08 January 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 9/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request:

Please can you tell me on how many occasions over the past five years housing associations have turned down a council nomination for a person to be given accommodation because of affordability concerns. Please provide the number of individuals turned down in each year.

If the housing association has stated the affordability concerns stem from the person being subject to the benefit cap or Universal Credit then please make this clear. Please also list the name of the housing association that has turned down the nomination.

Response:

Rutland has only had Universal Credit introduced fully since Oct 2017.

2017/18 – there have been 9 rejections due to affordability. Non due to UC and none due to Benefit Cap

2016/17 – 19 rejections due to affordability but none due to UC or Benefit Cap

2015/16 – 5 rejections, none due to UC or Benefit Cap

2014/15 – 10 rejections, none due to UC or Benefit Cap

2013/14 – 9 rejections, none due to UC or Benefit Cap

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Yours faithfully

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