

Neighbourhood Plan supporting evidence: local housing needs

Email correspondence with Wiltshire Council Housing Department re local housing needs

In these two emails, Wiltshire Council:

- provided details of the number of households in the parish on the Wiltshire Council housing register in October 2018 with a subsequent update for March 2021
- questioned the need for a survey of housing needs within the parish, as the development at Longhedge would be expected to provide sufficient affordable housing to meet these needs.

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

23 March 2021 at 12:18

Dear [REDACTED],

I have looked at both the Housing Register (households with immediate need for housing) and Open Market Register (households not considered to be in need, but who might want to move or may be eligible for intermediate tenures). The needs data for Laverstock and Ford is as follows:

Laverstock and Ford – 16/03/21

	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	Total
Housing Register	7	5	0	2	14
Open Market Register	0	5	0	0	5
Total	7	10	0	2	19

I have also requested an update on the data held by Help to Buy South. On 22/03/21, there were 2 households on the Register for Shared Ownership in Laverstock and Ford as follows:

1 x 2 bed

1 x 3 bed

Please get back to me if you need further information.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Principal Development Officer - Housing Enabling Team

(Salisbury, Southern Wiltshire, Mere, Tisbury & Wilton)

Major Projects & Enabling - Housing & Commercial Development

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 October 2018 11:59
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: L&F NP - Housing Needs Survey

Dear [REDACTED],

I have been forwarded your email below. Apologies that you have had to wait for a response.

Our Rural Housing Needs Survey Programme is very busy, and unfortunately we are currently unable to support a survey of this size. Some of our Neighbourhood Plan Groups in larger parishes have chosen to use money available to them through their Neighbourhood Plan work to commission their own survey. If you choose to do this, I can provide information which will enable the survey to be designed to take into account Wiltshire Council's Allocations Policy & Procedures for affordable homes.

However, I have looked at the current needs data on Wiltshire Council's Housing Register and on Help to Buy South's register for Shared Ownership, and wonder whether a housing needs survey is required for Laverstock and Ford as the housing currently coming forward at Longhedge meets the need on the Register and is likely to meet any need identified in a housing needs survey. I suggest that you discuss this with your Neighbourhood Plan Link Officer before deciding whether to proceed with a survey.

I have looked at both the Housing Register (households with immediate need for housing) and Open Market Register (households not considered to be in need, but who might want to move or may be eligible for intermediate tenures). The needs data for Laverstock and Ford is as follows:

Laverstock and Ford – 31/10/18

	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	Total
Housing Register	4	0	1	1	6
Open Market Register	1	1	1	1	4
Total	5	1	2	2	10

Data obtained from Help to Buy South on 08/10/18 shows 20 households on the Register for Shared Ownership in Laverstock and Ford as follows:

- 1 x 1 bed
- 7 x 2 bed
- 10 x 3 bed
- 2 x 4 bed

There are currently 111 Affordable Homes either on-site or in the pipeline at Longhedge.

I would be happy to provide updated needs data as your Neighbourhood Plan progresses. Please get back to me if you need any further information or clarification.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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