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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 7781775 (OIR: 2021-142)

I refer to your information request we received on 1 December 2020 for the following information:

After various discussions with residents on delays and problems seeking building permits on in the Kapiti Coast I write seeking your assistance to obtain answers to the following questions.

1. How many applications for new dwellings have been lodged with the Council in the past 12 months?

According to the council's records it issued **192** new dwelling consents for the 12-month period beginning 14 December 2019, ending 14 December 2020.

To clarify, this date was chosen as it was close to the time when the council's Building Consents team first received your request.

This was out of a total of **892** building consents it issued during this period. I would add, this total number of consents does not include applications for amendments to issued building consents, certificates of acceptance or applications for modifications or waivers to the New Zealand Building Code for issued building consents.

I note that in our audited Annual Report for 2019/20 references that on average Building Consent processing time was 10 days, taking into account the 'clock off' period where we have asked for further information to be able to completely assess the consent application.

2. How many applications for dwelling alterations have been lodged in the past 12 months?

According to the council's records it issued **647** consents for dwelling alterations for the 12-month period beginning 14 December 2019 and ending 14 December 2020.

3. How many of each of the above have been approved without a 'stop'?

According to the council's records, of the **892** building consents issued during the 12-month period beginning 14 December 2019 and ending 14 December 2020, a total of **248** residential consents were issued without a "stop" or request for further information.

The **248** consents can be broken down into:

- **9** new dwelling consents that were issued without a stop or request for further information;
- **239** consents for dwelling alterations were issued without a stop or request for further information.

4. How many of each of the above have taken more than three months from first application to result in the issue of a permit?

According to the council's records there were **39** residential building consents that took more than 3 months to be issued from date of receipt of the application.

The **39** consents can be broken down into:

- **21** new dwelling consents;
- **18** consents for dwelling alterations.

39 Building Consents were issued beyond three months of receipt due to our requests for further information from the applicant or their agent taking considerable time to be responded to or being incomplete once received back from the applicant/agent.

We are working closely with the industry to identify the key areas where applications are failing at first point of receipt so that we can collectively improve the quality of information submitted to Council and in turn expedite that building of quality and fit for purpose dwellings in Kāpiti.

I hope we have answered your questions sufficiently, however you are welcome to contact Steve Cody - Building Team Manager if you have any queries regarding our response. He can be reached on:

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Nga mihi,



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