

What the list includes

The list includes:

- all service and office properties occupied or controlled by councils, both freehold and leasehold
- any properties occupied or run under Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contracts
- all other properties councils own or use, eg hostels, laboratories, investment properties and depots
- garages unless rented as part of a housing tenancy agreement
- surplus, sublet or vacant properties owned by local authorities
- undeveloped land
- serviced or temporary offices where contractual or actual occupation exceeds 3 months
- all future council commitments, eg under an agreement for lease, from when a contractual commitment is made

What the list does not include

We've removed some building records from the data list because they are exempt from publication under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) such as properties that are used to house individuals. These items are:

- social housing
- rent free properties provided by traders (such as information booths in public places or ports)
- operational railways and canals
- operational public highways (but any adjoining land not subject to public rights are included)
- assets of national security
- information deemed inappropriate for public access as a result of data protection and/or disclosure controls (eg refuge houses)