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INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 24-005

Thank you for your information request, received on [Date]. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

"I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I would like to know:

1. *How many units of social housing that your Council own/manage are currently void/vacant.*
 - A. *What % of your social housing portfolio does this equate to.*
 - B. *Over what period are these voids (i.e. when did the first property become void and when was the most recent).*
 - C. *What are the reasons for these voids.*
 - D. *When do you expect these properties to be brought back into use.*

2. *How many units of private housing that your Council own/manage are currently void/vacant.*
 - A. *What % of your private housing portfolio does this equate to.*
 - B. *Over what period are these voids (i.e. when did the first property become void and when was the most recent).*
 - C. *What are the reasons for these voids.*
 - D. *When do you expect these properties to be brought back into use."*

Regarding your first question, the Legacy Corporation does not own or manage any social housing. The Legacy Corporation currently owns the freehold of 28 private rent apartments in the East Wick and Sweetwater (EWS) Phase 1. However, the units are on a 21-year operating lease to Places for People Homes and therefore the Legacy Corporation is not responsible for the voids/management of the units.

Regarding your second question, while the Legacy Corporation is not responsible for the voids/management, there is one of these EWS units of private housing that is currently void. This equates to 3.5% of the Legacy Corporation's private housing portfolio. The unit has been void since 27th January 2024.

Voids are normal from time to time in residential property and the reasons for voids are typically due to the previous tenants' change of circumstances. Units are not intentionally kept empty and there is no material reason why this void exists – the unit is in a lettable condition and a new tenant is actively being sought.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request and wish to make a request for an internal review of our response, you should write to:

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Please note: requests for internal reviews received more than forty working days after the initial response will not be handled.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may appeal directly to the Information Commissioner at the address given below. You should do this within two months of our final decision. There is no charge for making an appeal.

Further information on the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is available from the Information Commissioner's Office:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

Website www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

FOI / EIR Co-ordinator
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