

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

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

You asked:

a) the total number of affordable housing units within the local authority area for each of the following years – 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12

New Affordable Housing (Intermediate & Social)

2008/09 – 132

2009/10 – 166

2010/11 – 430

2011/12 – 171

b) within the figures for (a), the total number of social rented housing units for the following years – 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12

New SOCIAL housing

2008/09 – 76

2009/10 – 68

2010/11 – 381

2011/12 – 132

c) the number of new-build units approved in the local authority area in each of the following years – 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12

Below is a table setting out total housing approvals by year (monitoring year = April to March). The data includes conversions and changes of use as well as new build. It includes approvals with outline and full planning permission. We have also shown this data with and without self-contained student units. We would class these as dwellings (as per Government guidance) however we would exclude them from data on affordable housing as we do not expect student housing to provide affordable housing.

	All Dwellings Approved	Self-contained student flats	Total excluding student units
08/09	2841	51	2790
09/10	2861	718	2143
10/11	6961	1077	5884
11/12	2193	1413	780

d) within the figures for (c), the total number of affordable new-build housing units approved in the local authority area in each of the following years – 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12

This information is not held by Leicester City Council as we do not monitor approvals for affordable housing. Therefore, this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, the information is not held.

e) the total number of people currently on the local authority's social housing waiting list (please provide the date to which the data is accurate)

9223 households as at 01/04/2012

f) the average waiting time of people housed by the local authority in social housing during 2011/12

Average waiting time was 525 days

g) the longest waiting time of any one person housed by the local authority in social housing during 2011/12

Longest waiting time was 5081 days

h) the average number of people applying to rent social housing property during 2011/12

Average of 212 applications received per week

i) the maximum number of people who applied to rent a particular social housing property during 2011/12

A 2 bedroom house attracted the most bids of 266 from all property types in 2011/12

j) the number of pre-existing social rented housing units that became available for new tenants (e.g. previous tenant moved out) during 2011/12

2125 social lets (not including HomeCome) for 2011/12 but this includes new builds as well.

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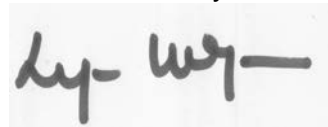
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Lynn Wyeth
Information Governance Manager