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Mr Max Valentine  
Via email

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Dear Mr Valentine

**RE: YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 693553**

I am writing further to your request for information dated 06 September 2016. We have now completed our search for the information you requested.

Your request:

***Respecting both the decisions made by multiple councils to release its list of all "long-term" empty properties, such as Lambeth and Bexley, and the implications of Section 31 of the FOI on doing so, could you please send me a copy of the following:***

- (a) Number of empty or unused privately owned property/land, which have been empty for more than 12 Months within all Postcode Sectors (In Code), that are within the Southwark Borough.***
- (b) Number of empty or unused Council owned property/land, which have been empty for more than 12 Months within all Postcode Sectors (In Code), that are within the Southwark Borough.***
- (c) Number of empty or unused Commercial Properties, which have been empty for more than 12 Months within all Postcode Sectors (In Code), that are within the Southwark Borough.***

***Please note that a Postcode Sector (In Code) is defined as inclusive of the number following the numbers defining the Postcode District. For example, "SW15" would be defining the District and "SW15 1" would be the "In Code" which is defining the Postcode Sector. Such information can't be deemed as "targeted a premise for criminal actions" as the Postcode Sector In Code is not specific to one premise. In turn, this information provides a greater alignment to the Governmental Strategies and Council objectives, in a similar (yet more acute fashion) as some proposed Opportunity Area maps.***

Our response:

The table below lists the number of properties which have been empty for more than 12 months in Southwark.

Postcode	Residential Properties		Commercial
	Private	Southwark	
SE1	471	4	142
SE11	10	0	0
SE14	0	2	0
SE15	126	2	61
SE16	193	59	76
SE17	62	539	54
SE19	13	0	0
SE21	17	1	0
SE22	103	12	15
SE23	1	2	0
SE24	9	0	1
SE26	1	0	0
SE4	1	0	0
SE5	95	34	46
SE8	0	0	0

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Yours sincerely

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