



My Ref: FOI 6173
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: -

I understand the council has been given a substantial grant to purchase private homes and turn them into social housing.

Can you please tell me how many houses the council intend to buy on the Foundry Gate estate in Wombwell.

Do you intend to inform the neighbours of any of the properties you are purchasing?

There is a maintenance fee involved with living on this estate that is shared between every household. This is for the maintenance of the green spaces surrounding the estate.

Who will be paying this bill?

Will it be the council or the tenant?

The Council has no specific target for the number of properties to purchase on the Foundry Gate estate. The plan is to purchase 200 properties over a 5 year period within Barnsley. The location, type and size of new HRA stock has been informed by the need requirements from a range of strategies and services across the Council, coupled with the availability of properties on the housing market.

Details of the Council's New Build and Acquisitions Programme can be found in the following reports: The Housing Revenue Account Draft 2024/25 Budget and Capital Investment Proposals 2024-29 ([Cab.24.1.2024/7](#)) and the New Build and Acquisition Strategy ([Cab.24.7.2024/7](#)).

With regards to the notification and maintenance fee questions, the council does not hold this information as the questions are speculative in nature.

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Wycliffe House
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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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