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Our Ref: MGLA051021-4603

3 November 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 5 October 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

1. The list of GLA residential properties (defined above in the subject line) available on the GLA website is dated November 23, 2016. It is clear from that list that significant changes were underway. Could you please provide an up-to-date list.
2. How many GLA residential properties are occupied (lived in) by the person or people paying the rent?
3. How many GLA residential properties are rented out to a single private landlord? I have substantive evidence that the answer to this question is not zero.
4. To what extent and how often does the GLA either directly or through GLA Land & Property Limited ascertain who is living in GLA residential properties and whether or not private landlords are profiteering from them?

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. The list of GLA residential properties (defined above in the subject line) available on the GLA website is dated November 23, 2016. It is clear from that list that significant changes were underway. Could you please provide an up-to-date list.

Up to date information on the properties held by the GLA can be found in the link below:

<https://maps.london.gov.uk/public-land/>

Please note this includes all GLA properties not just residential premises.

2. How many GLA residential properties are occupied (lived in) by the person or people paying the rent?

You will note from the data in the link above that the GLA portfolio is varied. Whilst there are a number of residential developments that the GLA retain a residual interest

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(i.e. that the GLA retains the freehold but day to day legal responsibility for the site resides with the long leaseholder) there are only a few that are directly managed by the GLA to which this question can relate to.

Of the properties set out only the following residential properties have day to day involvement of the GLA or their managing agents:

- The residential properties at Crystal Palace (of which there are 7)
- One residential property in Wick Lane, London E3.
- Riverway Cottages in Greenwich (of which there are 8)

Of the above-mentioned properties (of which there is a total of 16) the GLA can confirm that 14 of the properties are occupied by the person(s) paying the rent.

3. How many GLA residential properties are rented out to a single private landlord? I have substantive evidence that the answer to this question is not zero.

It is not the intention of the GLA for any individual residential property to be rented out to a single private landlord. Within the portfolio there are development agreements in place whereby the long leaseholder arranges the construction and subsequent sub-letting of the properties, which the GLA is not party to. Nevertheless, it has come to light that there are two properties at Crystal Palace which are being sublet by a private individual. The GLA is currently undertaking the necessary steps to resolve this situation.

4. To what extent and how often does the GLA either directly or through GLA Land & Property Limited ascertain who is living in GLA residential properties and whether or not private landlords are profiteering from them?

The GLA and its managing agents undertake annual inspections at properties to ascertain whether any occupiers are in breach of their lease covenants. Ordinarily the GLA is then able to confirm who is occupying the premises. Unfortunately, the situation at Crystal Palace is a legacy issue which historically had not been addressed. As stated above, the GLA is now looking to take steps to resolve this and moving forward the GLA will incorporate active requirements to mitigate this occurring again.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely


Information Governance Officer

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