**WBCIR:15829 - Freedom of Information Request**

**Housing Register**

1. The total number of households on the Council's Housing Register at 31 March 2022.

**2592**

1. The average waiting times at 31 March 2022 for the following types of affordable property across the Authority:

1. 1-bed affordable dwelling;
2. 2-bed affordable dwelling;
3. 3-bed affordable dwelling; and
4. A 4+ bed affordable dwelling.

**We do not produce average wait times as we run an individual short list for each void property against those that are eligible for that specific property and have that area of choice selected, in order of banding and waiting time.**

1. The average waiting times at 31 March 2021 for the following types of affordable property across the Authority:
2. 1-bed affordable dwelling;
3. 2-bed affordable dwelling;
4. 3-bed affordable dwelling; and
5. A 4+ bed affordable dwelling.

**We do not produce average wait times as we run an individual short list for each void property against those that are eligible for that specific property and have that area of choice selected, in order of banding and waiting time.**

1. The total number of households on the Council's Housing Register at 31 March 2022 specifying the following locations as their preferred choice of location:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Location** | **Household Preferences**  **(31 March 2022)** |
| Wescott Ward |  |
| Norreys Ward |  |

**We are not able to answer this as our Allocation areas of choice are not based on wards but areas within the borough – the Wokingham area includes both the Westcott Ward and the Norreys ward. We do not ask which ward is preferred.**

1. The average number of bids per property over the 2021/22 monitoring period for the following types of affordable property in the locations listed below:

|  |  |  |
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| **Type of affordable property** | **Average Bids Per Property**  **(1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022)** | |
| Wescott Ward | Norreys Ward |
| 1-bed affordable dwelling |  |  |
| 2-bed affordable dwelling |  |  |
| 3-bed affordable dwelling |  |  |
| 4+ bed affordable dwelling |  |  |

**We do not run a bidding system; Housing Register applicants are not able to bid on a property, we allocate from wait list which are generated for each individual property against the applicants who have selected that area of the borough.**

**Social Housing Stock**

1. The total number of social housing dwelling stock at 31 March 2022 in the following locations:

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| **Location** | **Total Social Housing Stock (31 March 2022)** |
| Wescott Ward |  |
| Norreys Ward |  |

**We are not able to answer this as our IT system separates properties to areas within the borough – both the Westcott Ward and the Norreys ward will be listed as ‘Wokingham’.**

**Social Housing Lettings**

1. The number of social housing lettings in the period between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021; and between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022 in the following locations:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Location** | **Social Housing Lettings** | |
| **1 April 2020 to**  **31 March 2021** | **1 April 2021 to**  **31 March 2022** |
| Wescott Ward | **5** | **20** |
| Norreys Ward | **49** | **45** |

**Temporary Accommodation**

1. The number of households on the Housing Register housed in temporary accommodation within and outside the Wokingham Borough Council region on the following dates:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Households in Temporary Accommodation** | **31 March 21** | **31 March 22** |
| Households Housed within Wokingham Borough Council | **79** | **71** |
| Households Housed outside Wokingham Borough Council | **35** | **13** |
| Total Households | **114** | **84** |

**Homelessness**

1. The number of homelessness applications in the last 12 months (please specify 12 month period used) which the Council has assessed as having:

* 1. a prevention duty: **141**
  2. a relief duty: **210**

**Housing Completions**

1. The number of NET housing completions in the Wokingham Borough Council region broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2021/22.

**The number of NET housing completions in the Wokingham Borough Council region broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2021/22.  
Borough-wide completion data for Wokingham up until 2020/21 is available on the internet and is located on the ONS site:** [**https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/1035591/Live\_Table\_122.ods**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1035591/Live_Table_122.ods) **The completion data for 2021/22 will be published publicly within Wokingham’s 5 Year House Land Supply document later this year and will subsequently be available on ONS after this time.**

1. The number of NET affordable housing completions in the Wokingham Borough Council region broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2021/22.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Affordable Housing Completions** | **Year** | **Affordable Housing Completions** |
| 2000/01 | **No data** | 2011/12 | **146** |
| 2001/02 | **No data** | 2012/13 | **91** |
| 2002/03 | **No data** | 2013/14 | **108** |
| 2003/04 | **No data** | 2014/15 | **95** |
| 2004/05 | **No data** | 2015/16 | **123** |
| 2005/06 | **No data** | 2016/17 | **212** |
| 2006/07 | **173** | 2017/18 | **482** |
| 2007/08 | **71** | 2018/19 | **365** |
| 2008/09 | **77** | 2019/20 | **465** |
| 2009/10 | **70** | 2020/21 | **187** |
| 2010/11 | **70** | 2021/22 | **189** |

1. The number of NET housing completions in Wescott Ward and Norreys Ward  broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2021/22.

**The number of NET housing completions in Wescott Ward and Norreys Ward broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2021/22.  
I have consulted various colleagues in the Planning department and as far as I know, we do not currently hold completion data by Ward. We hold completion data dating back to 2004, but this is categorised by Parish only. We hold site-specific completion data as far back as 2007 and so the only way to get this data by Ward would be by going through thousands of planning applications for half of Wokingham Parish to determine pre-2007 completions and spatially map them to the specified Wards. This task would exceed far beyond 18 hours of work to complete and may not be possible due to the changes in monitoring systems within the past 20 years.**

1. The number of NET affordable housing completions in Wescott Ward and Norreys Ward broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01and 2021/22.

**We do not hold completion data by ward, only by generic site names as given to us by the Registered Providers who own the relevant affordable homes in each location. The task of going back to cross reference each site against the relevant planning applications and wards would exceed 18 hours of work to complete and may not be possible due to changes in monitoring systems over the past 20 years.**

**Glossary of Terms**

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| **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:   1. Affordable housing for rent 2. Starter Homes 3. Discounted market sales housing; and 4. Other affordable routes to home ownership.[[1]](#footnote-1)[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. |

1. [1] As defined by Annex 2 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) which can be viewed [here](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fuploads%2Fsystem%2Fuploads%2Fattachment_data%2Ffile%2F1005759%2FNPPF_July_2021.pdf&data=05%7C01%7Cinformationrequests%40wokingham.gov.uk%7Cdfa4b1f45b1348d07dcd08da6969b802%7C996ee15c0b3e4a6f8e65120a9a51821a%7C0%7C0%7C637938200167224401%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7pocsFm5GbV5NLFVu4Dy7jr8dRIFtmkhqNFh1B7gw9M%3D&reserved=0). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)