

## Hammersmith and Fulham

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Our reference: 1744615

Dear Ms Baffour

Thank you for your request for information received on 9 March 2020.

### Your request

1. *List of council estates and their addresses (inc. postcode, longitude and latitude)*
2. *Number of social tenants living at and number of dwellings vacant at each estate*
3. *Number of social tenants that have expressed interest in each estate in the past 10 years*
4. *Number of people joining the waiting list every day in the past 100 days*
5. *Number of properties becoming available every day in the past 100 days*
6. *Social Housing Rental Details. I am looking for information in your council relating to social housing rental prices, categorised by number of bedrooms.*
7. *Number of new applications made for council housing last year.*

### Our response

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that Hammersmith and Fulham council holds information relevant to your request.

Please find below and attached the information being released to you.

*1. List of council estates and their addresses (inc. postcode, longitude and latitude)*  
People define the term “estate” differently and even within the Council, groupings of properties or definition of terms may vary according to service function. Please see attached a map which has been produced as a guide, which gives a list of council estates. An estate will not have an individual address and will consist of several postcodes. We do not hold the information as to longitude and latitude. However, an easting and northing will identify a point, not an area. Please see the attached map for estate locational information.

*2. Number of social tenants living at and number of dwellings vacant at each estate*  
Please see attached relevant information. In the case of the information regarding vacant dwellings we have named the estates by reference to a number rather than by stating the name of the estate. This is because we consider that the qualified exemption set out in

Section 31 (Law enforcement) subsection (1) (a) applies to the information requested so we are withholding the locations of empty dwellings.

In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the interest in favour of disclosure.

Factors in favour of disclosure

Transparency and a general interest in information held by the council.

Factors in favour of withholding

Disclosure under the Act is disclosure to the public at large, not just the requestor.

Information disclosed is published on the Council's website. Placing a list which identifies the location of empty council properties in the public domain could lead to an increase in the incidence of squatting and criminal damage to these properties. This would also impact on public funds since we would then need to carry out otherwise unnecessary repairs to the properties.

In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

*3. Number of social tenants that have expressed interest in each estate in the past 10 years*

We do not hold the information requested because interest in each estate is not held in a reportable format.

*4. Number of people joining the waiting list every day in the past 100 days*

Please see the table attached.

*5. Number of properties becoming available every day in the past 100 days*

Please see the table attached. The date range used corresponds to the date range used in providing the response to your question 4. We have compiled the table to show properties becoming available on a weekly basis because properties are let on a weekly basis. So the information is for the 14 week and 100 days period stated.

*6. Social Housing Rental Details. I am looking for information in your council relating to social housing rental prices, categorised by number of bedrooms.*

Please see attached the relevant information.

*7. Number of new applications made for council housing last year.*

For the calendar year 2019 there were 1,367 applications made, based on the registration date of the application.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request for information, please contact the h&f InTouch team within 40 working days of receiving this response. They will consider the matters raised and decide whether they are referred to the Council's Information Manager for an internal review.

You can write to the h&f InTouch team at Room 229, Hammersmith Town Hall, King Street, London W6 9JU, or email: [handfintouch@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:handfintouch@lbhf.gov.uk). If you are registered for self-service, via the Council's My Account portal, you can also do this online: [Click here to complete the form](#)

You also have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Tel: 0303 123 1113. Website: [www.ico.org.uk/concerns/](http://www.ico.org.uk/concerns/). There is no charge for making an

appeal. The ICO may ask you to contact Hammersmith and Fulham, so we can complete an internal review, before the ICO investigates the matter.

Yours sincerely

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