

Civic Office, New Road, Grays  
Essex, RM17 6SL

Chief Executives Office

7<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Mr Jefferson,

**Re: Freedom of Information request number 6227**

I am writing further to your request under the Freedom of Information Act and am now in a position to update you. I outline below your specific request together with the council's response.

**The request**

Please kindly provide a list of council-run buildings (including Libraries, Day Care Centres, Community Centres, Schools and Administrative bases) which your Council has had to close since 2010. Please provide the name of the buildings and the postcodes of the buildings.

Such closures would include those where people have to seek the same type of service from a different location\* which already exists (or maybe there is no alternative available).

\* If there are any scenarios where a service provision is not closed but relocated across the road to another council building I don't require information on that.

I require the list to include buildings closed and disposed plus buildings that are re-let following service closures.

I'm only interested however in the buildings in which you provided a service that you were forced to close due to Government cuts to your budget making it no longer financially viable for you to keep such buildings open.

The reason why I require this information is to get a picture of the effect of any Government cuts to council budgets which in turn is forcing councils to find ways to make savings.

**The council's response**

There has been the closure of three council-run buildings which were former housing satellite offices at the following addresses: Chadwell Housing Office in Linford Road RM16, Purfleet Area Housing Office in 53/54 River Court RM19 and South Ockenden Housing Office in 2/4 Derwent Parade RM18.

The Area Housing Offices that closed were relocated into community hubs in other council-owned buildings in the vicinity, thereby resulting in no loss of service provision.

Apart from those already mentioned, there have been no closures of council-owned buildings resulting in their disposal or re-lets.

There has been no forced closure of council-owned buildings as a result of Government cuts over the period under reference.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which the council have managed your request you can pursue an independent review by contacting us at the above address and your request will be considered by the Information Manager who will update you with the outcome.

You may also wish to refer your case to the Information Commissioner's Office, details of this organisation can be found at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) . Alternatively they can be contacted on 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chloe Green".

Chloe Green  
**Corporate Complaints and Information Governance Assistant**