

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: **MGLA231118-8818**

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 23 November 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

*Item 1: The GLA to check the data for Newham (shown as all social/affordable rent homes at Social Rent), because you noted the Mayor of Newham's statement below specifically states that all these homes were to be at LAR: Mayor of Newham, Rokhsana Fiaz's statement: "I am very happy our bid for £107 million of funding from the Mayor funding will kick-start our ambitious housing programme, which will see the construction of more than 1,000 quality homes started by 2022, and available at London Affordable Rent."*

*Item 2: In relation to the previously provided table showing 1,166 "LAR homes (above benchmark rent)".*

- a. Are these rents set at levels above the formula rent cap of the government's social rent "letting regime?"*
- b. If so, why has the Mayor agreed to designate these homes as "London Affordable Rent"?*
- c. If so, please give details of the rental amounts and rent setting arrangements by the number of bedrooms, for authority with a grant allocation for these homes.*
- d. Are these homes considered by the Mayor to be low cost rent or intermediate housing?*
- e. If the latter, why has the Mayor agreed to designate these homes as "London Affordable Rent"?*

Please see the responses below in relation to your queries:

Item 1: The information provided in the FOI response, referenced MGLA311018-6577, is correct. London Borough of Newham's allocation includes 1,056 homes for social rent. Because London Affordable Rent benchmarks are based on the formula rent caps which apply to social

rented homes we have grouped these together in the allocations table we published. The two tenures were separated in the table provided to you in the previous FOI.

Item 2: Please accept our apologies for any confusion caused by the previous response, on review we can see that the presentation of the information could lead to a lack of clarity. When these 1,166 homes start and complete they will be recorded in GLA affordable housing statistics, see here -

[https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/affordable\\_housing\\_starts\\_and\\_completions\\_-\\_end\\_of\\_september\\_2018.pdf](https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/affordable_housing_starts_and_completions_-_end_of_september_2018.pdf), as 'other affordable rent'. For clarity we have reproduced the table from our previous response to you using the definitions from our published statistics as set out below.

	£1,029,302,138	14,724	1,166	11,154	2	2,402
	GLA Grant Allocation	Total Homes	Other Affordable Rent	Social Rent (and LAR at benchmarks)	Other Intermediate	London Living Rent / Shared Ownership
London Borough of Haringey	£62,858,000	848	0	567	0	281
London Borough of Newham	£107,476,000	1,123	0	1,056	0	67
London Borough of Brent	£65,610,000	817	124	572	0	121
London Borough of Ealing	£99,352,000	1,138	0	934	0	204
London Borough of Enfield	£18,108,000	571	74	436	0	61
Royal Borough of Greenwich	£32,600,000	588	0	588	0	0
London Borough of Hackney	£45,556,000	949	0	502	0	447
London Borough of Harrow - Housing	£32,144,000	618	273	307	0	38
London Borough of Havering	£24,046,000	282	0	215	0	67
London Borough of Hillingdon	£11,678,000	347	0	126	0	221
London Borough of Hounslow	£63,252,000	741	0	657	0	84
London Borough of Islington	£24,200,000	465	0	465	0	0
London Borough of Redbridge	(funding from Right to Buy receipts)	400	0	400	0	0
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	£13,000,000	675	375	300	0	0
London Borough of Waltham Forest	£25,518,000	293	0	232	0	61
London Borough of Wandsworth	£12,452,000	174	0	105	2	67
London Borough of Southwark	£89,494,138	926	0	891	0	35
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea	£33,600,000	336	0	336	0	0
City of London	£14,880,000	156	0	146	0	10
Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames	£67,844,000	713	0	665	0	48
London Borough of Camden	£30,800,000	308	0	308	0	0
London Borough of Sutton	£6,500,000	81	16	65	0	0
London Borough of Lewisham	£37,700,000	384	0	384	0	0
London Borough of Barnet	£8,700,000	87	0	87	0	0
London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham	£15,308,000	251	123	115	0	13
Croydon Council	£61,288,000	888	0	467	0	421
London Borough of Barking and Dagenham	£25,338,000	565	181	228	0	156

The answers to your other questions can be found at the below links:

- [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/740300/180912\\_Draft\\_policy\\_statement.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/740300/180912_Draft_policy_statement.pdf)
- <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/housing-and-land/homes-londoners/homes-londoners-affordable-homes-programme-2016-21>
- <https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/homesforlondoners-affordablehomesprogrammefundingguidance.pdf>
- <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/17/section/69>

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Yours sincerely

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>