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**Project 405 – 22**

**Supporting Statements  
(FOI Request – Basildon Borough Council FOI CAS- 485454)**

**For**

**2no. Affordable Housing Development**

**At**

**MASCOT (SITE)  
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### 1.0 OVERVIEW

- 1.1 FOI Response from Basildon Borough Council outlining that there are **2257 applicants (up to Feb 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 Regarding demand, the FOI confirms that the Basildon Borough Council have identified a delivery of **288** affordable units per annum since 2017 which is **1440** with only **308** delivered a short fall of **1132**.
- 1.3 The FOI response also confirms that Basildon Borough Council have failed to identify rural exception sites.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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);***
- 1.6 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 Home England to allow officers and members to have accurate information to support this proposal.

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I refer to your Freedom of Information request submitted on 04/03/2022.

I have attached the information you have requested.

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Yours sincerely,

Laura Nelham

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The total number of people that are on your housing register requiring social rent property

As of end of February 2022 there were 2257 applicants on the housing register.

The total number of people that are on your housing register requiring affordable rent property

We do not hold a list of people requiring affordable housing – our list is for applicants to be offered social housing. Some Housing associations charge affordable rent but they are available to all on the housing register.

- The total number of people that are on your housing register requiring intermediate shared ownership property

This information is held by Help to Buy (South) who can be contacted here: [About us \(helptobuyagent3.org.uk\)](http://helptobuyagent3.org.uk)

- Can you confirm how many of each of the above three types of property that the Council have approved since 2016

As of 31/03/2021 the following planning consents have been granted.

Affordable Housing not specified	148 units
Shared Ownership	90 units
Social Rent	36 units
Affordable Rent	34 units

- How many affordable units the Council currently need overall to meet demand

The most recent evidence (South Essex Strategic Housing Market Assessment Addendum 2017) identifies a need for 288 affordable units per annum.

- Do you have a list of rural exception sites within your borough and if so can this list be provided please

There are no rural exception sites within Basildon Borough.