



My Ref: FOI/4237
Your Ref:
Date: 10/04/2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

- 1. The number of empty properties currently owned or managed by your council, including council-owned stock and any privately owned properties under council control (e.g., via CPOs or EDMOs).**
- 2. A list of these empty properties, including addresses and their current status (e.g., vacant, awaiting sale, or refurbishment), if available.**
- 3. The name and email address of the Empty Homes Officer or the relevant contact within your Housing Department responsible for managing empty properties.**

The information requested is exempt under Section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as disclosure would prejudice the prevention and detection of crime. Publishing details of empty properties presents these as targets to those who would commit crimes such as antisocial behaviour, vandalism and squatting.

The council publishes guidance on empty homes on its website here and a contact form for the relevant service is also available: [Advice if you own an empty home](#)

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG

email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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