



**BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
JOINT HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY STUDY 2015**

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## 1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This is the Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Joint Housing Land Availability Study (JHLAS) for 2015 which presents the housing land supply for the area at the base date of 1st April 2015. It replaces the report for the previous base date of 2014.

1.2 The JHLAS has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of *Planning Policy Wales, Technical Advice Note 1 (TAN 1): Joint Housing Land Availability Studies* and the Guidance Note on the JHLAS process (September 2012). Please refer to these documents for details of the requirements for the maintenance of a five year housing land supply in each Local Planning Authority area and the process for undertaking JHLASs. This document can be accessed on the Welsh Government web site using the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/planning/planningstats/housing-land-availability-in-wales/?lang=en>

1.3 Section 2 sets out details of the housing land supply and how it has been calculated. It shows that based on the residual method set out in TAN 1, Blaenau Gwent County Borough has **2.01 years housing land supply**.

### Involvement

1.4 The housing land supply has been assessed in consultation with:

- Home Builders Federation
- Linc Cymru Housing Association
- United Welsh Housing Association
- Melin Housing Association
- Dwr Cymru / Welsh Water

### Report production

1.5 Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council issued draft site schedules, site proformas and accompanying information for consultation between 15<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015. A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) was subsequently prepared by the Council and following consultation with the Study Group was submitted to the Welsh Government on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

1.6 All matters were agreed following the consultation and set out in the SoCG.

1.7 This JHLAS report has been prepared on the basis of the SoCG.

## 2.0 HOUSING LAND SUPPLY

2.1 The five year land supply comprises sites with planning permission (outline or full), sites with a resolution to grant planning permission subject to the signing of a section 106 agreement and sites allocated for housing in adopted development plans, categorised as prescribed in TAN 1.

2.2 The land supply has been calculated using the residual methodology, based on the Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council's Local Development Plan 2006 to 2021 which was adopted in November 2012.

**Table 1 – Identified Housing Land Supply**

*(A full list of sites can be found in Appendix 1)*

<b>Housing Land Supply (base date to base date plus 5 years) - Large Sites</b>						
	Proposed homes	5 Year Land Supply (TAN 1 categories)		Beyond 5 Years		Homes completed since last study
		1	2	3	4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>

2.3 Five year large site land supply break-down (i.e. Categories 1, 2):

Private	572
Public	
Housing Association	192
<b>Total</b>	<b>764</b>

## 2.4 Small Site Supply

The contribution from small sites of less than 10 dwellings is based on the completions for the last five years.

**Table 2 – Small Site Completions for previous 5 years**

<b>Small Site Completions</b>					
2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012	2012 - 2013	2013 - 2014	2014 -2015	Total
8	23	23	22	<b>22</b>	<b><u>98</u></b>

2.5 Overall total 5 year land supply (large + small sites) is **862** (764 + 98).

**Table 3: Five Year Land Supply Calculation***(Using the Residual Method)*

<b>LDP Dwelling Requirement 2006-2021</b>	<b>Total Dwellings Completed  01st April 2006 – 1st April 2015</b>	<b>Remainder 01/04/2015 – 01/04/2021 (6 Years)</b>	<b>5 Year Requirement  01/04/2015 – 01/04/2020</b>	<b>Annual Need</b>	<b>Total Approved Land Available By 01st April 2015</b>	<b>Total Land Supply In Years</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C=A-B</b>	<b>D= 2563/6*5</b>	<b>E=D/5</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G=F/E</b>
3500	937	2563	2135.833	427.16	862	2.01

**RESIDENTIAL LAND AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE**  
**Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council**

Based on Council's Forecast of completions. Sites grouped by Market Sector & Settlement

JHLAS Study Base Date: 01 Apr 2015

**Market sector: Housing Association**

**Settlement: Abertillery**

LPA Ref No	Site Name	No of dwellings Units					U/C	Area (Ha) Remaining	Forecast completions					Revised 2015 Categorisation			
		Completed	Total	Since Last	Capacity	Remaining			2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1	2	3	4
828	Former Mount Pleasant Court Brynithel	0	0	18	18	0	0.52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0
<b>* TOTALS for Abertillery(Housing Association)</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>

**Settlement: Blaina**

LPA Ref No	Site Name	No of dwellings Units					U/C	Area (Ha) Remaining	Forecast completions					Revised 2015 Categorisation			
		Completed	Total	Since Last	Capacity	Remaining			2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1	2	3	4
831	Blaina and District Hospital	0	0	18	18	18	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0
<b>* TOTALS for Blaina(Housing Association)</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Settlement: Brynmawr**

LPA Ref No	Site Name	No of dwellings Units					U/C	Area (Ha) Remaining	Forecast completions					Revised 2015 Categorisation			
		Completed	Total	Since Last	Capacity	Remaining			2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1	2	3	4
826	Former Garn Fach School Site	0	0	28	28	0	0.81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0
<b>* TOTALS for Brynmawr(Housing Association)</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>

**Settlement: Ebbw Vale**

LPA Ref No	Site Name	No of dwellings Units					U/C	Area (Ha) Remaining	Forecast completions					Revised 2015 Categorisation			
		Completed	Total	Since Last	Capacity	Remaining			2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1	2	3	4
735	ADJ Sports Grnd, Gwaun Helyg (HE20)	0	0	73	73	13	1.15	0	20	20	20	0	13	60	0	0	

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**Settlement: Ebbw Vale**

LPA Ref No	Site Name	No of dwellings Units				U/C	Area (Ha) Remaining	Forecast completions					Revised 2015 Categorisation			
		Completed	Total	Since Last	Capacity			Remaining	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1	2	3
776	Commercial Street, Briery Hill	0	0	32	32	16	0.47	16	0	0	0	0	16	16	0	0
809	Victoria Avenue, Victoria, Ebbw Vale NP238ED	0	0	15	15	15	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
<b>* TOTALS for Ebbw Vale(Housing Association)</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Settlement: Tredegar**

LPA Ref No	Site Name	No of dwellings Units				U/C	Area (Ha) Remaining	Forecast completions					Revised 2015 Categorisation			
		Completed	Total	Since Last	Capacity			Remaining	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1	2	3
778	Former Sirhowy Infants School	0	0	23	23	0	0.83	0	0	23	0	0	0	23	0	0
818	Cartref Aneurin Bevan	0	0	13	13	0	0.38	0	0	0	13	0	0	13	0	0
819	Greenacres	0	0	18	18	0	0.50	0	0	18	0	0	0	18	0	0
<b>* TOTALS for Tredegar(Housing Association)</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.71</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>** TOTALS for Housing Association</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4.66</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>
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**Market sector: Private**

**Settlement: Abertillery**

LPA Ref No	Site Name	No of dwellings Units					U/C	Area (Ha) Remaining	Forecast completions					Revised 2015 Categorisation			
		Completed	Total	Since Last	Capacity	Remaining			2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1	2	3	4
714	Roseheyworth Junior, Comprehensive, land off morley road	0	0	32	32	0	1.00	0	16	16	0	0	0	0	32	0	0
715	Six Bells Colliery Site Nr Lancaster St (NP132NW)	0	0	40	40	0	1.47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0
716	Warm Turn, Aberbeeg	0	0	15	15	0	0.60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
736	At Cwm Farm Road (nante farm rd) - NP132PA	0	0	20	20	0	0.66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0
779	Penrhiw Estate, Brynithel, Abertillery	0	0	23	23	0	0.97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0
815	Hill Crest View (Land Adj)	0	0	22	22	0	0.82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0
827	Quarry Adjacent to Cwm Farm Rd, Six Bells	0	0	22	22	0	0.64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0
<b>* TOTALS for Abertillery(Private)</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6.16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>0</b>

**Settlement: Blaina**

LPA Ref No	Site Name	No of dwellings Units					U/C	Area (Ha) Remaining	Forecast completions					Revised 2015 Categorisation			
		Completed	Total	Since Last	Capacity	Remaining			2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1	2	3	4
7	Cwm Farm, Blaina (Tanglewood)	120	8	169	49	1	3.05	8	8	8	8	8	1	40	8	0	
<b>* TOTALS for Blaina(Private)</b>		<b>120</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.05</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	



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**Settlement: Brynmawr**

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		Completed	Total	Since Last	Capacity			Remaining	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1	2	3
10	Clydach Street (land at), Brynmawr	7	0	15	8	0	0.27	0	2	2	2	2	0	8	0	0
32	Noble Square Industrial Estate Unit 1,TS Woodcraft - Brynmawr	12	0	37	25	0	0.49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
47	Roberto Neckwear, Limestone Road, Brynmawr	0	0	19	19	0	0.76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0
299	Waun Ebbw Road & Pond Road, land at junction, Brynmawr	0	0	11	11	0	0.27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0
811	Glaslyn House (former nursing home) Alma Street, Brynmawr	0	0	10	10	0	0.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
821	Infants School and Old Griffin Yard	0	0	36	36	0	1.04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0
822	Crawshay House	0	0	25	25	0	0.71	0	0	25	0	0	0	25	0	0
823	Land to the East of Blaina Road	0	0	25	25	0	0.72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
824	Land to the North of Winchestown	0	0	15	15	0	0.43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
825	West of the Recreation Ground, (Chapel Rd) Nantyglo	0	0	15	15	0	0.42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
829	NMC Factory and Bus Depot	0	0	60	60	0	2.82	0	0	0	30	30	0	60	0	0
<b>* TOTALS for Brynmawr(Private)</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8.05</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>10</b>

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		Completed	Total	Since Last	Capacity	Remaining			2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1	2	3	4
17	Cwmyrdderch Court Flats (North of), Ebbw Vale	1	0	16	15	0	1.28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
26	Letchworth Road, (letchworth mount)Ebbw Vale	7	2	22	15	1	0.31	3	3	3	3	2	1	14	0	0	
37	Pant-Y- Fforest / Brynmawr Road (adj), Ebbw Vale	0	0	21	21	0	1.78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	
718	Corus Site	4	0	520	516	0	77.40	0	0	30	30	60	0	120	396	0	
729	Higgs Yard (Off New Church Rd)	0	0	29	29	0	0.53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	
731	Beaufort Garage, Beaufort Road	0	0	7	7	0	0.20	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	
820	Willowtown	0	0	22	22	0	0.63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	
830	Ebbw Vale Nothern Corridor	0	0	555	555	0	23.00	0	0	0	30	30	0	60	495	0	
830A	Ebbw Vale Northern Corridor - Former Rhyd-y-Blew Reservoir	0	0	250	250	0	0.00	0	0	30	30	30	0	90	160	0	
<b>* TOTALS for Ebbw Vale(Private)</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1442</b>	<b>1430</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>105.14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>1138</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Settlement: Tredegar**

LPA Ref No	Site Name	No of dwellings Units					U/C	Area (Ha) Remaining	Forecast completions					Revised 2015 Categorisation			
		Completed	Total	Since Last	Capacity	Remaining			2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1	2	3	4
25	LCR Factory (former), Charles St Tredegar	2	0	14	12	1	0.18	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	6	0	
38	Park Hill (land at), Tredegar	0	0	293	293	0	13.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	293	0	
41	Pochin Houses, former factory site, Tredegar	0	0	28	28	0	0.63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	

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		Completed	Total	Since Last	Capacity	Remaining			2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	1	2	3	4
43	Poultry Farm - Queen Victoria Street (land at), Tredegar	19	0	22	3	0	0.80	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	
60	Upper Ty Gwyn Farm, Nantybawch	13	0	48	35	1	0.99	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	29	0	
722	ADJ Chartist Way, Tredegar	0	0	80	80	0	3.70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	
723	Gas Works, Vale Terrace, Tredegar	0	0	25	25	0	0.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	
725	Peacehaven Tredegar	53	17	147	94	24	1.90	20	20	20	10	0	24	70	0	0	
775	The Goldmine Inn (formally sirhowy inn) Tredegar	0	0	16	16	0	0.17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	
777	BKF Plastics	0	0	54	54	0	1.80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	
808	Land Off Merthyr Rd Tredegar (Corporation Yard)	0	0	23	23	0	0.73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	
814	Former St Joseph's School, Glandovey Terrace, Tredegar	5	0	10	5	0	0.12	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	
<b>* TOTALS for Tredegar(Private)</b>		<b>92</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24.53</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>** TOTALS for Private</b>		<b>243</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2813</b>	<b>2570</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>146.92</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>*** GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>243</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3051</b>	<b>2808</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>151.58</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>10</b>	

## Past Completions Data

Year	Number of Homes Completed On		
	Large Sites	Small Sites	Total Completions
2007	32	41	73
2008	49	53	102
2009	97	53	150
2010	91	24	115
2011	64	8	72
2012	190	23	213
2013	59	23	82
2014	59	22	81
2015	27	22	49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>937</b>

## Previous Land Supply Data

Year	5 year supply - Number of Homes (TAN1 Category)		Number of Years Supply	Supply beyond 5 years – Number of homes	
	1	2		3	4
2011	258	825	7.9	1245	0
2012	142	543	7.6	1414	0
2013	73	1040	3.3	1797	0
2014	82	763	2.57	1990	0
2015	90	674	2.01	674	10