

I write in regards to Kilhey court being closed and used to house asylum seekers

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| 1) Please confirm the first date the council or council officers were told about the matter? | 1 and 2 |
| 2) How did the council find out? | The Chief Executive's Office received official confirmation on 15 th August 2023. |
| 3) A copy of the letter sent to the home office saying it was not suitable accommodation. | 3. Extracts from the letter are provided on the Council's website @ Frequently Asked Questions – People seeking asylum and hotel use in Wigan Borough |

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