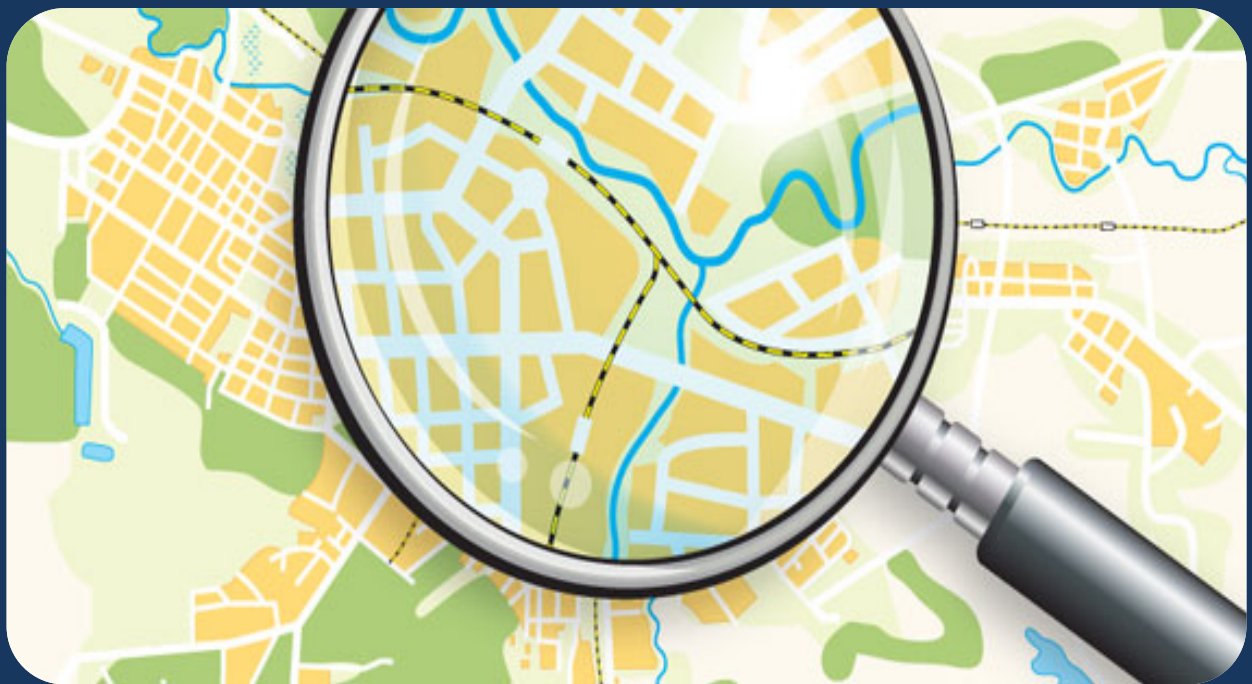


# THE BLUE BOOK CHECKLIST – Researching a Local Council





## Checklist: Researching a local council

**1.** What prime industries support the area?

You want council's views of the main industries supporting the town/city.

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**2.** What housing developments have recently occurred?

It's important to understand whether or not there is much development activity going on.

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**3.** Are there any new residential developments and subdivisions in progress? How many applications have received approval? In which areas specifically?

This gives you a sense of change in the town and perhaps some growth or addressing of an accommodation problem.

Yes  No

Notes:

**4.** What new retail or commercial developments are happening in the area?

If new residential developments are taking place, there may be the need to address this expansion via additional shopping centres, childcare centres, schools and offices.

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<p><b>5.</b> How long on average does it take for submissions to receive approval through council?</p> <p>What are the costs to the applicant?</p>	<p>Notes:</p>
<p><b>6.</b> Are there any specific flood prone areas?</p> <p>This provides you general information about which areas would be subject to flooding.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Notes:</p>
<p><b>7.</b> Is the council generally pro-development?</p> <p>This gives you an indication of how easily you can move an application through council and whether there is scope for growth and expansion.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Notes:</p>
<p><b>8.</b> What specific types of housing does the town/city need for expansion in the next few years?</p> <p>Which housing types are in demand? This gives you an idea of what to buy or consider developing yourself.</p>	<p>Notes:</p>
<p><b>9.</b> Are there any areas within the city/town that are targeted for rezoning?</p> <p>This helps ascertain which areas are more likely to have multi-density housing.</p>	<p>Notes:</p>

**10.** What is the council's vision for the city/town in the next five years?

The council's vision and strategy will help you obtain a long-term view as to what they envision for the future.

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Additional comments