



Homes for Haringey

Your Ref:  
Our Ref: LBH/1569313 Brown

7 March 2013

Dear A Brown,

**Freedom of Information Act Request BLH/1569313**

Thank you for your email dated 16 February 2013.

Please find enclosed the information requested.

This comprises of the following:

- 1. You have in certain types of dwelling communal TV aerials which tenants pay for.**  
Tenants and leaseholders who benefit from a communal aerial system pay a service charge which covers the installation.
- 2. What type of dwelling?**  
Generally the types of dwellings which benefit from communal aerial systems are flats within blocks. However, there are also estate based houses that are connected to communal aerial systems.
- 3. Did the authority expand the range of dwellings to which communal aerials would be fitted, prior to or otherwise in connection with digital switchover?**  
Only existing analogue systems were replaced as part of the communal aerial upgrade. While carrying out previous capital works including Decent Homes, analogue systems were also upgraded to digital as required. Homes for Haringey has carried out a digital upgrade programme to dwellings which had an analogue system to meet the requirements of the digital switchover in 2012.
- 4. If upgrading of existing communal aerials was provided in relation to digital switchover, or the fitting of communal aerials to dwellings not previously subject to a communal aerial, was any prior testing done to see if such upgrading was needed/likely to be needed, in advance of switchover?**  
Only existing communal aerials systems were upgraded. No new communal aerial systems were installed to blocks that did not previously have a communal aerial system. There was no requirement

to test the old analogue aerials as all TV broadcasts after the switchover were digital and the existing analogue systems could not receive digital transmissions.

**5. If a tenant did not want to be part of a communal scheme could they opt out or would you apply it as a mandatory service charge?**

Residents within blocks with a communal aerial system could not 'opt out'. All tenants and leaseholders will have to pay towards the new digital system. The costs of installing and maintaining the new equipment will form part of a service charge for both tenants and leaseholders.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on **020 8489 1203** or email at **[ronke.adetunji@homesforharingey.org](mailto:ronke.adetunji@homesforharingey.org)**

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Yours sincerely,

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