

5 February 2025

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy which is available on the Council's website.

Your request for information was received on 8 January 2025 and related to housing demands in the Rangitikei District. Our response is below:

1. Data on local housing demand, including any assessments of homelessness or housing shortages in the area.

Response:

Council's growth strategy is contained in Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond, Community Spatial Plan. [Pae-Tawhiti-Rangitikei-Beyond-Spatial-Plan-Web.pdf](#) This document outlines the growth scenarios planned for, and calculated land supply/demand for residential purposes across the District. The document focuses on land availability and projected demand. It does not assess homelessness or housing shortages.

Council has 72 one-bedroom housing units for those aged 65 years plus and on low income, with minimal assets, spread throughout the Rangitikei District. We have 17 active applications for our housing units (with another two tenancies commencing in the next few weeks). Enquiries have dropped off over the past 12 months, however we believe this is because word is out in the community that there often is not any availability, and that availability is based on when existing tenants vacate. Our flats represent good value when compared to market rental situations, and so older tenants tend to remain in these flats for long periods of time.

2. Updates on regional housing development plans and initiatives aimed at addressing housing affordability.

Response:

Council is working on an Urban Growth Plan Change which seeks to rezone land in Marton, Bulls and Mangaweka to meet demand through to 2050. It will also review the District Plan provisions

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for residential and rural lifestyle development. Having a sufficient supply of zoned land is a key component in ensuring continued long term housing supply and affordability.

3. Insights into local partnerships or programs to address housing challenges.

Response:

Work and Income, Kāinga Ora, and Ministry of Housing and Urban Development may be able to assist with these questions. Likewise, Mokai Patea Services and Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa may be suitable contacts to approach. Taihape Community Development Trust initiated an umbrella group that go under the name of Taihape Housing Steering Group, they can be contacted directly at info@taihape.co.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/about/contact-us/official-information> with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Alicia Hansen 06 327 0099.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Gordon'.

Carol Gordon

Deputy Chief Executive / Group Manager Strategy, Community & Democracy