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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI697912584

Thank you for your request for information relating to Accessibility Standards in New Build Homes (Coventry, 2023/24). We apologise for the delay in you receiving this response.

You have requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding new-build residential properties completed in Coventry during the 2023/24 financial year:

Section 1: Accessibility Standards Compliance

- 1. What percentage of new-build residential properties completed in Coventry in 2023/24 fully met all the requirements set out in Regulation M4(2) (Accessible and Adaptable Dwellings) of the Building Regulations?
- 2. What percentage of new-build residential properties completed in Coventry in 2023/24 fully met all the requirements set out in Regulation M4(3) (Accessible and Adaptable Dwellings) of the Building Regulations?
- 3. If available, please provide any relevant reports, statistics, or compliance assessments related to these accessibility standards.

For Questions 1 to 3, we confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We do not hold this information.

Section 2: Housing Availability for Disabled Residents

4. What is the current waiting list for disabled-access social housing in Coventry?

We hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The information regarding the number of applicants needing accessible or adapted homes is not available in a reportable format hence it would require an officer to manually review each record to determine what information is held and collate the relevant data. This has been estimated to exceed the 18-hour limit under the Act to complete. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

5. How many new-build homes for sale in Coventry during 2023/24 met the M4(1) M4(2), and M4(3) standards, respectively?

Section 3: Step-Free & Internal Accessibility Features

- 6. What percentage of new-build residential properties in Coventry in 2023/24 have a living area at entrance level?
- 7. What percentage of these properties have step-free access to all entrance-level rooms and facilities?
- 9. What percentage of these properties have sufficient internal space to accommodate a wheelchair user?
- 9. What percentage of these properties provide sufficient parking space for a wheelchair user to get into and out of a car from both sides and access the boot?

For Questions 5 to 9, please refer to Question 1.

If some of this information is not held by Coventry City Council, please confirm which parts are unavailable or suggest which authority may hold the relevant data.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: <u>FOI/EIR Disclosure Log</u>, <u>Publication Scheme</u>, <u>Facts about Coventry</u> and <u>Open Data</u> that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infoqov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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