

Information Governance

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Dear Sir,

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ06449

Thank you for your request for information relating to Tower Block Audit.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

On July 18, the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government wrote to all local authorities in England requiring them to begin gathering data about tower blocks in their area (residential buildings above 18m) and the materials used in the external wall. The letter is published

here: <u>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads</u>

With this in mind, please provide the following information:

- 1. The number of high-rise buildings so far identified in your local authority area? (please indicate whether this is a final number, or if the data is still being gathered)
- 2. The number of the buildings from Q1 where the materials used in the external wall cannot be, or has not yet been, identified?
- 3. The number of the buildings from Q1 where aluminium composite material (ACM) has been identified on the building? (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)
- 4. The number of the buildings from Q1 where high pressure laminate material has been identified on the building? (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)

- 5. The number of the buildings from Q1 where timber cladding has been identified on the building? (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)
- 6. The number of the buildings from Q1 where combustible insulation, including but not limited to polystyrene, polyisocyanurate and phenolic foam has been identified on the building? (whether as part of a cladding system or otherwise)

The information you have requested is being withheld as it falls under the exemption(s) in Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to information Intended for Future Publication.

The Ministry of Housing wrote to all local authorities in July of this year requiring the gathering of specific data about tower blocks in their area. Officers are currently working on obtaining this information ahead of the deadline of 31st March 2020, thus the data is not currently available. All information once collected, will be made available on the Government's Website.

Having considered the public interest, we have decided to withhold the information.

Until the information is published, to assist you further we can provide information from our records on high rise buildings that was collated in 2017, please see attached spreadsheet 'Copy of Tower Block'. We have indicated where known student specific properties in yellow however, we cannot confirm that the other blocks would not contain students, as they will be of mixed tenure.

With regards to residential buildings we can advise that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Citizen Housing (formally Whitefriars) are responsible for collecting data on the high- rise residential buildings in Coventry within their ownership as the Council transferred the housing stock to them several years ago.

You can contact Citizen Housing directly via the following web address for further information:

https://www.citizenhousing.org.uk/

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: <u>FOI/EIR Disclosure Log</u>, <u>Publication Scheme</u>, <u>Facts about Coventry</u> and <u>Open Data</u> that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above if you will be responding to this letter.

Yours faithfully

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