

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA150218-3947

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 15 February 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. *In each of the following financial years: 2013-14 – to present date of this request. Please state for each year:*
 - a) *How many (number) of homes have been approved*
 - b) *How many (number) of these were affordable homes*

The information you requested can be found in the respective Annual Monitoring Reports which are on our website on the following link:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/implementing-london-plan/monitoring-london-plan>

2. *What is your current affordable housing target expressed as a percentage?*

There are currently two versions of The London Plan which are in force. The current London Plan, which was published by the former Mayor, Boris Johnson. This plan did not set an affordable housing target as a percentage. More details on this can be found in policy 3.11:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/london-plan/current-london-plan/london-plan-chapter-3/policy-311-affordable>

The new draft London Plan, which was published by the current Mayor, Sadiq Khan and recently underwent public consultation from 1 December 2017 – 2 March 2018, has a long-term strategic target of 50% of new homes to be affordable. The plan also contains a threshold approach to affordable housing, which incentivises a fast track route to viability testing. The threshold level of affordable housing is initially set at:

- A minimum of 35 per cent (on private land)

- 50 per cent for public sector land
- 50 per cent for Strategic Industrial Locations, Locally Significant Industrial Sites and other industrial sites deemed appropriate to release for other uses.

More information on this can be found on the following link, in particular Policies H5 Delivering affordable housing and H6 threshold approach to applications:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/london-plan/new-london-plan/draft-new-london-plan/>

3. *How many section 106 agreements have agreed with developers since the Growth and Infrastructure Act became law in April 2013? Please break this down in the same financial years as in Q1*
4. *How many of these Section 106 agreements successfully resulted in the loss or gain in the number of affordable homes?*
5. *For each financial year, please state:*
 - a) *The total number of affordable homes that have been lost or gained as a result of the renegotiations*
 - b) *How this compares with the number originally specified*

The GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as local Borough Councils. We therefore do not hold the information you have requested in questions 3-5, and you would need to contact the individual local Borough Councils:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area>

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA150218-3947.

Yours sincerely

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