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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email dated 5 January 2025 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to housing needs and developments in the Horowhenua. Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

Data on local housing demand, including any assessments of homelessness or housing shortages in the area.

Central Government ministries and agencies collect data on housing demand, capacity, shortages and homelessness. More information can be found on the websites for [Ministry of Social Development](#), or [Ministry of Housing and Urban Development](#).

On the Horowhenua District Council (the Council) website, there is an opinion piece from Mayor Bernie Wanden called [Taking on the Affordable Housing Challenge](#).

The following are among the strategies, policies and plan Council has adopted to address housing demand and supply, affordability and homeless:

[He Hapori Pakari - Community Wellbeing Strategy 2024-2027](#)

[Horowhenua Growth Strategy 2040](#)

[Housing Development Plans and Affordability](#)

[Housing Action Plan](#)

In August 2023, the [Wellington Regional Leadership Committee](#) presented Horowhenua housing and business development capacity assessment.

The links mentioned above will take you to some of the key reports and discussion. However, more information can be found online.

Insights into local partnerships or programs to address housing challenges.

Council has convened a developer's forum which includes for-profit and not-for-profit members. The forum meets periodically to discuss progress in addressing challenges around housing in the district.

We are facilitating a cross-sector homelessness network for the district. The next meeting is scheduled in late February. Please contact Shirley Johnson, Community Development Lead if you would like to attend.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Horowhenua District Council publishes responses to Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) requests that we consider to be of wider public interest, or which relate to a subject that has been widely requested. To protect your privacy, we will not generally publish personal information about you, or information that identifies you. We will publish the LGOIMA response along with a summary of the request on our website. Requests and responses may be paraphrased.

If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Blair Spencer (Group Manager Housing and Business Development) on blairsp@horowhenua.govt.nz, or LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi,



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