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Department: Planning
Title: Five year supply of deliverable housing sites
Description: Information about the Council's supply of deliverable housing sites

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Dear Sir/Madam,

As planning consultants, we are considering bringing a site forward for residential development and I have been directed to request information on whether the council as local planning authority is currently able to demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable housing sites (with the appropriate buffer, as set out in paragraph 73 of the National Planning Policy Framework).

In this regard, would you please be kind enough to assist me by providing the following information at your earliest convenience:

1. For purposes of decision-taking (determining planning applications), is the Authority currently able to demonstrate a five-year supply of deliverable housing sites (with the appropriate buffer, as set out in paragraph 73 of the National Planning Policy Framework)?
2. What is the level (expressed in years) of the council's current supply of deliverable housing sites?
3. What is the appropriate buffer applicable to the council's supply?
4. Has a Planning Inspector or Inspectors confirmed, rejected or determined the current position referred to in Questions 1 and 2 in determining any appeals?
5. If so, would you please be kind enough to provide the appeal reference number(s)?
6. When is the authority's new local development plan anticipated to be ready to be adopted?

Your kind assistance in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any clarification.

Yours faithfully,

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

Q1 and Q2 Please see the Council's latest Five Year Housing Land Supply note

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Documents/09-Planning--Building-Control/Planning-Policy/Five-Year-Housing-Land-Supply-note-2018-19.pdf>

Q3 5%

Q4 and Q5 Details of all planning appeal decisions can be viewed on the Council's website via the planning application search pages

Q6 Please see the Council's Local Development Scheme for more details

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Documents/09-Planning--Building-Control/Planning-Policy/Local-Plan/Local-development-scheme-2019.pdf>

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Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services