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Request:

Please provide me with the following information:

What is the council's policy on providing affordable housing, and can you provide data on the availability and affordability of housing in the area?

Response:

Planning applications for housing development are considered by the Council as Local Planning Authority to ensure they accord with the North Tyneside Local Plan 2017 (<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/North%20Tyneside%20Local%20Plan%202017-2032.pdf>). The Local Plan 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 Council's latest evidence of housing needs for applications for housing development set out in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (<https://northtyneside.sharepoint.com/sites/SHMA2021/Shared Documents/General/reports/North Tyneside 2021 SHMA Final Report 11 Mar 22>), 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.

The Strategic Housing Market Assessment that is available via the link below includes a wide range of analysis and data regarding housing availability and its relative affordability to residents in North Tyneside. The SHMA forms the basis of the Council's understanding of housing needs in the Borough and provides the necessary evidence to secure affordable housing contributions from private housing developers.

In addition to the above planning requirements the Council maintains a priority to delivery 5,000 affordable homes within the Council Plan "Our North Tyneside" (<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1241/our-north-tyneside-plan>) and is

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currently working on a new Housing Strategy for the period 2023 to 2028

(<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/node/31121>). The current Housing Strategy is available online here (<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1467/housing-strategy>).

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