

EXAM 15

Bath and North East Somerset Council Local Plan Partial Update Examination Houses in Multiple Occupation in Bath

1. During day five of the Local Plan Partial Update Examination, the Inspector requested information relating to the number of existing HMOs within the City of Bath, and enquired whether data is available to indicate how many of the existing HMOs are occupied by students, compared to non-student occupiers.
2. The table below sets out the following information for each of the wards within the City of Bath:
 - The total number of residential properties;
 - The total number of HMOs;
 - The total number of properties exempt from paying Council tax due to housing student occupiers.
3. In many cases, the number of properties with student-related Council tax exemptions are higher than the number of HMOs within the ward. This is due to the Council tax data not only including Council Tax exempt HMOs, but also other properties occupied by one or two students, such as flats. The data does not, therefore, provide information relating to the split between HMOs with student and non-student occupiers.

Ward	No. of residential properties (including HMOs) (2021)	No. of HMOs (2022)	No. of student council tax exempt properties (2021)
Bathwick	3598	67	172
Combe Down	3362	73	88
Kingsmead	4109	175	459
Lambridge	2708	18	26
Lansdown	3577	82	156
Moorlands	1489	45	43
Newbridge	2826	117	90
Odd Down	3065	128	135
Oldfield Park	1546	234	350
Southdown	3040	322	280
Twerton	3127	163	144
Walcot	3331	101	179
Westmoreland	2993	663	807
Weston	2745	45	30
Widcombe & Lyncombe	3159	166	208
Total	44,675	2,399	3,167