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Arun District Council Housing Strategy – Raise the Roof

The Council's housing strategy is Raise the Roof and is designed to influence the actions of key players in the local housing market and to promote housing that supports and facilitates economic growth. One key action of the strategy is to enable the delivery of affordable homes for local people for rent and home ownership.

Despite recent successes with delivery, the Council still has a strong demand for all types of affordable housing, which will normally be for rent or shared ownership.

Council's Affordable Housing Policy

The Council aims to ensure that 30% affordable housing is achieved on-site on new residential developments in the district above 15 units. Between 11 and 14 units 20% affordable housing will normally be required or a commuted sum in-lieu of on-site delivery will be agreed by way of a legal agreement or planning condition.

Application details

The applicant's proposal to provide 27 units (30%) on-site meets the Council's Affordable Housing Policy requirements.

The Council tenure preference would be for 70% rented (19) and 30% Intermediate housing (8).

The affordable housing dwelling mix as proposed is not acceptable. For the rented housing the Council would request 7 x 1 bed dwellings and 12 x 2 bed dwellings, 3 bed dwellings for rent are not required. The Council has no strong preferences for Intermediate housing but would advise against 4 bed dwellings which have proven to be too expensive for shared ownership purposes.

There is a high requirement for affordable housing both for rental and intermediate housing in the Arun District.

Summary

I do not support this application as the proposed dwelling mix for the affordable rented housing does not meet the Council's requirements.