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I write further to your email dated 16 October 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

Q1 – Please provide the number of new dwellings that your local authority granted permission to be built in National Flood Zone 3 (a and b) for each of the following financial years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. (new dwellings in this context includes new-build flats and homes, and new homes and flats that required a planning permission or prior approval for permitted development for change of use to residential purposes; please **do not include the conversion or extension** of existing homes in floodplains)

Q2 (A) – In relation to Q1, please provide the breakdown of the number of dwellings granted permission to be built in National Flood Zone 3 (a and b) for each of the following financial years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20.

- a) Zone 3A
- b) Zone 3B

Q2 (B) – In relation to Q1, if you identify medium and high risk areas within National Flood Zone 3 as separate data, please provide a breakdown for the new homes built every financial year 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20:

- a) Medium risk areas
- b) High risk areas

**NB. RoFRS High Risk: each year, there is a chance of flooding of greater than 1 in 30 (3.3%)
RoFRS Medium Risk: each year, there is a chance of flooding of between 1 in 30 (3.3%) and 1 in 100 (1%).**

Our response:

Unfortunately, North West Leicestershire District Council does not hold the information requested. I have been advised that because the Environment Agency only record a sample of decision notices, we do not have the complete data set of permissions granted. We also do not map Flood Zone 3b and so would be unable to separate any data on this basis.

In relation to the question about properties actually being built, we consider that the best source of information is Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's (MHCLG) national land use change statistics which are published here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/land-use-change-statistics>

MHCLG also produce live tables with more detailed data:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-land-use-change-statistics>

For more information, you may be able to make a request for information to the MHCLG.

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If you are dissatisfied with the information supplied please feel free to contact me on the number above for any queries in relation to this response. Please note that in responding to further enquiries I can only comment on the information contained within this correspondence and cannot provide any further information that may pertain to an additional FOIA request.

Please remember to quote the Authority's four digit reference number given at the top of this email in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the above informal review, you have the right to ask for an internal review. A request for a review whether formal or informal should be submitted within two calendar months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to DPO@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk or the address above.

Further details on our appeals and complaints procedure can be found on our website [here](#).

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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