



02 December 2022
Our ref: IRN14114657

Dear Sir / Madam

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 - Flats damaged by water ingress on communal roof

Your request

A number of flats in my building were damaged horrifically (ceilings fallen completely through etc) due to water ingress as a result of bad workmanship, by Mears (Lambeth's then contractor) on 'our' communal roof last year. [10-12 Herne Hill London SE24 9QT]

I wish to know please,

- a) how many flats suffered as a result and*
- b) what was done to each,*
 - 1. and when?*

Our response

We have considered this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

a) We are unable to provide precise figures when these are five or less due to the risk that individuals will be identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the Data Protection Act

In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle.

This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

b) Please see summary below

b1) Additional rainwater pipes and hoppers added.

04/08/2021 Water ingress confirmed rectified by Mears

Responsive Repairs required to complete a CCTV survey to investigate the cause of the issue.

Contractor attended on Saturday 31 July - and fitted additional downpipes and hoppers so to manage high volume of water in heavy rain fall.

Responsive Repairs to complete the CCTV survey and advise of the outcome 27.09.2021.

Responsive Repairs to arrange for the damages to the internals of the properties to be rectified including minor decorations.

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which your information request has been dealt with you can request an internal review. Tell us why you are unhappy with our response within 40 working days, and it will be looked at afresh. We will aim to provide you with our review response within 20 working days.

By email: foi@lambeth.gov.uk (Please quote the reference number above) or by writing to:

London Borough of Lambeth
Freedom of Information
P.O. Box 734
Winchester
S023 5DG

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the review you have a further right to appeal to the Information Commissioner, who regulates the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act. The Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 0330 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

FOI Team

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