

Response to Request for Information

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Self-Build Homes under the Housing Act of 1936

Request:

I am exploring the self-build movement of the 1950's; where groups of people legally constituted to build their own homes under the Housing Act of 1936, as housing associations. I looking to make a comparison of self – build initiatives in the present day.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am seeking data from your authority, and I would ask if you can provide me with the following information, from your register of self-build and custom:

- How many housing associations are registered with you at present with an expressed interest to build in your authority?
- How many housing associations are currently in the planning application phase within your authority?
- How many housing associations are now building in your authority?

It is in relation to the self - build register. I am studying groups of members of the public who have banded together to self - build; as in 1950, this does require them to form not-for-profit groups in order to accommodate financial matters such as rent management, raising mortgages etc.

Any groups of people that you have who have expressed interest and are seeking planning consent, or are building/have built.

I am particularly keen to highlight two or three associations for 'best practice' – have you any housing associations that you consider to be of note and worthy of promotion nationally.

Thank you for your request for information about the above. We are dealing with your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 rather than Freedom of Information.

In response to your request, we can confirm that we do not have any groups of individuals on our self-build register who wish to band together to deliver new housing.