



**Wigan[♥]
Council**

REQUEST 17846

I would like to request a copy of an up to date HMO register containing the HMO owner's name and correspondence address. The one online is missing these 2 parts.

Would appreciate it if you could forward me in excel format

RESPONSE

I have provided a link to the HMO register of all licensed properties in the Borough.

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Docs/PDF/Business/Licensing-Permits-Registrations/HMO/Wigan-HMO-Licence-Register.pdf>

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a copy of the register in excel format.

The Licensing and Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Other Houses (Miscellaneous Provisions) (England) Regulations 2006 do not require owner details to be included within this register. There is also no requirement to maintain a register of HMOs which do not require a licence.

The licence holder name and address are exempt from disclosure under Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 38 (1)(b) states that information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, endanger the safety of any individual. To disclose these details, could then put at risk the safety of vulnerable individuals by sharing their address.

As this is a qualified exemption, the Council is required to undertake a public interest test.

The Council acknowledges its obligations of transparency and accountability in all its undertakings. However, in this case, the safeguarding of vulnerable individuals would be put at risk by publishing these details and clearly outweighs the public interest in the transparency of information