



REQUEST 18167

As a concerned resident in the area, and the lack of social and private rented accommodation, which leaves people struggling. I wish to know how many immigrants have been placed in the new development at Pemberton, Tulach.

These houses were listed and the prices very high, but I believe families of immigrants are now being housed under social housing. I would like to know how many houses have been used.

RESPONSE

All property allocations are done in accordance with the Council's Allocation policy. For a person to be accepted onto the register and offered a property they must be eligible for social housing.

Providing the number of houses accommodating a particular nationality/ethnicity for a housing scheme is not appropriate to share and is 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 vulnerable individuals accommodated 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 vulnerable individuals would be put at risk by publishing the number of houses accommodating a group of vulnerable people and clearly outweighs the public interest in the transparency of information.