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(CCC) HMO's - Number of unlicensed HMOs in Cambridge City

As you know it is legal requirement for HMOs of a certain size to be licensed. I would be grateful if you could supply answers to the following:

- 1) Do you have a rough estimate as to how many HMOs there are in the city that are illegal unlicensed? I understand this will be an approximate figure and not exact.
- 2) If you could explain how you got this estimate that would be appreciated as well.
- 3) Additionally, I would also like to request if it possible to give a break down of these numbers by Council Ward.

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- 1) Do you have a rough estimate as to how many HMOs there are in the city that are illegal unlicensed? I understand this will be an approximate figure and not exact. - There are estimated to be in the region of a further 640 unlicensed, licensable HMO's within the City.
- 2) If you could explain how you got this estimate that would be appreciated as well. - This is derived from internal data sources within the Council with whom we are permitted to share data for the purposes of fulfilling our statutory function e.g. Revenues and Benefits as well as from retention records associated with the Environmental Health database.
- 3) Additionally, I would also like to request if it possible to give a break down of these numbers by Council Ward - Unable to provide owing to the changing nature of this data which may impact the accuracy of any such breakdown.

We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk