

**NEI10 What was the net increase or decrease in the number of homes in the District?**

Outturn			Target
2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
299	229	267	230

**Responsible Officer**

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Director of Neighbourhoods

Improvement Action	Target Dates	Key Measures / Milestones
<p>The current target is set taking into account recent performance. The number of new units built in the District exceeded the target in 2015/16.</p> <p>The housing target for the District will be determined in the new Local Plan. The Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2015) identified an objectively assessed housing need of 11,300 over the period 2011 – 2031, amounting to 565 units per annum. However, it is clear that this figure alone does not equate to an appropriate housing target. Work on preparing the new Local Plan is progressing, with the next public consultation event due to be held in the autumn of 2016.</p>	<p>Draft plan Preferred Approach consultation – Autumn 2016</p>	<p>Draft plan Preferred Approach consultation – Autumn 2016</p> <p>Pre-Submission representation period – Spring 2017</p> <p>Submission for Examination – Autumn 2017</p>

**Please detail any budget or resource implications of the improvement actions you have listed overleaf. Please quantify any additional resources which will be required to implement the improvements and detail how the additional resources will be allocated.**

The Local Plan budget is monitored and reviewed periodically to ensure sufficient resources are available to deliver the Local Plan.

**Please describe any contextual factors, internal or external, which may impact upon the ability to deliver the improvements listed.**

The Planning system is in a continued state of flux, and whilst best endeavours are being made to ensure the new Local Plan is delivered as quickly as possible, the significant external influences of continued changes to policy and guidance at a national level are a substantial risk.

There is a substantial level of cooperation required between Epping Forest District and several of the neighbouring authorities. At officer and Member level there are working groups that have been established to facilitate discussion and agreement on key issues, such as the levels of housing and employment growth. Until such point as agreement is reached between the authorities, there is a significant risk to the delivery of the Council's Local Plan.