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Our ref: 6886533

Your ref:

Date: 22 February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information and Westminster Council's response are set out below.

1. For each month during 2017, 2016 and 2015 how many empty properties were there in Westminster's housing stock?
2. For each year 2017, 2016 and 2015 which 5 estates had the highest number of empty properties. Please list estates and the total number of empty properties for each year.

Westminster Council does not hold most of the requested information. For the purposes of section 1(4) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 AND/OR regulation 3 (2) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 this information is not held and we are therefore unable to provide it.

Since 2002, the Council's housing stock has been managed by CityWest Homes (CWH), which is a separate organisation for the purposes of the Act. The information you have requested may be held by CWH. Requests for information to CWH can be made via xxxx@xxx.xxx.xx

Each year, CWH provides the Council with some information for the its LAHS return to Government. From this we can provide the following:

Vacant Dwellings owned by your Local Authority at:

1st April 2017 = 246

1st April 2016 = 196

1st April 2015 = 239

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Information Management Team
5 Strand
London
WC2N 5HR
xxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Further information is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Ian Clarke
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