

FOI DOF/2025-0261

Request

A list or dataset of residential properties in Derry/Londonderry that are recorded as:

- Unoccupied,
- Vacant, or
- Abandoned

in the most recent data available.

If a full list of addresses cannot be provided due to data protection reasons, please provide:

- The total number of such properties in the Derry City & Strabane District Council area, and
- A breakdown by postcode or electoral ward, if possible.

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds the information requested however, a full address list has not been provided.

Address details are withheld as this information is exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act because such disclosure would contravene the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018, which requires that personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. Disclosure would be unfair, because the individuals would not expect that this information would be made available to others.

Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant and if disclosure of that information would contravene one of the data protection principles in the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) (or certain other provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018).

Having considered all the information contained within the Lawfulness, Fairness and Transparency Test (which we are providing as a separate attachment – Annex B), the department has established that, on balance, there is no lawful basis for the disclosure of third-party personal data falling within the scope of the request of which the requester is not the data subject.

A breakdown of vacant Domestic properties has been provided by Ward.

The table below provides the numbers of vacant Domestic* Properties as at 31st March 2025, within the Derry City and Strabane Council area, by Ward.

It should be noted that Rating legislation does not require Ratepayers to notify Land and Property Services of changes to Domestic property occupancy in all circumstances therefore, the numbers presented may not accurately reflect all vacant Domestic properties in the district council area. Since 2011, rates are payable at 100% of a property's rateable value, as such, ratepayers may not inform Land & Property Services when a property becomes vacant.

Ward	Number of Vacant Domestic properties
Artigarvan	40
Ballycolman	20
Ballymagroarty	6
Brandywell	37
Carn Hill	18
Castledearg	70
Caw	32
City Walls	120
Claudy	31
Clondermot	21
Creggan	33
Creggan South	20
Culmore	26
Drumahoe	21
Dunnamanagh	93
Ebrington	68
Eglinton	38
Enagh	26
Finn	56
Foyle Springs	10
Galliagh	5
Glenderg	96
Glenelly Valley	104
Kilfennan	28
Lisnagelvin	21
Madam's Bank	33
New Buildings	20
Newtownstewart	58
Northland	96
Park	52
Shantallow	32
Shantallow East	18
Sheriff's Mountain	29
Sion Mills	41
Skeoge	12
Slievekirk	46
Springtown	18
Strabane North	63
Strabane West	26

Victoria	46
Total	1,630

*Note, the Domestic property numbers provided in this table are counted differently from the Housing Stock figures for Northern Ireland because Caravans, Domestic Garages, Domestic Stores, Car Parking Spaces are included in this Domestic property count and Mixed properties are excluded.