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### **Official information Request: Statistical Area 2 Population Projections**

I am writing to you in response to your request received 28 January for information relating to population growth in South Wairarapa district.

We have assessed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). I have received information to provide the following response.

- *Where you believe future population growth may take place.*

SWDC currently has a hold on sewer connections within Martinborough and Greytown townships meaning that no new subdivisions can take place in the short to medium term. We are honouring all approved subdivisions. There are 45 pending lots in Martinborough and 218 in Greytown – 153 of which are within a retirement village.

- *Any future subdivisions that you know of and the potential number of new houses that may be built.*

We have had a large number of rural subdivision applications recently due to our rural subdivision rules changing (266 lots within the last 12 months). Given the sewer hold in place for Martinborough and Greytown, we would expect to see development mainly within our rural areas or Featherston.

- *Any new retirement villages that may be built.*

There is ongoing development at Orchards Retirement Village in Greytown with 153 units approved and to be built.

- *Any other information that may be useful.*

Our Proposed District Plan will be notified in the second half of this year.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. If this request is selected it will be published at <https://swdc.govt.nz/lgoima-proactive-release/>, with your personal information removed.

You have a right to request a review by the Ombudsman on this response. Further information about this process can be found on <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/what-ombudsman-can-help/complaints-about-government-agencies/how-make-complaint> or email [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Gardner'.

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