



REQUEST 18790

I am writing to request the following information regarding Houses in Multiple Occupation in the local authority area. HMOs refers to properties meeting the definition at, [Houses in Multiple Occupancy](#). Please provide the information in a spreadsheet or table format where possible.

1. Please provide the total number of licensed HMOs in the local authority as of 31st October 2025. If available, please include a breakdown by postcode area or ward.
2. Please provide the total number of planning applications submitted between 1st January 2020 to present for change of use to C4 (small HMO) and Sui Generis (large HMO).
3. If possible please include application reference number and applicant type (e.g., individual, company, names not required).
4. Of the licensed HMOs identified in question 1:
 - a. How many are currently used to house asylum seekers or refugees?
 - b. How many are managed directly by the council or by a third party (e.g., Home Office contractors such as Serco or Mears).
5. For the next 24 months, how many additional HMOs/ properties for asylum/refugee dispersal, are planned or expected? Include any contract summaries or forecasts shared with Home Office providers. Aggregate numbers acceptable for data protection reasons.
6. Please provide risk assessments, equality impact assessments, or public consultation records (last 2 years) on HMO asylum use, including how objections are addressed. Aggregate numbers acceptable for data protection reasons.

RESPONSE

1. There are currently 211 licensed HMOs within the Borough. The postcode area of each HMO is available within the publicly available HMO licence register: <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Docs/PDF/Business/Licensing-Permits-Registrations/HMO/Wigan-HMO-Licence-Register.pdf>
2. This information is in the public domain and can be found online at: [Search and comment on planning applications](#)
3. As above
4. (a & b): There are 55x licensed HMOs used as asylum accommodation within the Borough. These HMOs are all managed by Serco Ltd. There are none managed by Wigan Council.
5. It is not possible to forecast this given it is the Home Office that determines properties, not the local authority.
6. Not applicable. It would be best to redirect this enquiry to the Home Office and / or Serco.