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From: foi <foi@ashfield.gov.uk>
Sent: 11 September 2024 14:33
To: Nathan Price
Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Request - Housing Data 17331

Dear Nathan,

Thank you for your email of 14 August 2024 where you requested information about Housing data. We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our electronic records, we have established that the information you have requested is held by this Authority.

Housing Register

1. The total number of households on the Council's Housing Register at 31 March 2024
4404

2. The average waiting times at 31 March 2024 for the following types of affordable property across the Authority:

- a. 1-bed affordable dwelling; 122 weeks
- b. 2-bed affordable dwelling; 123 weeks
- c. 3-bed affordable dwelling; and 129 weeks
- d. A 4+ bed affordable dwelling. 122 weeks

These waiting times are not a true reflection because an applicant could have been on the waiting list with no housing need (band 5) for 10 years. At a later time their circumstances change whereby their priority is reviewed and are awarded band 1. In band 1 they could potentially only have to wait a matter of weeks.

3. The average waiting times at 31 March 2023 for the following types of affordable property across the Authority:

- a. 1-bed affordable dwelling; 119 weeks
- b. 2-bed affordable dwelling; 115 weeks
- c. 3-bed affordable dwelling; and 120 weeks
- d. A 4+ bed affordable dwelling. 127 weeks

These waiting times are not a true reflection because an applicant could have been on the waiting list with no housing need (band 5) for 10 years. At a later time their circumstances change whereby their priority is reviewed and are awarded band 1. In band 1 they could potentially only have to wait a matter of weeks.

4. The total number of households on the Council's Housing Register at 31 March 2024 specifying the following locations as their preferred choice of location:

Location	Household Preferences (31 March 2024)
Sutton Junction & Harlow Wood Ward	Unable to supply this information because it is not mandatory for a household to specify a preferred choice of location.

5. The number of properties advertised, and the average number of bids per property over the 2023/24 monitoring period for the following types of affordable property in the locations listed below:

Type of affordable property	Sutton Junction & Harlow Wood Ward	
	Number of properties advertised	Average Bids per Property
1-bed affordable dwelling	5	162
2-bed affordable dwelling	10	285
3-bed affordable dwelling	7	320
4+ bed affordable dwelling	N/A	N/A

6. Any changes the Council has made to its Housing Register Allocations Policy since 2011 including:

- The date they occurred;
- What they entailed;
- Copies of the respective documents

Social Housing Stock

7. The total number of social housing dwelling stock at 31 March 2024 in the following locations:

Location	Total Social Housing Stock (31 March 2024)
Sutton Junction & Harlow Wood Ward	95

Social Housing Lettings

8. The number of social housing lettings in the period between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023; and between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024 in the following locations:

Location	Social Housing Lettings	
	1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023	1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024
Sutton Junction & Harlow Wood Ward	3	22 (A new development was completed during this period comprising of 20 properties)

Temporary Accommodation

9. The number of households on the Housing Register housed in temporary accommodation within and outside the LPA region on the following dates:

Households in Temporary Accommodation	31 March 2023	31 March 2024
Households Housed within Ashfield District	37	48
Households Housed outside Ashfield District	5*	2*
Total Households	42	50

“Ashfield District Council utilises its own housing stock as temporary accommodation. This figure denotes where a household was temporarily/initially placed for a short period of time in hotel accommodation outside

Ashfield District when a duty arose under the provisions of the homelessness legislation These households are then prioritised for move on into the council owned stock within the Authority area.

10. The amount of money spent on temporary accommodation per household within the Ashfield District region over the following periods:

- 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Ashfield District Council predominantly utilises its own housing stock as temporary accommodation. Households can be placed temporarily/initially for a short period of time in hotel accommodation before moving onto council owned stock or units of supported accommodation within the Authority area. Exact breakdowns of the individual costs of each temporary accommodation type/location are not available.

11. The amount of money spent on temporary accommodation per household outside the Ashfield District region over the following periods:

- 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Not available. Ashfield District Council predominantly utilises its own housing stock as temporary accommodation. Household can be placed temporarily/initially for a short period of time in hotel accommodation outside Ashfield District before moving onto council owned stock or units of supported accommodation within the Authority area. Some households may also be placed in hotels within the Authority area for a period of time. The expenditure to, for example, a certain hotel chain would be known but not the individual breakdown for hotels inside/outside of District or for individual cases.

Housing Completions

Please see archived Housing Land Monitoring Report 2014 attached for historic completions up to 2011. For later years please see Housing Land Monitoring Report 2024 which is available on the website: <https://www.ashfield.gov.uk/planning-building-control/local-plan/monitoring/>. Combining both creates a full picture from 2000 – 2024.

For the specifics of each question:

12. The number of NET housing completions in the Ashfield District region broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2023/24.

For all net completions, see section 8 of the 2014 report, and tables 7a & 7b of the 2024 report on the website.

13. The number of NET affordable housing completions in the Ashfield District region broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2023/24.

For affordable housing completions, see section 9 of the 2014 report, and table 8 of the 2024 report on the website.

14. The number of NET housing completions in Sutton Junction & Harlow Wood Ward broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2023/24.

We do not hold information on housing completions broken down by ward

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If you are unhappy with the way your enquiry has been dealt with, you may ask for an internal review by submitting a request within one month of the date of this response. Your request should be addressed to the DPO DPO@ashfield.gov.uk

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Kind regards,
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From: Nathan Price <nathan.price@tetlow-king.co.uk>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]:Freedom of Information Request - Housing Data

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I hope this email finds you well. I write to you to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in respect of housing matters in Sutton Junction & Harlow Wood Ward, as well as the Ashfield District Council area.

Please see below the FOI request. Please let me know if you have any queries or require any clarification; I look forward to hearing from you within the relevant timescales.

Confirmation of receipt would be greatly appreciated.

Freedom of Information Request

Questions 1 to 11 of this request relate to data held by the Housing Department.
Questions 12 to 15 of this request relate to data held by the Planning Department.

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Glossary of Terms

Housing Register	The housing register is a waiting list of households in a given authority area who are eligible and in need of an affordable home.
Affordable Property	Housing for sale or rent, for those whose needs are not met by the market (including housing that provides a subsidised route to home ownership and/or is for essential local workers); and which complies with one or more of the following definitions: a) Affordable housing for rent b) Starter Homes c) Discounted market sales housing; and d) Other affordable routes to home ownership.^[1]
Housing Completion	A dwelling is counted as completed when construction has ceased, and it becomes ready for occupation. This includes new build dwellings, conversions, changes of use and redevelopments. Housing completions should be provided as net figures.
Net	Net refers to total (gross) figures minus any deductions (for example, through demolitions).
Monitoring Period	From 1 April in any given calendar year through until 31 March in the following calendar year.
Prevention Duty	The prevention duty applies when a local authority is satisfied that an applicant is threatened with homelessness and eligible for assistance.
Relief Duty	The relief duty applies when a local authority is satisfied that an applicant is homeless and eligible for assistance.
Parish	The smallest unit of local government.

Ward	A division of a city or town, for representative, electoral, or administrative purposes.
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^[1] As defined by Annex 2 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2023) which can be viewed [here](#).

I look forward to hearing from you. If there are any issues with providing any of the data then please get in touch.

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