



REQUEST	16995	RESPONSE
	<p>I would like access to all current homes which require a HMO license and those that have gone through planning application and have received permission.</p> <p>Also, if possible the owners of the properties or additionally a list of every license holder in the region whether that being company or individual.</p>	<p>Below is a link to the HMO register of all licenced properties in the Borough.</p> <p>https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Docs/PDF/Business/Licensing-Permits-Registrations/HMO/Wigan-HMO-Licence-Register.pdf</p> <p>Please note, the licence holder name and address are exempt from disclosure under Section 38 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p> <p>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 put at risk the safety of vulnerable individuals by sharing their address.</p> <p>As this is a qualified exemption, the Council is required to undertake a public interest test.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For properties subject to planning, this information is available via the Council's website for Planning applications. Please click on the following link:</p> <p>https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Planning-and-Building-Control/Planning/Search-planning-applications.aspx</p>