



REQUEST 18083

I am currently conducting research into housing provision within the Borough of Wigan. To support this work, I would be grateful if you could provide a list of residential properties owned and managed by Wigan Council. If available, I would also be interested in any records of properties that were previously under the council's management.

RESPONSE

Unfortunately, addresses are not appropriate to share and are exempt from disclosure under Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 38 (i)(b) states that information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, endanger the safety of any individual. Disclosure under the FoIA is deemed to be to the world at large. To disclose the locations to the world at large would put at risk the safety of individuals in those locations.

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 individuals would be put at risk by publishing the address and postcode of Council housing/Social housing and clearly outweighs the public interest in the transparency of information.