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**Supporting Statements
(FOI Request – Basildon Borough Council FOI CAS- 492230)**

For

2no. Affordable Housing Development

At

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1.0 OVERVIEW

- 1.1 FOI Response from Basildon Borough Council outlining that there are **2286 applicants (up to March 2022)** on Basildon's Housing Register with only **308** planning consents having been approved in the 5 years between 2017-2021
(Note no date for 2022 available presently)
- 1.2 This document provides officers and members with a clear and robust evidence base in relation to the identified need for affordable housing within the area.
- 1.3 In addition, Paragraph 149 states; ***A local planning authority should regard the construction of new buildings as inappropriate in the Green Belt. Exceptions to this are:***
f) limited affordable housing for local community needs under policies set out in the development plan (including policies for rural exception sites);
- 1.4 In the absence of an up-to-date Local Plan, it is considered appropriate to obtain the, **'local community needs'** from a range of reliable sources such as Basildon Borough Council to allow officers and members to have accurate information to support this proposal.

From: **Basildon Council, Email Notification** <donotreply@basildon.gov.uk>
Date: Mon, 11 Apr 2022 at 10:30
Subject: Information Provided : CAS-492230-G0G2G5

I refer to your Freedom of Information request submitted on 28/03/2022.

I have attached the information you have requested.

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Yours sincerely,

Laura Nelham

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Freedom of Information

Report Details:

Thank you for this can you please confirm the date the South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment Addendum 2017 was adopted please.

Also upon confirming this adoption date could you please similarly confirm how many of each of the mentioned three types of property that the Council have approved since this confirmed date to enable us to clearly identify a comparison window between the target and the actual delivery.

I would also be grateful if you could please confirm the following for Wickford specifically;

1. The total number of people that are on your housing register requiring social affordable housing currently - **2286 – total number on housing register as of 29.03.2022**
2. Can you confirm how many of each of the following types of housing that the Council have approved within the last 5 years detailed on a per year basis
 - o Affordable Housing not specified – **specified in the table below**
 - o Shared Ownership - **specified in the table below**
 - o Social Rent – **specified in the table below**
 - o Affordable Rent – **specified in the table below**
3. How many affordable units the Council currently need in Wickford overall to meet demand - **Housing need has been calculated at the borough level and, therefore, this information is not held.**

Thank you, much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Basildon Borough Council does not currently have an adopted Local Plan and, therefore, the South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment Addendum has not been adopted. It was completed and published in May 2017.

Can you confirm how many of each of the following types of housing that the Council have approved within the last 5 years detailed on a per year basis

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Affordable housing not specified	73	48	12	0	15
Shared Ownership	29	17	0	4	40
Social Rent	6	0	12	5	13
Affordable Rent	0	0	0	9	25