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Adam Irish
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Dear Adam

Local Government Official Information And Meetings Act 1987
Housing development

I refer to your request which we received on 9 March 2021, regarding information relating to housing development. I also refer to my email to you on 8 April 2021, extending the timeframe for us to respond to your request. Thank you for your patience while we have worked on this response. Our response to your questions is as follows:

What number of new subdivisions have been granted resource consent in the Auckland City region each year over 6 years.

Please refer to the following table for the number of subdivision applications granted in the last six years. Please note this is not the number of sections created as each application may involve multiple new sections.

YEAR	NUMBER
2015	2348
2016	2914
2017	2523
2018	2335
2019	2419
2020	2601

What are the numbers of new subdivisions planned or in the consenting process for the next 5 years.

I have been advised that we are unable to respond to your request for future subdivision consents. We don't have this data available as we don't know how many consents we will get in the future.

What level of spending has gone into new subdivision infrastructure by the council each year over the last 6 years. What level is planned for the next 5 years.

The council does not fund infrastructure for subdivisions. Developers contribute to the provision of infrastructure for subdivisions to mitigate the effects of their development. The council funds bulk infrastructure that deals with the cumulative effects of development. Or in existing urban areas/brownfield development some connecting infrastructure may require

council investment in part. Infrastructure for new development comes in many forms and includes new assets as well as renewals and upgrades of existing infrastructure assets.

The council does not record infrastructure funding for subdivisions specifically as we do not deliver or pay for the subdivision infrastructure, this is paid for and delivered by the developer and the asset is vested in council on completion.

The council's planning for infrastructure investment focuses on the broader concept of growth. You can find out more about Auckland's infrastructure development strategy in the Auckland Plan 2050 [here](#). Auckland Council's proposed [10-year Budget 2021-2031](#) also includes a plan for infrastructure investment over the next ten years.

If you have any further questions about council spending on infrastructure, please feel free to contact the General Manager, Development Programme Office, on (09) 301 0101.

Has the council formed any strategies to help the building and development for housing for first home buyers in the Auckland region and in particular Auckland City. If so what are these plans.

Auckland Council plays a key role in increasing the supply of housing in Auckland including for first home buyers. This includes, through:

- resource, building consents and compliance processes: with 17,100 new dwellings consented in Auckland over the past year, a 14 per cent increase over the previous 12 months and the highest level of consenting Auckland has seen for decades
- planning and urban development functions
- infrastructure funding and planning: Auckland's Council's long-term plan ([currently under consultation](#)) seeks to enable additional infrastructure investment in transport, housing, water and the environment of around \$900 million in the next three years and at the same time will support the renewal of key transport, water and community facility assets. This includes an extra \$550 million for transport, \$145 million for water infrastructure, \$54 million for stormwater and \$65 million for community facilities. These investments will help to ensure that these communities have the infrastructure needed to enable additional housing
- partnerships with government for example the Auckland Housing Programme – seeking to build around 22,000 new homes in Auckland over the next 10-15 years
- providing support to Community and Māori Housing providers who make an important contribution to the supply of housing for first home buyers on lower incomes
- guidance and information provision.

You can find out more via this link: <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/our-plans-strategies/auckland-plan/homes-places/Pages/implementing-homes-and-places-outcome.aspx>

In September 2020, the Auckland Council Planning Committee approved an affordable housing work programme. The work programme builds our wider work to help increase the supply of affordable housing in Auckland including for first home buyers.

You can access the relevant reports and decisions via the links below:

https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2020/09/PLA_20200903_AGN_9798_AT.PDF Please see Agenda item 8 Affordable housing report back: Approval for forward work programme

https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2020/09/PLA_20200903_MIN_9798.PDF

https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2020/11/PLA_20201105_AGN_9800_AT.PDF Please see Agenda items 8 Options for increasing the stock of housing for older people and 9 Affordable housing report back: Inclusionary zoning and options for a planning response

https://infocouncil.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Open/2020/11/PLA_20201105_MIN_9800.PDF

The decision by Auckland Council to release the information contained in this response was made by **Ian Smallburn**, General Manager Resource Consents, **John Dunshea**, General Manager Development Programme Office and **Kataraina Maki**, General Manager, Community & Social Policy.

I also wish to apologise for the delay in getting this response to you and draw your attention to your right to seek a review from the Office of the Ombudsman about this extension.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101, quoting LGOIMA No. 8140008271.

Yours sincerely



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