14 January 2019

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1580/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

Please can you provide information on the Extension of Mandatory HMO Licensing in your Local Authority.

1. Please enter your Local Authority:

Answer: Rutland County Council

2. Has your Local Authority publicised the new HMO changes on its website?

Answer: In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this message acts as a Refusal Notice. The Council is relying on Section 22 of the Act in this case, which states that a public authority is not obliged to provide information which is intended for publication at a future date. This exemption applies because these changes to the website are currently in progress.

3. Does your Local Authority have a set timescale for processing HMO applications?

Answer: This timescale is currently under review.

4. Does tacit consent apply to your HMO licences if handling of the application goes beyond the application processing date?

Answer: No.

5. Has your Local Authority reviewed its fee structure taking into consideration Gaskin v Richmond?

Answer: No
6. Is there a readily available fee structure for landlords to view on your Local Authority website?

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please contact the Head of Corporate Governance, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6HP
You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours faithfully

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