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Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information dated 13/09/2021 about full details of residential council housing. We have dealt with this under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested, however we are withholding this information because it is exempt. The answers to your questions are below we have stated where we are withholding information and what exemptions apply. Please see the refusal notices at the end of the answers which explain how and why the exemptions apply.

*Please supply a list of all residential council housing under your remit including the full address and postcode.*

We are withholding this information under the following exemption:

*Section 44 - Prohibitions on disclosure.*

*(1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it—*

*(a) is prohibited by or under any enactment,*

*Section 44 is an absolute exemption, which means that, if information is covered by any of its subsections, it is exempt from disclosure.*

This information is withheld as the Government Transparency Code 2015 states that individual properties address must not be disclosed, authorities can publish their valuation data at postal sector level, i.e. the first part of the postcode and first digit of the 'inbound' code (second part of the postcode). This provides an average size of 2,500 households, which should be large enough to prevent identification of individual dwellings. However, in particular areas where the postcode sector gives a number of households below 2,500 the postcode level should be set higher, the government transparency code states that this is at postcode district level (e.g. WC1 \*\*\*).

Providing all of Camden's housing stock and then to list this by names of the estates where

relevant as not all residents are housed on estates, would allow individual properties to be identified breaching the governments transparency code and the data protection act that information should be processed fairly. Once this information is released into the public domain individuals will also be able to identify themselves from this information. It is for these reasons why we are withholding this data.

You may find the following link useful which has the current Camden housing stock on our open data portal <https://opendata.camden.gov.uk/Housing/Camden-Housing-Stock/pkzy-2qkt> here you will find the T code housing compliance disclosure which maybe of some use to you.

### **Further Information**

We do not give our consent for any names and contact details provided in this response to be sent marketing material. Any such use will be reported to the ICO as a breach of General Data Protection Regulations and the Privacy and Electronic Communication Regulations.

Why not check our Portal [Open Data Camden](#) before making a new request as your question may already be answered by a previous [FOI response](#) or in one of our many useful and interesting datasets.

### **Your Rights**

If you are not happy with how your response was handled you can request an Internal Review within 2 months of this letter by email to [xxxxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xxx.xx) or post: Information and Records Management Team, London Borough of Camden, Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE. Please quote your case reference number. If you are not satisfied with the Internal Review outcome you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office at [xxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx) telephone 0303 123 1113, or post to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. The ICO website [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) may be useful.

Yours sincerely,

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