



## City of Westminster

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**Please ask for** Ian Clarke

**Our ref:** 5365933

**Your ref:**

**Date:** 29 September 2017

Dear Mr Steig,

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your recent request to the Council. You asked to be provided with the following information:

For every property sold by the council for a sum of £20,000 or less, in the past 10 years, I would like to know:

1. Year of sale (exact date if available)
2. Address of property
3. How much the property was sold for
4. Nature of proprietary interest (freehold, leasehold, license)
5. In the case of properties sold for £1 or £0, please provide a brief explanation as to why the property was essentially given away.
6. Identity of buyer
7. Method of sale (auction, private tender, etc)

If the above request would exceed the appropriate cost limit, please re-frame it to only encompass the past 5 years, or less, as necessary.

### **Response**

As previously advised, information could be held by a number of services, each in a different format, which would make locating and extracting this information difficult and time consuming and likely to exceed the cost threshold under the Act. You subsequently requested "Would you be able to list the different databases where the information might be held, and which ones you could apply my request to? If not then please limit the request to commercial properties".

I regret the Council does not have a system capable of identifying sales (commercial or otherwise). To obtain this information relating to commercial sales alone would require retrieving from archive all Property files (sales or otherwise) and to check each one.

### **Refusal Notice**

Your request for information will not be processed.

This is because the cost of locating and retrieving the information would significantly exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

Under section 17 of the Act this response constitutes a refusal notice in respect of the requested information.

You have the right of appeal against the decision. If you wish to appeal please set out in writing your grounds of appeal and send it to xxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx

Should you still be dissatisfied with the outcome of any such complaint you have the right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner, pursuant to section 50 of the FOIA. The contact details are:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 54 57 45

Fax: 01625 524510

Web: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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