

## Environmental Information Regulations Request No. 5039

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### Request/Response

- 1) The percentage of affordable housing required for housing developments of 10 dwellings or more or that are greater than 0.5 hectares in area. If more than one level is set in planning policies – for example varying by location in the district or size of development – the maximum, minimum and district average percentages.

The Rother Local Plan Core Strategy (adopted 2014) contains policy LHN2: Affordable Housing - <http://www.rother.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22426&p=0>

On 28 November 2014, Central Government amended the national Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) to detail specific circumstances when affordable housing and tariff-style planning obligations should not be sought. It indicates that sites of 5 or less cannot seek affordable housing (either on-site provision or financial contributions). In Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) Local Authorities can seek financial contributions towards affordable housing of sites of 6-10 dwellings. On sites of 11 or more, on-site provision can be sought.

It was agreed at [Cabinet](#) on 9 March 2015 that, pending further work, the Council would give greater weight to the PPG than Core Strategy Policy LHN2 in relation to the thresholds at which affordable housing is triggered in the determination of planning applications. This interim approach will be reviewed via the DaSA Local Plan.

In addition, the Rother District Proposed Submission Development and Site Allocations (DaSA) Local Plan which was submitted for Examination on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 contains Policy DHG1: Affordable Housing which is proposed to replace the current adopted policy LHN1 - <http://www.rother.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=30793&p=0>

- 2) The average percentage of affordable housing agreed on approval of planning applications for housing developments of 10 dwellings or more or that are greater than 0.5 hectares in the council's area for each of 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Rother District Council does not hold this information. However the Local Plan Monitoring Report (<http://www.rother.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=30262&p=0>) as at 1 October 2018 details the gross affordable housing completions in the District since 2011.