Reference: FOI4540



Request:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to find out from the local authority how many homes it has allocated as part of its local plan to be built in medium and high-risk flood-zones? The information relates to the council's latest local plan. However, if the council's local plan is out of date then please supply the number of homes that are currently allocated in its draft, examination or final adoption form clarifying this detail. A high-risk flood zone is designated by the Environment Agency (EA) as a flood zone 3 whilst a medium flood-risk zone is designated as a flood zone 2. However, the local planning authority should provide this information based on its own designation of flood zone 3a or 3b.

• The name of the local plan e.g. Wirral's Local Plan 2020 to 2035

North Tyneside Local Plan 2011 to 2032.

Sequential Test - reference to the North Tyneside Sequential Test 2015/16 is recommended to ensure an understanding of the assessment undertaken and actual risk of flooding for potential allocations within the Local Plan. In all cases within North Tyneside only part of any given site was subject to potential flood risk. As such, any reference to dwelling numbers within a given flood zone are estimates based on the proportion of the site within that flood zone and capacity for development needs to be met in full without entering the flood zone. The following figures are based on an estimate based on this principle.

• The number of homes allocated for flood zone 2 area e.g. 5,500 homes in a flood risk 2 area.

45 dwellings.

• The number of homes allocated to be built in a flood zone 3a and 3b e.g. 3,000 homes in flood risk zone 3a and 500 homes in zone 3b

3a - 23 dwellings.

3b - 14 dwellings.

• Details of any planned infrastructure flood defences that accompany the local plan e.g. a new hard wall to be installed along the river X, reducing X many homes from a high risk to medium risk.

No specific proposals identified in the Local Plan.

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