



**Wigan<sup>♥</sup>  
Council**

## Request

Please can you tell me:

1. The total number of dwellings in developments that were granted planning permission by the council between 5 July 2024 and 4 January 2025 - and how many of these dwellings are currently designated as being for social rent\*? (For the avoidance of doubt, please count individual units within multi-home developments as separate dwellings - e.g. count a block of 20 flats as 20 dwellings, etc.)

\*To be clear, we are asking for data specifically on dwellings that will be let at social rent, and do not want statistics on umbrella categories such as "affordable". This is the case for every question in this FOI request that asks about social rent dwellings.

- a. If possible, please provide a breakdown of this data for each month, detailing the total number of dwellings given planning permission and how many of these are for social rent.
  - b. If possible, of the dwellings currently designated as being for social rent, please provide a breakdown of how many are one-bed, two-bed, three-bed, have more than three bedrooms or have an unspecified number of bedrooms.
2. What is your policy on the proportion of units in each new development in your area that should be for social rent, and has this changed since 5 July 2024?

## Response

1. Information about planning approvals is accessible via the Council's website at the following link. Please utilise the search function available on this webpage accordingly:

### [Search and comment on planning applications](#)

Support and guidance on how to search the information the Council holds on this section of its website is available on the above webpage, but is also provided in the accompanying 'Public Access User Guide' PDF document and via the link to the relevant page on the Council's website below:

### [Idox PA for Planning User Guide](#)

However, it should be noted that between 5 July 2024 and 4 January 2025, zero socially rented homes were approved. Post January 2025, a significant amount have subsequently been approved, however this data is not within scope of the request.

2. The Council does not have a policy, local plan or otherwise, specifically on the proportion of social rent provision. Just an overarching local plan policy (Wigan Local Plan Policy Core Strategy Policy CP6 'Housing' – link to the policy on the Council's website [here](#)) requirement for 25% of all new build homes (on sites of 10 or more residential units) should be, subject to material considerations such as viability for example, affordable, which includes social rent.

The Council's latest Housing Needs assessment (2024) has provided us with a target percentage of 75% of affordable units being social or affordable rent, with 25% being for low-cost homes ownership which is what we are currently working towards.