Rural Affairs, Forest Service & Estate Transformation



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Date: 2 August 2023

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 4 July 2023 in which you asked that we provide information from 2019 to present of all costs associated with any land and property the Department owns that is unused, vacant, or derelict. In addition, you asked that we provide –

- A brief description of the land or property, including its area/size if available.
- The address of each property.
- The current valuation of each property.
- If consideration has been given to the future of the asset or if consideration has been given to declaring the asset surplus and marketing it for sale.

The Department has completed its search and I have attached an excel spreadsheet containing some of the information you requested. The costs provided are those which relate directly to the unoccupied buildings listed. I would like to advise that occasionally some costs are provided to the

Department at site level and cannot be attributed to individual buildings, these costs are not provided against individual properties in the information provided. This includes security costs and rates for some properties. It should be noted that some of these properties are located within Departmental sites which are still operational. As utilities are disconnected when properties are vacated there are no utility costs associated with vacant/derelict properties. There are several derelict buildings across the DAERA estate that we do not hold information on. This information will be gathered as part of the asset review being undertaken by the Department.

The Department's properties are being considered as part of a wider asset review and if deemed appropriate for disposal they will be progressed in line with Land & Property Services' <u>Disposal of Surplus Public Sector Property in Northern Ireland</u> guidance. The Department does not hold current valuation information on individual properties.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood, or misinterpreted, please contact me to see if it is a matter that can be resolved. If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled or the decision to release / withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

Building Name	Building Address &	Area m2 /	Yr End 31.03.23	Yr End 31.03.22	Yr End 31.03.21	Yr End 31.03.20	Yr End 31.03.19
Type Description	Postcode	Hectares (ha)	Total Costs (£)				
Vacant Dwelling	34 Houston Road, Crossnacreevy, BT6 9SH	1,030 m ²	1,153.41	1,063.82	1,053.82	1,033.48	995.09
Vacant Dwelling	38 Houston Road, Crossnavreevy, BT6 9SH	550 m ²	1,079.34	1,043.82	1,043.82	1,027.48	1,039.09
Vacant Dwelling	52 Houston Road, Crossnavreevy, BT6 9SH	651 m ²	139.21	372.34	89.95	220.73	2,143.52
Vacant Dwelling	4 Manor Farm, Loughgall, BT61 8JB	564 m ²	0.00	0.00	1,222.00	0.00	0.00
Vacant Dwelling	6 Manor Farm, Loughgall, BT61 8JB	683 m ²	688.00	681.00	674.48	666.45	644.55
Vacant Dwelling	8 Manor Farm, Loughgall, BT61 8JB	650 m ²	966.60	908.10	899.30	888.60	859.40
*Manor House - Listed Building	Manor House, Loughgall, BT61 8JB	1,100 m ²	10,335.00	32,578.00	43,662.00	9,500.00	9,004.00
Vacant Dwelling	10 Large Park, Hillsborough, BT26 6DP	1,556 m ²	3,688.20	3,502.40	2,793.34	8,137.20	6,749.80

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Vacant Dwelling	11 Large Park, Hillsborough, BT26 6DP	1,925 m ²	2,654.20	1,845.40	2,200.40	3,163.20	2,147.80
Vacant Dwelling	9 Park Street, Hillsborough, BT26 6AL	1,096 m ²	5,982.48	2,164.96	4,164.96	2,131.08	2,053.52
*Lindesay Hall & Outbuildings - Listed Building	Lindesay Hall & Outbuildings 76 Dungannon Road Cookstown BT80 9AE	2,476 m ²	80,857.00	42,036.00	20,203.00	190,084.00	14,787.00
Vacant Dwelling	Jackies Cottage 142a Bryansford Road Newcastle, BT33 0PP	1,030 m ²	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Derelict Dwelling	Whitewater Cottage 55 Tullyframe Road, Kilkeel, Co Down BT34 4RZ	550 m ²	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land	Newforge Lane, Belfast, BT9 5PX	9.1 ha	4,552.50	4,778.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

^{*} These properties are both listed buildings and costs include planned preventative maintenance, reactive maintenance and planned maintenance.