

FOI 590/2015

REQUEST

How many people are now 'Living' on Bel-Air Chalet Estate, St. Osyth Beach, Essex CO16 8SG and what benefits they are receiving.

The information I received on 23rd April 2015 was:

54 Joint Housing Benefit (HB) & Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) Claims

13 LCTS only claims (i.e. not HB entitlement)

3 HB claims (i.e. not eligible for LCTS)

Total = 70 claimants/applicants.

Could you also, under the Freedom of Information Act, request details of how many Enforcement Orders have been issued during the past 4 years regarding the breaches of Planning Regulations on the Bel-Air Chalet Estate St. Osyth Beach in respect of Winter Occupation, Side and Rear Fences on communal land and Sheds on communal land.

RESPONSE

Further to your FOI request, in answer to the questions which fall under FOI I can confirm that:-

56 Joint Housing Benefit (HB) and Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) Claims

16 LCTS only claims (i.e. no HB entitlement)

2 HB only claims (i.e. no LCTS entitlement)

Total = 74 claimants/applicants

In respect of Enforcement Orders, I can confirm that there have been 2 made over the last four years namely:-

- Article 4 Direction under Town & Country General Development Order 1995 made by T.D.C. dated 16th November 2011. Withdrawal of Permitted Development Rights for Change of Use of Dwelling Houses to Houses in Multiple Occupation. Confirmed 31.05.2013.
- ENFORCEMENT NOTICE (Ref: 12/00065/CHGUS3 - Boundary fence above 2 metres high. Complied with 22.04.2013) issued 16.01.2013 under Ss.172 Town & Country Planning Act 1990, Notice to take effect on 16.02.2013 - Period for compliance 2 months
Notice complied with 22.04.2013

With regards to your question about who would be accountable if another flood disaster happened and lives were lost as a result of people 'living' in the Holiday Chalets all year round on Bel-Air Chalet Estate St. Osyth Beach, Essex, this is something that would depend on the circumstances at the time and therefore the Authority is unable to answer this question at this time as it could be any number of public bodies involved.

