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Request:

How many new housing developments have been approved by the council in the past year, and what measures are in place to ensure that these developments are affordable and meet the needs of the local community?

Response:

Between 1 April 2022 and 4 April 2023 the Council approved a total of 42 planning applications for housing development, that may deliver a total of 420 dwellings. Of these developments, four schemes provide 11 or more dwellings whilst 27 developments were for just one or two dwellings.

The Authority considers planning applications for conformity with the North Tyneside Local Plan which includes policy regarding provision of affordable housing and the range and type of development proposed. Local Plan Policy "DM4.6 Range of Housing Types and Sizes" establishes that regard should be had to the latest evidence of housing needs for applications for housing development set out in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment, evidence of the Borough's housing needs that was last updated in 2022. Meanwhile policy "DM4.7 Affordable Housing", establishes that, subject to securing the viability of development, housing developments of 11 or more dwellings should make provision for affordable housing tenures – these are homes that are either made available for social or affordable rents (at an approved discount on market rates), shared ownership or for sale at a discount to market value.

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