

National Planning Framework 4

Falkirk

Minimum All-Tenure Housing Land Requirement

ASSESSMENT REPORT

Scottish Government

Planning & Architecture Division and Housing & Social Justice

September 2021

CORE OUTPUTS ASSESSMENT

1 Locally Adjusted Estimate

	Initial Default Estimate	Locally Adjusted Estimate
Falkirk	5,250	5,250

No adjustment to the initial default estimate was proposed. The figure is largely driven by newly forming households.

The estimate is not benchmarked against 10 year completions (2010-2019) of 4,579 units ([Housing statistics quarterly update: new housebuilding and affordable housing supply - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)) or completions from the Housing Land Audit.

2 Household Projections (Newly-Forming Households)

The National Records of Scotland (NRS) 2018-based principal migration variant is used by the authority. They do not propose an alternative.

The household projection is 3,850.

Household Projection: Default Compared to Adjusted Estimate

	Default	Adjusted
Falkirk	3,850	3,850

3 Existing Housing Need

Existing Housing Need: Default Compared to Adjusted Estimate

	Default	Adjusted
Falkirk	350	350

Falkirk Council agrees with the Scottish Government default estimate of existing housing need and does not propose an alternative estimate.

4 Flexibility Allowance

Falkirk Council uses the urban flexibility classification of 25%.

CORE PROCESSES ASSESSMENT

1	Using the Response Template and Excel Calculator The Council used the Response Template but only completed Part 1 (household projections), Part 2 (existing housing need) and Part 5 (HMP and stakeholders). Word limits have not been exceeded. No Excel Calculator was submitted.
2	Housing Market Partnership and Stakeholders Involvement The Housing Market Partnership (Falkirk Strategic Housing Group) comprises Falkirk Council Housing, Falkirk Council Planning and Environment, Link Group, Falkirk Council Social Work Adult Services, Paragon Housing Association, NHS Scotland, Kingdom Housing Association, CVS Falkirk and Homes for Scotland. The HMP met on 26 April 2021 to discuss the initial default estimate and accepted the default inputs into the first stage of the HNDA and noted the outputs produced by Scottish Government. Separate discussions with Homes for Scotland raised a concern with the HNDA model, the use of the population and household projections and the existing housing need figure. Homes for Scotland did not have any specific objections although their preferred calculation, based on a percentage of a national housing target of 25,000 units per annum, produced a slightly higher figure for the Falkirk Council area.
3	Joint Housing and Planning Senior Official Sign-Off Appropriately signed-off by lead housing and planning officers.
4	Statistical Evidence The Council used robust data sources including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NRS 2018-based principle household projections• Scottish Government estimate of existing housing need
5	Policy Evidence As no adjustment to the initial default estimate was proposed, the Council has not considered the influence of policy drivers.

MINIMUM ALL-TENURE HOUSING LAND REQUIREMENT (MATHLR)

For the reasons specified above the proposed MATHLR is:

	MATHLR
Falkirk	5,250