

## FOI DOF/2021-0188

### Request

I request information on the history of 31 Saintfield Road, Castlereagh, BT8 6AF.

Property Reference: 111130

Specifically, I wish to know how many reports Land and Property Services have received regarding this property not being a domestic property.

I also wish to know when these reports were received.

Please also provide information regarding whether an investigation was carried out following these reports.

### DoF Response

I can confirm the Department holds information relevant to your request.

Land and Property Services has recorded three such reports.

The exact dates that these reports were received are not available. The normal process is for cases to be registered on the property within a short time of the receipt of information. Cases were registered on

- 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014,
- 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and
- 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

On receipt of the notifications LPS carried out inspections and checks on the use and occupation of the property, on each occasion. In all cases the conclusion was that there was no evidence to suggest the property should be amended from Domestic use to Non Domestic (i.e. business) use for rates purposes per the Rates (NI) Order 1977.

The property is currently unoccupied. Domestic rates remain payable whether the property is occupied or vacant.