

REQUEST 18506

Please provide the list of properties that have been approved by the Supported Housing Team @ Wigan Council for supported housing use as of 27th June 2025.

RESPONSE

The names and addresses of the supported housing sites are exempt from disclosure under Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA). Section 38 (1)(a) states that information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, endanger the physical or mental health of any individual, or (b) endanger the safety of any individual.

Disclosure under the FoIA is deemed to be to the world at large. To provide a list of existing and future supported housing properties to the world at large would put at risk the safety of vulnerable individuals who will be accommodated because of a support need. This can include fleeing domestic abuse or where individuals have vulnerabilities that would increase the risk of individuals being targeted and exploited. As this 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 addresses of the supported housing sites and this clearly outweighs the public interest in the transparency of information.