

3 March 2020 Our ref: 6040488

Thank you for your request received on 4 February 2020, for the following information:

Subject: Accessible housing

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Please tell me:

- 1) How many properties/dwellings (sometimes referred to as council or social housing) do you own as a Local Authority?
- 2) How many of the aforementioned properties/dwellings have wheelchair access?
- 3) How many of the aforementioned properties/dwellings have been adapted in order to meet the needs of a disabled person?

As you know, under the act you are required to provide a response within 20 days. Please send your response to this email address only.

If you do not provide the information requested, you must explain the legal basis for the information being withheld. If you decline part of the request due to information being sensitive, the request being too vague, or reasonable cost being exceeded, you must still provide the part you can fulfill. Please do not hesitate to contact me if these questions/any parts of these questions require further explanation.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

#### Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Please tell me:

- 1. How many properties/dwellings (sometimes referred to as council or social housing) do you own as a Local Authority?
- 9,780 units of social housing as at 2019. Stock valuation as 2019.

# 2. How many of the aforementioned properties/dwellings have wheelchair access?

We do not hold any company wide information on wheelchair accessible properties. The only current information I can provide is from year 2017 – present.

Having gone through the data I can see that we have 13 Wheelchair accessible properties. The majority of works that take place are mobility conversions i.e installing Level access showers.

With regards to New Builds Deborah Bowden can provide a wheelchair tracker and this is normally shared with Housing Options.

# 3. How many of the aforementioned properties/dwellings have been adapted in order to meet the needs of a disabled person

The number of adapted properties according to QL is as follows:

Contractor Ref	Dates	Number of adapted properties
Keepmoat	December 2007 to March 2016	1565
Keepmoat (Regen)	November 2013 to March 2014	13
EffectAble	April 2016 to 2020	646 <b>Total: 2224</b>

### **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. <a href="http://open.barnet.gov.uk/">http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</a>

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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link <a href="www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>

For the avoidance of doubt the provision of council (and other) officer names

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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>). There is no charge for making an appeal.