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Dear Mr Young

**PLYMOUTH AND SOUTH WEST DEVON JOINT LOCAL PLAN:  
EXAMINATION**

You may have noted that in our submitted evidence (see PCL statement for Matter No 3, Issue 3.1, paragraph 1.40, page 7 and appendix 8 to that statement) we made reference to exemptions from Council Tax by virtue of wholly student occupation (class N properties). Our evidence noted that fact that we were seeking this information from the Council (since they had not provided it) for the early part of the plan period (i.e. 2006-2010). We have now received that information and we attach 4 copies. We would be grateful if you would forward this information to the Inspectors and other relevant parties. I also enclose copies of the FOI request (which was made by another party) that we have replicated in our appendix 8 (for clarity of source).

You will also note the discrepancy between the PCC data provided via FOI (that we have included as appendix 8); and that quoted in HO16 (table 4) which states lower figures.

Finally, the previous SHMA which was prepared on behalf of the Council together with Cornwall Council and Dartmoor National Park Authorities by GVA Grimley Ltd in July 2013 and which has been referenced by other participants, does not appear to have been included by the Councils as part of the Examination documents. This document is of clear relevance to the matters being considered by the Inspectors and we have made reference to it within our hearing statement (Matter No 3, Issue 3.1). We attach an electronic copy of this document and request that it be added to the Examination library.

Kind regards,

  
David Seaton, BA (Hons) MRTPI  
For PCL Planning Ltd

  
Enc.

**Sarah Smith**

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**From:** Sarah Smith  
**Sent:** 03 January 2018 14:42  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Freedom of Information Request

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Further to my earlier email, could I just clarify that we are interested in properties "Exempt N" (properties fully occupied by students) only. We do not require data for properties "Exempt M" (halls of residence).

Many thanks.

Regards,

**Sarah Smith**

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**Sent:** 03 January 2018 13:14  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information Request

Dear Sir/Madam,

Can you kindly confirm the number of student occupied properties exempt from paying council tax for the following years please, and the total in monetary value of these exemptions for each year:

2006 – 2007 – 2008 – 2009

If this information is available on the Plymouth City Council website, could you kindly send me the link to access the appropriate location.

Many thanks.

Yours faithfully,

**Sarah Smith**

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Date 12/01/2018

Freedom of Information reference 896459

Dear Ms Smith

Thank you for your request for information about Council Tax – student occupied properties exempt from Council Tax. Your request was received on 03 January 2018 and is being dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This letter is a full response to that application.

The Council does hold the information that you have requested and the information is below. Your request was to be supplied with the following:

Can you kindly confirm the number of student occupied properties exempt from paying council tax for the following years please, and the total in monetary value of these exemptions for each year:

2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

Year From	Year to	Amount of Exempt properties	Value of exemption
01/04/2006	01/04/2007	2303	1,650,174.19
01/04/2007	01/04/2008	2357	1,811,444.10
01/04/2008	01/04/2009	2432	1,987,688.04
01/04/2009	01/04/2010	2787	2,361,386.83

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I hope that we have supplied the information that you expected to receive. If you wish to discuss this letter or the information that is supplied then please contact me.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to me stating the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:  
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 0303 123 1113. Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Ms K Forsyth  
Customer Advisor

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## Student council tax exemptions

[t harper](#) made this Freedom of Information request to [Plymouth City Council](#)

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The request was **successful**.

[t harper](#) 26 March 2017

Delivered

Dear Plymouth City Council,

Can you confirm the number of student occupied properties exempt from paying council tax for the following years and also provide the total in monetary value of these exemptions for each year .

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

Can you also provide the same council tax exemptions where possible for Purpose Built Student Accommodation for the same years where these may have been calculated seperatley. Can you also provide the total in monetary value of these exemptions for each year.

Yours faithfully,

T E Harper

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Fol Corporate Services, Plymouth City Council 27 March 2017

1 Attachment

attachment.txt

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Dear T E Harper

My Ref: 890208

Thank you for your request for information about the number of student properties exempt from Council Tax. Your request was received on 26 March 2017 and is being dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Council will seek to provide the information you have requested within 20 working days, that is by 24 April 2017 and it will be provided by email or hard copy, depending how you made your request and how the information is held.

Information is usually provided free of charge but in some circumstances a fee may be payable and if that is the case I will inform you. A fees notice will be issued to you and you will be required to pay this before we proceed with your request.

Information about the Freedom of Information Act 2000 can be found on the Information Commissioners Office website: <http://www.ico.gov.uk>. Plymouth City Council also has information available on our website: <http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/homepage/coun...> If you cannot find the information you require please contact me using the contact details below.

Yours sincerely,

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2 Attachments

**Response to T E Harper.pdf**

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**Council Tax Student Exemptions.xlsx**

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Dear T E Harper

Please find attached a response to your Freedom of Information request.

Yours sincerely

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Date 28 March 2017

FOI Reference 890208

Dear T E Harper

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act request dated 26 March 2017 and received on 27 March 2017 concerning the number of student properties exempt from Council Tax.

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act. This letter is a full response to that application.

The Council does hold the information that you have requested and the information is attached.

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Yours sincerely

Mr C Dickinson  
Customer Advisor

Council Tax Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Total Per Year
<b>Financial Year 2010</b>									
Exempt M	139	16	28	191	0	0	17	12	
Exempt N	1356	1022	462	149	48	11	9	3	
Charge for 2010/11	£982.03	£1,145.70	£1,309.37	£1,473.04	£1,800.38	£2,127.73	£2,455.07	£2,946.08	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,468,134.85</b>	<b>£1,189,236.60</b>	<b>£641,591.30</b>	<b>£500,833.60</b>	<b>£86,418.24</b>	<b>£23,405.03</b>	<b>£63,831.82</b>	<b>£44,191.20</b>	<b>£4,017,642.64</b>
<b>Financial Year 2011</b>									
Exempt M	140	16	28	191	0	0	17	12	
Exempt N	1485	1096	480	157	58	16	9	4	
Charge for 2011/12	£982.03	£1,145.70	£1,309.37	£1,473.04	£1,800.38	£2,127.73	£2,455.07	£2,946.08	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,595,798.75</b>	<b>£1,274,018.40</b>	<b>£665,159.96</b>	<b>£512,617.92</b>	<b>£104,422.04</b>	<b>£34,043.68</b>	<b>£63,831.82</b>	<b>£47,137.28</b>	<b>£4,297,029.85</b>
<b>Financial Year 2012</b>									
Exempt M	140	16	27	192	0	0	17	14	
Exempt N	1519	1118	500	179	62	17	11	1	
Charge for 2012/13	£985.55	£1,149.80	£1,314.06	£1,478.32	£1,806.84	£2,135.35	£2,463.87	£2,956.64	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,635,027.45</b>	<b>£1,303,873.20</b>	<b>£692,509.62</b>	<b>£548,456.72</b>	<b>£112,024.08</b>	<b>£36,300.95</b>	<b>£68,988.36</b>	<b>£44,349.60</b>	<b>£4,441,529.98</b>
<b>Financial Year 2013</b>									
Exempt M	140	16	27	192	0	0	17	14	
Exempt N	1513	1148	535	192	84	21	13	1	
Charge for 2013/14	£1,005.24	£1,172.79	£1,340.32	£1,507.86	£1,842.93	£2,178.02	£2,513.10	£3,015.72	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,661,661.72</b>	<b>£1,365,127.56</b>	<b>£753,259.84</b>	<b>£579,018.24</b>	<b>£154,806.12</b>	<b>£45,738.42</b>	<b>£75,393.00</b>	<b>£45,235.80</b>	<b>£4,680,240.70</b>
<b>Financial Year 2014</b>									
Exempt M	141	17	27	298	0	0	17	14	
Exempt N	1771	1153	537	241	127	18	10	1	
Charge for 2014/15	£1,025.24	£1,196.12	£1,366.98	£1,537.86	£1,879.60	£2,221.36	£2,563.10	£3,075.72	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,960,258.88</b>	<b>£1,399,460.40</b>	<b>£770,976.72</b>	<b>£828,906.54</b>	<b>£238,709.20</b>	<b>£39,984.48</b>	<b>£69,203.70</b>	<b>£46,135.80</b>	<b>£5,353,635.72</b>
<b>Financial Year 2015</b>									
Exempt M	142	17	28	314	0	0	17	14	
Exempt N	1750	989	481	215	112	18	9	1	
Charge for 2015/16	£1,045.64	£1,219.92	£1,394.20	£1,568.47	£1,917.02	£2,265.56	£2,614.10	£3,136.92	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,978,350.88</b>	<b>£1,227,239.52</b>	<b>£709,647.80</b>	<b>£829,720.63</b>	<b>£214,706.24</b>	<b>£40,780.08</b>	<b>£67,966.60</b>	<b>£47,053.80</b>	<b>£5,115,465.55</b>
<b>Financial Year 2016</b>									
Exempt M	143	17	28	315	0	0	17	14	
Exempt N	1841	975	496	230	134	17	8	1	
Charge for 2016/17	£1,066.54	£1,244.30	£1,422.05	£1,599.81	£1,955.32	£2,310.84	£2,666.35	£3,199.62	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,116,015.36</b>	<b>£1,234,345.60</b>	<b>£745,154.20</b>	<b>£871,896.45</b>	<b>£262,012.88</b>	<b>£39,284.28</b>	<b>£66,658.75</b>	<b>£47,994.30</b>	<b>£5,383,361.82</b>

**Key**

Exempt M	Halls of Residence
Exempt N	Property fully occupied by students

**Grand Total £33,288,906.26**