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Dear

## OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY – ASSIGNMENT OF HOUSING TYPOLOGIES

I refer to your official information request dated 22/09/2021 for more information about the Future Development Strategy, particularly the assignment of housing typologies to the various zones within the strategy. Specifically, how Council assigned the typologies noted on page 21 at 4.3.6 of the Nelson Tasman FDS – Technical Background Report.

The Future Development Strategy (FDS) 2019 is a high level strategic growth planning document that was developed under the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity 2016, which was the relevant National Policy Statement of that time. The FDS is required to be reviewed and updated on three to six yearly cycles, so that amendment and refinement can be made in response to the changing growth environment over time.

The FDS 2019 proposed different densities in different areas that were typically anticipated to be the predominant typology based on information at that time, including town houses, terraced housing, apartments etc. Specifically, Council officers assessed the likelihood of different development typologies and assigned them to different areas by considering aspects such as land type, access to active transport, employment and centres, infrastructure, and potential climate change effects.

As a high level growth strategy, the FDS is intended as a guide only, to ensure the Council can plan, so as to be better prepared, for where growth may be located in the future. In all situation's developers are able to apply to Council for consideration of a development of a lesser or greater density.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Clare Barton on 03 546 0343 or at clare.barton@ncc.govt.nz.



Yours sincerely

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