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To: [Redacted]
Subject: Official Information Request for Building Consent Information Ref: OIA 092/23
Date: Monday, 18 September 2023 3:31:00 pm
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Dear [Redacted]

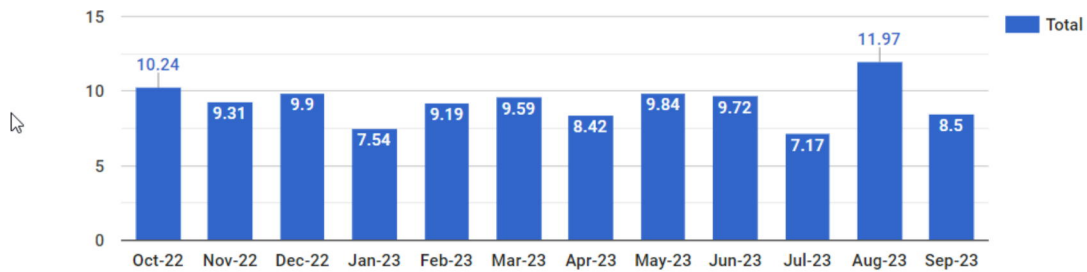
We refer to your official information request dated 21 August 2023 for Building Consent Information.

We have answered questions 1 - 6 marked below in red. However, we have decided to refuse the second part of Q 5 under section 17 (f) - as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

1. *the average time for a consent to be processed and approved at your council.*

As per below:

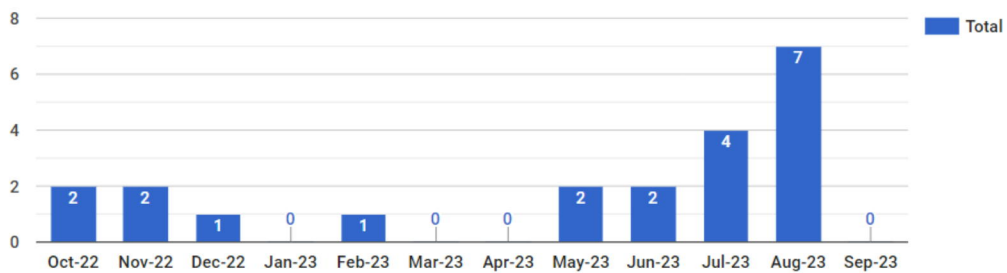
BC Finalised Average Stat Days
Monthly for All Building Types and All Complexities



2. *how many consents have been sitting with the council for more than 6 months since it was first submitted, with a decision yet to be made.*

6 applications are still waiting for information over 6 months

BC Applications on RFI
Monthly for All Building Types and All Complexities



The graph shows data by the application submitted/lodged date (not RFI date). The graph shows data for the last 12 months only.

3. *what is the main cause of delays to processing consents.*
Delays in providing Council further information related to the application.
4. *how many staff work to process consents at the council .*
4.5 x full time equivalent (FTE) Council staff. External contractors are used also for processing consents.
5. *how much was spent in the last FY on processing consents (total cost including staffing) .*
Contractors - \$126,069.06.
6. *what work, if any, is underway to streamline the consenting process at your council.*
Council is constantly reviewing its processes to seek efficiencies where possible.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to lgoima@bdc.govt.nz.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-lgoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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