



Request

Please can you send the register of HMOs, the “unrestricted” version showing landlords details too

Response

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

HMO

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.