

From: Foi Enquiries
Sent: 09 August 2019 09:29
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-19-0953 - Student Accommodation
Attachments: V3 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 11 July 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

1. Purpose built student accommodations in your area (including ones where planning has been granted)

Please note that all planning applications and decisions for student housing developments can be found on the Council's website at: <https://publicaccess.aberdeencity.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

As information on **purpose built student accommodations** is otherwise accessible via the link provided, it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 13 of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Regulation 6(1)(b) - Information Already Publicly Available - of the EIRs.

2. Whether they are private owned companies or university owned

The Council does not hold this information. Planning applications are available on the Council website and give the applicant who could be contacted to request this further information.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **whether they are private owned companies or university owned** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

3. The year they started operating (or due to open)

The Council does not hold this information. Planning applications are available on the Council website and give the applicant who could be contacted to request this further information.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **the year they started operating** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

4. The address of the PBSA

The Council does not hold this information. Planning applications are available on the Council website and give the applicant who could be contacted to request this further information.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **the address of the PBSA** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives

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5. **The companies that own/run the PBSA**

The Council does not hold this information. Planning applications are available on the Council website and give the applicant who could be contacted to request this further information.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **the companies that own/run the PBSA** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

6. **The number of rooms each PBSA has**

Please note that all planning applications and decisions for student housing developments can be found on the Council's website. These include a Reports of Handling and floorplans with details of room numbers.

<https://publicaccess.aberdeencity.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

As information on **the number of rooms each PBSA has** is otherwise accessible via the link provided, it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 13 of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Regulation 6(1)(b) - Information Already Publicly Available - of the EIRs.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,



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