

FOI: 11961565 Housing units given planning permission by the council

Please tell me the gross number of residential units for which the council has approved planning permission, over the last three financial years up to 2017-2018.

Residential Units Approved Gross					
			15/16	16/17	17/18
			6,358	7,834	3,753

Please could you tell me the gross number of residential units for which the council has given planning permission for the last three financial years up to 2017-2018 which must be provided at the council's definition of affordable rent once built?

Affordable Rents

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
548	565	85

Please could you tell me the gross number of residential units for which the council has given planning permission to each year, for the last three financial years up to 2017-2018, and which must be provided at the council's definition of social rent once built?

Social Rents-London Affordable Rents

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
219	202	106

Tower Hamlets Living Rents

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
N/A	31	117

When answering the three above questions, please could you tell me how many of these units have been built and are habitable. Could you also note how many of these units per year were included in planning applications that were submitted by the council.

24 units are in schemes that have been completed and are tenanted.

In 2016-17 139 rented units were in planning applications submitted by the Council.

Please could you provide me with a statement that clarifies the council's definitions of 'affordable rent' and 'social rent'.

"Affordable Rented Housing"	means rented housing provided by a Registered Provider or AAHP that has the same characteristics as Social Rented Housing except that it is outside the National Rent Regime, but is subject to other rent controls that require it to be offered to eligible households at Borough Framework Rents of up to 80% (eighty percent) of local market rents; ¹
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"Social Rented Housing"	means social rented housing owned and managed by local authorities, Registered Providers or an AAHP, which are provided at guideline Target Rents;
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"Tower Hamlets Living Rent Housing"	means an Affordable Rented Housing Product (inclusive of service charge) where homes are let at Borough wide rent levels published by the Council annually and calculated with reference to one third of median local incomes in the Borough or where such rent levels cease to be published annually by the Council let at the last published rent level and indexed as permitted for Affordable rented Housing with the Rent Standard from time to time or such other rent level as may be agreed in writing with the Council
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Please could you tell me the gross number of residential units in the borough that have been demolished each year, for the last three financial years up to 2017-2018.

We are able to provide the number of notified demolished applications for the last three financial years as 158 applications but unable to determine whether the site demolished was residential as we don't record this information.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and some of the information you requested is not held by Tower Hamlets Council. We are unable to determine whether the sites that were demolished were residential as we do not record this information.

I have enclosed copies of the information that is held.
