

15 November 2019

Our ref: 5783368

Thank you for your request received on 8 November 2019, for the following information:

- 1) The number of homes at Marsh Drive on the West Hendon Estate**
- 2) The number of homes broken down by status of occupation up to the most recent possible date and as far as the council is aware, e.g. unoccupied, temporary accommodation, council tenant, leaseholder, private tenant**
- 3) A breakdown of tenancy types for council tenants living at the block (i.e. number of secure, unsecure, etc)**
- 4) The number of homes at the block which are currently permitted to have gas appliances**
- 5) The date on which the council decided to demolish Marsh Drive**
- 6) The date on which the council intends to commence demolition of Marsh Drive**
- 7) The year Marsh Drive was constructed, and the building system used**
- 8) The amount invested per home in the council's overall existing housing stock over the past five years**
- 9) The amount invested per home at Marsh Drive over the past five years**

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

### ***1) The number of homes at Marsh Drive on the West Hendon Estate –***

**2) The number of homes broken down by status of occupation up to the most recent possible date and as far as the council is aware, e.g. unoccupied, temporary accommodation, council tenant, leaseholder, private tenant –**

Occupied by temporary accommodation clients; 121    Occupied by secure council tenants; 25

**3) A breakdown of tenancy types for council tenants living at the block (i.e. number of secure, unsecure, etc)**

Occupied by temporary accommodation clients; 122

Occupied by secure council tenants; 25

Leaseholder owned units; 51 (1 of which is occupied by a temporary accommodation client)

Vacant; 5

Transferred to property guardian company; 30

**4) The number of homes at the block which are currently permitted to have gas appliances**

All homes are currently permitted to have gas appliances.

**5) The date on which the council decided to demolish Marsh Drive**

The Council took the original decision to regenerate the West Hendon Estate in 2002 (with the implied demolition of the existing buildings including Marsh Drive)

- There were then a long series of issues / delays
- Marsh Drive was subsequently included in the revised 2013 WH outline planning application and covered by the 2014 renegotiation of the PDA with BMLLP. So – whilst the original ‘in principle’ decision to demolish Marsh Drive was taken many years ago, the point at which this decision was given meaning was arguably 2013.
- For completeness, CPO3 – which applies to Marsh Drive - was secured in Sept 2019. It is only with this that we finally had certainty with regard to being able to demolish the blocks.

**6) The date on which the council intends to commence demolition of Marsh Drive**

The demolition of Marsh Drive is currently programmed to start in April 2022.

**7) The year Marsh Drive was constructed, and the building system used**

Construction of the West Hendon Estate was between 1967 to 1969. The Building System was a BRS battery cast, steamed cured building, constructed by Harry Neal.

**8) The amount invested per home in the council's overall existing housing stock over the past five years**

The amount invested per home in the last five years was approximately £8,700 per home

**9) *The amount invested per home at Marsh Drive over the past five years***

The amount invested per home on Marsh Drive in the last five years was approximately £8,500 per home

**Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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