**WBCIR:17543**

I write to you to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in respect of housing matters in the Winnersh Civil Parish, as well as the Wokingham Borough Council.

**Freedom of Information Request Below**

Questions 1 to 9 of this request relate to data held by the Housing Department.

Questions 10 to 13 of this request relate to data held by the Planning Department.

**Housing Register**

1. The total number of households on the Council's Housing Register at 31 March 2023. **1306**

1. The average waiting times at 31 March 2023 for the following types of affordable property across the Authority:
2. 1-bed affordable dwelling;
3. 2-bed affordable dwelling;
4. 3-bed affordable dwelling; and
5. A 4+ bed affordable dwelling.

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1. The total number of households on the Council's Housing Register at 31 March 2023 specifying the following locations as their preferred choice of location:

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|  **Location** | **Household Preferences****(31 March 2023)** |
| Winnersh Civil Parish | **1177** |

1. The number of properties advertised, and the average number of bids per property over the 2022/23 monitoring period for the following types of affordable property in the locations listed below:

##### **We do not operate a bidding system; for each available property available we run an individual wait list of all applicants who are eligible for that property. Each property will have a different shortlist depending on property requirements and an applicant’s areas of choice.**

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| **Type of affordable property** | Winnersh Civil Parish |
| Number of properties advertised |  Average Bids per Property |
| 1-bed affordable dwelling |  |   |
| 2-bed affordable dwelling |  |   |
| 3-bed affordable dwelling |  |   |
| 4+ bed affordable dwelling |  |   |

1. Any changes the Council has made to its Housing Register Allocations Policy since 2011 including:

* The date they occurred; **April 2022**
* What they entailed; and – **added an extra band and changes to banding groups, changes to local connection criteria, changes to de – prioritisation,**
* Copies of the respective documents – **attached**

**Social Housing Stock**

1. The total number of social housing dwelling stock at 31 March 2023 in the following locations:

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| **Location** | **Total Social Housing Stock(31 March 2023)** |
| Winnersh Civil Parish | **126** |

**Social Housing Lettings**

1. The number of social housing lettings in the period between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022; and between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023 in the following locations:

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| --- | --- |
| **Location** | **Social Housing Lettings** |
| **1 April 2021 to** **31 March 2022** | **1 April 2022 to** **31 March 2023** |
| Winnersh Civil Parish | **22** | **41** |

**Temporary Accommodation**

1. The number of households on the Housing Register housed in temporary accommodation within and outside the Wokingham Borough Council region on the following dates:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Households in Temporary Accommodation**  | **31 March 2022** | **31 March 2023** |
| Households Housed within Wokingham Borough Council | **74** | **73** |
| Households Housed outside Wokingham Borough Council | **12** | **9** |
| Total Households | **86** | **81** |

**Housing Completions**

1. The number of NET housing completions in the Wokingham Borough Council region broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2022/23.

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| Monitoring Period | Number of Homes Completed (net) in Wokingham Borough Council Area |
| 2000/01 | Data unavailable |
| 2001/02 | Data unavailable |
| 2002/03 | Data unavailable |
| 2003/04 | Data unavailable |
| 2004/05 | Data unavailable |
| 2005/06 | Data unavailable |
| 2006/07 |  **Data unavailable**  |
| 2007/08 | **Data unavailable** |
| 2008/09 | **Data unavailable** |
| 2009/10 | **226** |
| 2010/11 | **217** |
| 2011/12 | **267** |
| 2012/13 | **390** |
| 2013/14 | **488** |
| 2014/15 | **454** |
| 2015/16 | **675** |
| 2016/17 | **967** |
| 2017/18 | **1,528** |
| 2018/19 | **1,284** |
| 2019/20 | **1,555** |
| 2020/21 | **1,167** |
| 2021/22 | **Data not released yet.**  |
| 2022/23 | **Data not released yet.**  |

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| 2000/01 |  Data unavailable |
| 2001/02 | Data unavailable |
| 2002/03 | Data unavailable |
| 2003/04 | Data unavailable |
| 2004/05 | Data unavailable |
| 2005/06 | Data unavailable  |
| 2006/07 | **Data unavailable** |
| 2007/08 | **Data unavailable** |
| 2008/09 |  **53** |
| 2009/10 | **70** |
| 2010/11 | **70** |
| 2011/12 | **146** |
| 2012/13 | **91** |
| 2013/14 | **108** |
| 2014/15 | **95** |
| 2015/16 | **123** |
| 2016/17 | **212** |
| 2017/18 | **482** |
| 2018/19 | **365** |
| 2019/20 | **446** |
| 2020/21 | **187** |
| 2021/22 | **189** |
| 2022/23 | **106** |

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| **Housing Register** | The housing register is a waiting list of households in a given authority area who are eligible and in need of an affordable home. |
| **Affordable Property** | Housing for sale or rent, for those whose needs are not met by the market (including housing that provides a subsidised route to home ownership and/or is for essential local workers); and which complies with one or more of the following definitions: 1. Affordable housing for rent
2. Starter Homes
3. Discounted market sales housing; and
4. Other affordable routes to home ownership.[[1]](#footnote-1)[1]

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| **Housing Completion** | A dwelling is counted as completed when construction has ceased, and it becomes ready for occupation. This includes new build dwellings, conversions, changes of use and redevelopments. Housing completions should be provided as net figures. |
| **Net** | Net refers to total (gross) figures minus any deductions (for example, through demolitions). |
| **Monitoring Period** | From 1 April in any given calendar year through until 31 March in the following calendar year.  |
| **Prevention Duty** | The prevention duty applies when a local authority is satisfied that an applicant is threatened with homelessness and eligible for assistance. |
| **Relief Duty** | The relief duty applies when a local authority is satisfied that an applicant is homeless and eligible for assistance. |
| **Parish** | The smallest unit of local government. |
| **Ward** | A division of a city or town, for representative, electoral, or administrative purposes. |

1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)