policy Team.

Annex

In terms of the homes required, the local plan is deemed 'in date' (i.e. less than 5 years old) for all three years of the calculation, however household projections are used as these are lower than the adopted local plan figure (as per paragraph 12 of the HDT Rule Book).

It has been brought to our attention that the model used to calculate the Housing Delivery Test removes the homes delivered in national parks even when household projections are used. As household projections are based on local authority boundaries, it is only fair that they should include delivery within both the District and National Park Local Planning Authority areas. MHCLG accepts, therefore, that the National Park delivery should not be removed in the case of Staffordshire Moorlands for the 2018 measurement. As a result, we have recalculated the measurement for Staffordshire Moorlands as follows:

Area Name	Number of homes required			Total number of homes required	Number of homes delivered			Total number of homes delivered	Housing Delivery Test: 2018 measurement	Housing Delivery Test: 2018 consequence
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18			
Staffordshire Moorlands	188	184	173	544	99	128	142	369	68%	Buffer