



Email

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Your ref:  
Our ref: FOI 1122

Date: 6th March 2019

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information - Applicable cost limit exceeded**

Thank you for your email of the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019, and your confirmation of extension of time dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019, where you requested the following information:

*Please provide the following data regarding compliance with Part F of the Building Regulations for works overseen by your Building Control Body within the last 12 months:*

- 1) total number of domestic properties for which building regulations approval was sought*
- 2) the number of these which included installation of a mechanical ventilation system within the meaning of Part F*
- 3) of this number, the number which*
  - a) included the Commissioning Notice required in Part F section 4.42 "Air flow rate testing and commissioning of ventilation systems"*
  - b) included a flow rate test*

From our detailed assessment, it is clear that we will not be able to answer your request as the data requested is not held in the manner requested and your request is therefore refused.

1. Section 12(1) allows the Council to refuse to deal with a request where it estimates that it would exceed the limit of £450 to either comply with the request in its entirety, or confirm or deny whether the requested information is held. The estimate must be reasonable in the circumstances of the case.

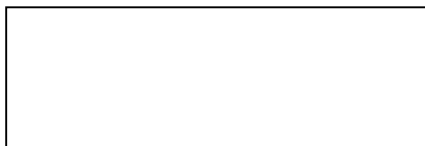


2. The Council can charge a maximum of £25 per hour to undertake work to comply with a request. This provides an effective time limit of 18 hours.
3. In order to provide you with the information on the scale that you have requested we would estimate that it will take us approximately 35 hours, or 5 working days, to determine appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information in reference to compliance with Part F of the Building Regulations.
4. The Council has estimated a cost of £875 to determine the appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information. Therefore, as complying with your request would exceed 18 hours, or £450, section 12(1) provides that the Council may refuse your request.
5. You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required.
6. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, addressed to Marie Kelly-Stone Head of Legal Services [marie.kelly-stone@dartford.gov.uk](mailto:marie.kelly-stone@dartford.gov.uk)

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

7. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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