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West Dunbartonshire Council Email of 11 May 2015

Please find attached a copy of our response to the petition.

Our response to the questions in the petition:

What are your Local Authority's views on what the petition seeks?

Departments across the council are currently working together to ensure that any new build developments that the Council carry out, from our current project onwards, includes a number of wheelchair properties. This includes provision where there is no property in the authority area to suit individual households needs. All properties that the Council build are with Housing for Varying Needs. We are also looking to provide housing that can be easily altered in the future with downstairs bedrooms and the ability to install shower/toilet rooms.

• What percentage of new build homes within your local authority area are adapted to full wheelchair accessibility standards?

Within the council we have 4% of new build homes that are fully adapted to wheelchair accessible standards. We do not have a figure for the whole authority area.

- How many people within your local authority area are: (i) on a waiting list for disabled friendly housing; and (ii) accommodated with disabled friendly housing?
- (i) There are currently 23 applications on the Councils waiting list for wheelchair properties (ii) There are currently 126 households accommodated within the Councils wheelchair accommodation. Again, we do not have an authority wide number for these questions.

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