

Reference: 10696465

Date: 31 May 2019

Dear Mr Jenyo

## **Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000**

We write in reference to your Freedom of Information request.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides two distinct but related rights of access to information which impose corresponding duties on public authorities. These are:

- The duty to inform the applicant whether or not information is held by the authority and, if so,
- The duty to communicate that information to the applicant

We can confirm that the information requested is held by The London Borough of Barking & Dagenham. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

1. *How many sheltered housing and extra care units are there in the borough?*  
735 units as of 22/5/2019
2. *How many sheltered housing and extra care blocks of flats are there in the borough?*  
35 blocks as of 22/5/2019
3. *Of these available units (referring to question 1), what are the [current] void rates?*  
12 Void units as of 22/5/2019
4. *Of the current blocks of flats (referring to question 2), how many of the blocks are [currently] void/vacant?*  
0 Void Blocks as of 22/5/2019
5. *How many units are 'fit for purpose' (referring to question 1)? i.e. meet the needs of the group they purport to serve*  
All units meet the needs of the group that they purport to serve.

## **Internal Review Procedure**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, then you have a right under Section 50 of the Act to request an internal review. All such requests must be sent to us within 8 weeks and must clearly state your reference number and your reason for your request for an internal review.

We will respond to your request for an internal review within 20 working days of receipt. Your request for an internal review should be sent by email to [foi@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:foi@lbbd.gov.uk) quoting your FOI reference number.

## **Information Commissioners Office**

Should you remain dissatisfied with the final outcome of the internal review then you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (the "ICO") for an independent review. The ICO is the

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Government's Independent Body responsible for overseeing the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998 and The Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Please note the ICO will only review cases that have exhausted the council's internal review procedure. All correspondence to the ICO must quote the council's reference number and your reasons for your appeal. The ICO's contact details are as follows:

The Information Commissioners Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane, Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF.

More information can be found at the ICO's website at <http://www.ico.org.uk> If you have any further enquiries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing [foi@lbdd.gov.uk](mailto:foi@lbdd.gov.uk)

We trust you find the above to be satisfactory, but should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

The FOI Team