

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Empty Homes

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

“I would like to request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 current copy of your Empty Homes Register.”

Answer:

As per your enquiry, we do not provide a list of empty properties, however, if you are interested in purchasing an empty home, we have a list of people such as yourself who are interested in purchasing empty homes and if you would like to be added to this list, all you have to do is provide your contact details i.e. name and address, mobile number, home and work telephone numbers and email address.

The list gets circulated to empty property owners who are selling their properties or those who want to sell but cannot find a buyer. The owners decide whether or not to contact anyone on the list. If they do make contact then the Council does not get involved in the negotiations neither can it be held responsible for any dispute which may arise as a result, so all parties involved must satisfy themselves of the suitability of the other person before proceeding.

If you wish to be added to the list then please feel free to forward your contact details.

Additionally, if you see a particular empty property you are interested in purchasing then you can write or email stating your interest providing the empty property address along with your contact details (as above) and the Empty Homes Team can forward your letter on to the owner with a covering letter asking them to contact you direct if they want to sell, providing the address is part of our caseload. At the same time we would also write out to you confirming that your letter has been forwarded to the owner. Again, the Council does not get involved in any such negotiations that may result. Neither can it be held responsible for any dispute (as mentioned above).

If you have any specific empty properties you are interested in please send your email to: emptyhomes@leicester.gov.uk.

The legislation allows you to use the information supplied for your own personal use, or for journalistic purposes. If the information is a dataset (which does not relate to the environment), you may also use the information for commercial re-use under an [Open Government Licence](#).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You may also seek independent advice from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider requests until the internal appeals process of the Council has been exhausted. You are therefore advised to appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.