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Project 405 – 22

Supporting Statements
(FOI Request – Home England – Information Governance Team)

For

2no. Affordable Housing Development

At

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1.0 OVERVIEW

- 1.1 FOI Response from Home England – Information Governance Team outlining that there are **613 applicants** on Basildon’s Shared Ownership Housing Register and that there are currently **32** for Wickford requiring intermediate share ownership properties.
- 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.



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Date: 25 April 2022

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RE: Request for Information – RFI3830

Thank you for your request for information which was processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested the following information:

Could you please confirm, the total number of people that are on your housing register requiring intermediate shared ownership property in Basildon and also more specifically, Wickford

Response

We can confirm that there are 613 applicants on our Basildon shared ownership housing register and 32 for Wickford requiring intermediate shared ownership properties.

Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request an internal review. You can request an internal review by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

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Your request for review must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response. Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for review will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

The Information Governance Team

For Homes England

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