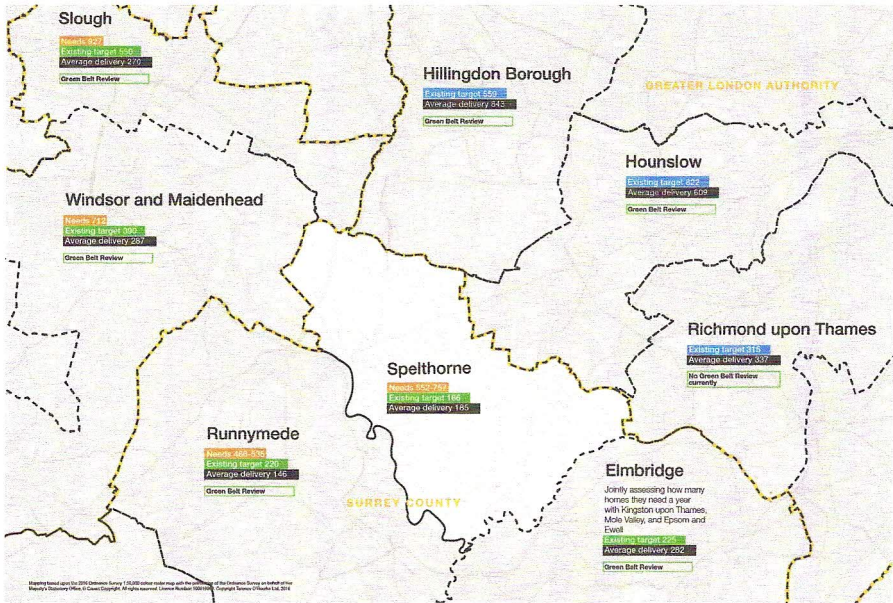


Meeting Spelthorne's housing need

Map showing Spelthorne's housing need, target and delivery in comparison with neighbouring Councils



*The current targets for the supply of new homes in the London Plan do not meet identified need and are likely to be revised upwards during the upcoming London Plan Review.

It is evident from the findings of the independent Strategic Market Housing Assessment commissioned by Spelthorne Borough Council that Spelthorne needs to provide more housing. However, Spelthorne is limited in where it can locate new homes, as much of the borough is constrained by reservoirs and designations (see map displayed on the projector) and it is clear that Spelthorne does not have any easy choices. Nonetheless, the Council has a duty to ensure there are enough homes available for its residents and Spelthorne must look at all options to meet its housing targets.

Other surrounding Councils are also looking at how they meet their housing need. Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead and Runnymede also have an objectively assessed need for housing and are currently undertaking reviews of their Green Belt boundaries. Other London Councils already have higher targets than Spelthorne and are likely to be required to provide more housing during the next review of the London Plan.

Put simply – The capacity for neighbouring Councils to take a share of Spelthorne's housing need is minimal, and Spelthorne is going to have to find sites for more homes than it has previously identified.