

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200515**
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Department: **Planning**
Title: **Energy and housing developments**
Description: **Council investment in gas infrastructure and housing development**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

1) How much have you invested in gas infrastructure for each year over the last five years?

If you could offer some kind of breakdown, like maintenance and repair of piping or installing new systems, that would be great. Failing that, even just an explanation of where this money is going that is invested in gas systems, with no specific breakdown, would be very helpful.

2) How many housing developments of 10 or more homes where gas boilers are the installed source of heating have been granted planning permission in each year over the last five years?

3) How many housing developments of 10 or more homes where electric heat pumps are the installed source of heating have been granted planning permission in each year over the last five years?

4) How much money has been invested by the council in retrofitting old gas boilers in each year over the last five years?

4b) How much of this money covered in part 4) went into installing new gas boilers, and how much went into installing electric heat pumps?

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

It should be noted that Hertsmere Borough Council does not hold a general housing stock.

1) How much have you invested in gas infrastructure for each year over the last five years?

Our Response: Records held by the Planning Department (which monitors S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy funds) show no such investment.

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Our Response: The Council does not monitor this and therefore holds no relevant information.

3) How many housing developments of 10 or more homes where electric heat pumps are the installed source of heating have been granted planning permission in each year over the last five years?

Our Response: The Council does not monitor this and therefore holds no relevant information.

4) How much money has been invested by the council in retrofitting old gas boilers in each year over the last five years?

Our Response: As stated above the Council does not hold a general housing stock. However it does hold a small number of houses and flats for use as temporary accommodation. The Council has spent £19,415.00 on replacement domestic boilers during the past five years.

4b) How much of this money covered in part 4) went into installing new gas boilers, and how much went into installing electric heat pumps?

Our Response: All expenditure relates to gas boilers.

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