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Thank you for your email of 30 June 2022 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities via the FYI website requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can you please advise in detail what the housing demand is for KiwiBuild properties and for what typologies in Blenheim? It is presumed that these are all at the current price point of \$500k.

I have discussed your request with the relevant team in Kāinga Ora who advised that as there has not been a development with KiwiBuild homes in Blenheim, there is a limited amount of information available regarding applicants' preferences.

KiwiBuild demand in Blenheim

As at 30 June 2022 there were 12 applications created for KiwiBuild homes, three of which were submitted, by people who gave their current residential address as being in Blenheim. Of the three that were submitted, one application required more information, while the remaining two pre-qualified for KiwiBuild.

Typologies

While Kāinga Ora may provide feedback to a developer on their proposal, the number of bedrooms in a KiwiBuild property is ultimately determined by the developer. For a developer, the underwrite offered by the KiwiBuild programme allows them to unlock development finance more quickly than they may have otherwise if they had to secure pre-sales of homes.

An important consideration for developers when deciding on typologies are the price caps on one, two, and three-bedroom KiwiBuild homes. These price caps were recently updated and announced by the Minister of Housing on 19 July 2022: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/more-measures-build-more-affordable-homes>.

Images of the types of homes that have been offered through the KiwiBuild programme can also be found at: <https://www.kiwibuild.govt.nz/about-kiwibuild/home-types/>.

Further information and links for developers

If your company is aiming to deliver a development in Blenheim, Kāinga Ora recommends that you visit the KiwiBuild website at: <https://www.kiwibuild.govt.nz/aboutkiwibuild/information-for-developers/>.

Additional information about the KiwiBuild programme can also be found on the website of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, which is responsible for monitoring the performance of KiwiBuild:

- <https://www.hud.govt.nz/site-search/?keyword=Kiwibuild>
- <https://www.hud.govt.nz/research-and-publications/statistics-and-research/the-government-housing-dashboard/>.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://kainga.ora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

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